

**Scripture** Esther 4:14

**Sermon** For Such A Time As This

Rev. Mikayla Doepker

**\*Hymn #507** "Through It All" (*sing twice*)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Sung Response** "Go Now In Peace"

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.**

**God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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**Postlude** "Allegro"

Johann Gottfried Walther

Altar Flowers are presented by Kay Lingafelter & Family  
In Loving Memory of Ron, Husband, Father, and Grandfather

Pulpit flowers are presented by Marye Etta Reed & Nancy Leyden  
In Celebration of Kelsey Murphy & Jake Andrew's eighteenth birthday.

If you would like to order flowers,  
please contact Kathy Fellows at 440-477-4485.

9 & 11 AM Traditional

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August 28, 2022



**Today is the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost.  
The liturgical color is green, signifying life and growth  
in the Christian Church.**

**Prelude** "Allegro" from Concerto in A Major John Stanley  
Amy Bender, organ

**Welcome** Rev. Mikayla Doepker

**Liturgist** Tammy Palermo

**Call to Worship**

One: Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.

**Many: God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.**

One: We struggle and worry.

**Many: God's loving presence sustains and strengthens us.**

One: Listen for God's call to you.

**Many: Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance. Amen.**

(Courtesy of Ministry Matters)

**Opening Prayer**

**Lord of joy and mercy, be with us this day as we seek your voice and your guidance.**

**Remove the obstacles that block our commitment and help us to truly be your disciples;  
for we ask this in Christ's Name. Amen.**

(Courtesy of Ministry Matters)

**\*Hymn #127** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

**Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance**

**All: Creating and rescuing God, your power amazes us. Yet even in our amazement, we take too long to turn to you, forgetting that you are the power that makes and saves and sustains us. Even when we claim your power, we often do so for our own success and comfort, ignoring your command to use your power on behalf of the weak, the small, and the vulnerable. In Jesus Christ, you show us that you are on the side of all people, but never at the expense of the weakest among us. Forgive us when we try to hoard you for ourselves and try to control who has access to your love. Forgive us when our greed, our control, and our scandals keep others from knowing you. Redeem us and transform us, O God. Open our hearts, our lives, and our ministries, that we may become a doorway to your realm.**

(Courtesy of Ministry Matters)

*\*Congregation invited to stand if able*

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Bible Presentations (11 AM only)**

**Response of Congregation to Children**

**We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We promise to learn with you and grow together in love for God's Word.**

**Back to School Blessing**

**Worship through Music**

"How Great Thou Art"  
Sharyl Verbsky, Amy Bender, piano duet

arr. Joel Raney

**Announcements & Offering Emphasis**

*SPRC Announcement:* Dana Ludwig, 9 AM/Michael Fournier, 11 AM

**Offertory**

"Peace Like a River"

arr. Joel Raney

**\*Doxology #94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn of Preparation #601**

"Thy Word"

*Highlights History:* This hymn was written in 1984 by Amy Grant and set to music composed by Michael Smith. Known for her contemporary Praise and Worship songs, Amy Grant began her music career at age seventeen in Nashville, Tennessee. She has been an active musical force as recently as 2017 and was a Kennedy Center Honoree just this year. Our favorite hymn this week also lines up with Modern Worship's favorite song; this is a Summer Highlight Reel first!