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Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

by Doerkson

### CALL TO WORSHIP Bronson & Tammy Gordon

L: We believe...

**P: ...that God's realm is like a mustard seed that a farmer planted in a field.**

L: We believe...

**P: ...that the mustard seed is the smallest of all seeds, easily choked out by surrounded crops and weeds.**

L: We believe...

**P: ...that a mustard seed, or a dream, or faith, can get lost among the brambles of problems that seem too large for something so small: brambles of violence and division, war and greed, indifference and arrogance.**

L: We believe...

**P: ...that it is hard to believe in mustard seeds. Sometimes, after the seed is planted, we forget that it's there. Sometimes we simply don't believe...**

L: A mustard seed can make a difference.

**P: It is the smallest of seeds, but a mustard can make a difference.**

L: Because when it is fully grown, a mustard seed becomes a large and sturdy shrub, giving shade and shelter, providing beauty amid disaster.

**P: A mustard seed can make a difference, we believe.**

L: We believe.

**ALL: We believe it. We are called to it. And we are confident in it, not because we can understand everything, but because God can do all things!**

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**SHARING OUR EXPERIENCE** Carter Beyer

\***TIME OF CONFESSION** Declan Grimes & Megan Merritt

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Psalm 137)

L: How can we sing? Many of us are faced with pressure to succeed and achieve. We get caught up in the stress of our days and the fear of failure and lack of accomplishment.

**ALL: Because You created us and the opinion You hold of us is the only one that matters, God give us visions so that others' opinions cannot too easily form or flatter. We believe in who You call us to be.**

L: How can we sing? Some of us live in communities where the biggest industries are liquor stores and pay day loans. Some of us come from broken homes, our spirits marked by scars from words intentionally meant to hurt us. Some of us have been made to feel like the person we see in the mirror isn't good enough.

**ALL: God, help us to realize that how people treat us says more about them than it says about us. May we be comforted in the knowledge that you call us fearfully and wonderfully made. We believe in what makes us different.**

L: How can we sing? To adults our eyes are glued to our phones, but we can't seem to look away from our communities laid bare. But lately, we feel a stirring in our spirits to proclaim God's presence.

**ALL: God, we know that You are in the struggle with us. We know that Christ struggles and cries out, and we know that salvation will sustain us in our work toward justice for God's people. We believe in justice.**

L: God, we believe that if we, who are called by Your name, put away our pride and seek Your face, if we turn from our harmful ways, then God comes close.

**ALL: Jesus, you said you will forgive each of us and heal our land. We believe in prayer.**

L: How can we sing, O God? How can we answer God's call to justice and peace when the task seems so daunting?

MOMENT OF SILENCE

**ALL: We sing because You created us. We sing because Your kingdom is sufficient. We sing because You are with us. We sing as we stand together.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

ACT OF PRAISE (see insert)

Chorus of *We Believe*

by Newsboys

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**SCRIPTURE & DEDICATION** (Luke 2) Carly Schriver

L: "When Jesus was twelve, he went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover, just as he did every year with his parents. This time, when the festival was over and his parents began the journey home, Jesus stayed behind in the temple. When his parents realized he was not with them, they searched everywhere. It took them three days to find him, and for those three days, he had been in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them, asking them questions, and offering many of his own answers. The people who heard him were astounded by his wisdom."

L: Some said he was too young.

**P: Wisdom is not only measured in years.**

L: Some said he was too arrogant.

**P: Confidence is not only the result of extensive study.**

L: Some said he was disobedient.

**P: Compliance is not the only sign of respect and love.**

L: So then what do you say about Jesus?

**ALL: We say that we want to be like Jesus: curious in learning, bold in confidence, unafraid to test limits, committed to awareness and action in the world. Like Jesus, we believe that God is doing something new-- and we believe that we are a part of it.**

**SHARING OUR EXPERIENCE** Cora Beyer

**HYMN** (see insert) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**SHARING OUR EXPERIENCE** Cole Bailey

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** Sydney Cooper

**ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by Gillian Cunningham) *Do Life Big*  
by Harper, Garcia & McKeehan

**SHARING OUR EXPERIENCE** Amity Wagaman

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**OFFERING** Emerson Grimes & Olivia Miles

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Slideshow

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**ALL SING: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**HYMN** (see insert)

*Spread a Little Aloha*

The Mana'o

Company

**BENEDICTION** Pastor Danielle

**POSTLUDE**

*Your Grace is Enough*

by Maher

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

The bulletins are presented in memory of my dad, Clair Henry, by Anne Henry.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of my sister Jane McMinn's birthday by Anne Henry.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of and with MUCH gratitude to the congregation for supporting the youth's trip to the National Youth Event. The theme of the event was "BELIEVE" and we are so thankful and grateful that you BELIEVED in us! THANK YOU!!

Thank you to Gillian Cunningham for performing today's special music.

8 AM Worship Tech: Ryan Neal & Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Deb & Terry Barnes, Dave & Steph Beyer

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Scott Cooper, Megan Merritt, Ryan Myers, Robin Schriver

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Nursery: Elaina & Marco Angelone

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Alan Neff & Melissa Shindler

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The liturgies used in today's service were used at the National Youth Event in Orlando and were crafted by the National Youth Event 2016 Worship Team.

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