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SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN # 321, vs. 1, 4 & 5

"The Church's One Foundation"

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore: till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

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Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Safe Within Your Arms"

arr.: Mark Hays

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:26-39

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Michael Phoenix

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN # 450, vs. 1, 3 & 4

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

POSTLUDE "Jubilate"

Gordon Young

TODAY AT COVENANT:

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Michael Phoenix Organ/piano: Jessica Siple, Music Director Liturgist: Frankie Wolff Soloist: Shawn Hale

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