

# *The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

## *July 9, 2023*

### Hymn Sing

Welcome, Announcements, Passing the Peace

### Call to Worship (Beth Merrill Neel)

Leader: When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

**People: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.**

L: And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

**P: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.**

L: And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad: Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.

**ALL: Let us praise the Lord and be set free! Alleluia!**

\*Opening Hymn "Come Thou Almighty King" Page 61

### Opening Prayer

### Children's Sermon

### Prayer of Confession

L: Love has its source in you, Creator God.

**P: Flows from you like an ocean, into a world as unyielding as any shoreline cliff.**

L: And like the ocean which batters, erodes, and wears away even the hardest stone

**P: your love persists, finds cracks and inlets, in hardened hearts,**

L: flows inside and works a miracle. Who would think that water was more powerful than granite,

**P: love mightier than the hardest heart.**

**ALL: We confess our sin and turn back to you as we are overwhelmed by the power of your love. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness (marci~~g~~lass.com)

L: This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for you and for all. Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do, whoever you are, whoever you wish you were but are not: You are accepted, you are welcomed. You are washed clean, you are raised up. You are forgiven, you are set free. In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever. In the waters of baptism we are set free to let go what is old and broken, to live a new life in the resurrection, and to follow together a joyful way, after Jesus Christ, our loving Savior.

**ALL: Alleluia!**

### Offering

The Choir

### Doxology

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\*Hymn "My Life Flows On- How Can I Keep From Singing"  
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Scripture Acts 16: 13-40

Sermon: *Being Set Free! part 2*

### Pastoral Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn "Standing on the Promises." Page 374

### Benediction

#### Lay Readers

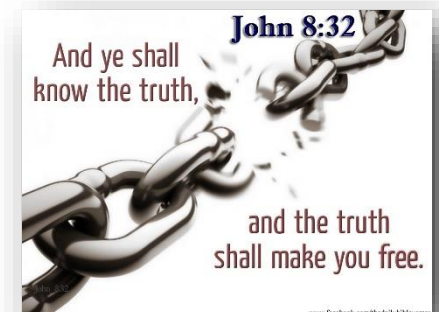
*8:30: Allen Morell*

*10:00: James Tinsley*

#### Coffee Hour

*Heather Wolfe*

*Jackie Schrafft*



*Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our solarium. We want to welcome you! If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out the registration pad in the pew. Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself. Make them feel welcome and comfortable.*

## *Church Happenings*

**Beach Worship will Continue Every Thursday** at Dowses Beach at 5:15 pm under the red umbrella. This service will be held for the rest of July and through August. Bring a chair or a towel if you don't want to sit on the sand.

**Altar Flowers.** If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, please sign up on the bulletin board by the restroom in the solarium and fill out a form for Jane and leave it on her desk. The arrangements are \$50.00. You may leave a check with your order or drop one off when convenient.

**We Want You to Help with Our Holiday Fair!** Any kind of Crafting – Painting, Sewing, Woodworking, Wreath and Tree Decorating, etc. Come to the Annex on Thursdays after 11:30 am or call Sharon Kaczmarczyk 774-313-0199.

**CONTINUING LOIS TAYLOR'S TRADITION** of Artistic Exhibits in our Solarium there is a new display of paintings and needlework on the wall. Karen Pinard has volunteered to take this over. Questions 774-238-0275.

**Our Yard Sale last Saturday raised over \$2800.00. What a success!** Thanks to all of you who helped make this happen. Donations are accepted on Tuesdays at the Annex between 9 am and 12 pm. Questions call Priscilla 978-337-0408.



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