WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *How Firm a Foundation (Fidelity)* arr/Richard Elliott

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS John Ranson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 106:1-6
Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD or fully declare his praise?
Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.
Remember me, LORD, when you show favor to your people, come to my aid when you save them,that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that I may share in the joy of your nation and join your inheritance in giving praise.
We have sinned, even as our ancestors did;
We have done wrong and acted wickedly.

***OPENING HYMN** *"We Gather Together"* UMH #131

***OPENING PRAYER** BOW #464
O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen
(Ruth Duck, USA, 20th century)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 32:1-14

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 8:14-25

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

***PRAYER HYMN** *"Breathe On Me Breath of God"* UMH #420

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Steven Gould

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Autumn Morning* arr/Chester Nordman

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON "Many are Invited!" Rev David Westmoreland

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"* UMH #348

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**
Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

POSTLUDE *For the Beauty of The Earth* arr/ Diane Bish

**Please stand as you are able*

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