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PRELUDE Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul; Traditional GREETING

The **flowers** today are given in loving memory of Herb Pence by Judy Pence. Last Sunday's **flowers** were given by Denise Forest in memory of Joe and in celebration of my grandson Logan's high school graduation.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come into the presence of God with peace in your hearts

and minds.

People: We are humbled by God's power and by the

commissioning of Jesus to his followers to be

peacefully faithful.

Leader: Amazed are we by God's mighty works and unending

grace.

People: Remembering always that God cares for us. Leader: God hears our cries and responds to our needs.

People: Let us call upon God with our prayers and songs. We

gather with thanksgiving. Let us be the church at

worship.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Laura

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians, and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation; so that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces and peace could be experienced by all.

— Reverend Said; Franciscan

*HYMN O How Glorious Full of Wonder (vs 1-3) N 558 SCRIPTURE Luke 10:1-11 Mike Drewry

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like

lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

SERMON Peace to This House Rev. Laura Biddle

ANTHEM I'd Like To Teach the World to Sing;

Becker/Davis/Cook/Greenaway

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done: Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION
COMMUNION PRAYER
SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN For the Healing of the Nations (vs 1&2) N 576

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Give Peace a Chance; Lennon

Deacon of the Week: Ed Mitchell Reader: Mike Drewry Spirit Squad: Drewry Family

Sound Technician: Peter VanAmburg

Technology: Brian Brady

Please Remember in Prayer

Jane Bentas Cliff and Martha Church Linda Fleming Anne Lachance Donna Leavell Anna O'Donnell Jean Peterson

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O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

Curtis Beach, 1958, rev. 1980; alt. Ps. 8 how glo-rious, full of won-der is your name o'er all the earth, 2 When we see your lights of heav-en, moon and stars, your power dis-played, 3 You have set us in com-mu-nion with the won-ders of your hand, how won-drous, O how glo-rious is your name in ery land. God, who wrought cre - a - tion's splen-dor, bring - ing suns and stars to we that you should love us, crea - tures that your hand has made? Who are with ea - gle pin - ion, pil - grims o - ver God, whose pur - pose shines be - fore us toward the goal that you have planned! Rapt in rev-erence we a-dore you, mar - veling at your mys-tic ways. Born of earth, yet full of yearn-ing, mix - ture strange of good and Soar-ing spire and ru - ined cit - y, these our hopes and fail - ures Yours the will our hearts are seek-ing, con - scious of our hu - man need. Hum-bly now we bow be - fore you, lift - ing up hearts in praise. our From your ways so of - ten turn - ing, yet your love does seek us still. Teach us more of hu-man pit - y, that we in your im - age grow. Spir - it spir-it speak-ing, make us yours, O God, in - deed. in our

For the Healing of the Nations

