\*Singing Our Faith **# 580** *“Lead On, O King Eternal”*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

\*Postlude

**Scatter to Serve God & Neighbor**

***Welcome to all!*** *We gather to praise God for the innumerable blessings given to us and to grow deeper in the Spirit. Joyfully, let us lift our hearts to God.*

**Birthdays this Week (August) 31-** Fred Norvelle. **(September) 4-**Jimmy Blunt,Adna Fainter**. 5-**Shirley Johnson



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 10:30 a.m. ~ August 31, 2025 ~ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is ***“to be***

***disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

***Welcome! Join us in worshiping God!***

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Announcements Ann Robbins

*Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord. Please register your attendance, printing your name, address, phone, and email, on the attendance pad provided on your pew. Thank you for silencing cell phones as we gather to worship God.*

Invocation

\*Greeting

Come, people of God — You are the salt of the earth!

**We come to season the world with God’s love.**

Come, children of light — You are the light of the world!

**We come to shine with the brightness of Christ.**

Like dandelions rooted in grace, scattered by the Spirit, we are planted with purpose.

**We come to worship the One who created us, called us good, and sends us to shine. Let us worship the Lord with joy!**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 189** *“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

Opening Prayer

**Lord of light and love, we thank You for gathering us here in Your presence. Shine into our lives, healing what is broken, strengthening what is weak, and stirring in us the hope of Christ. As we hear Your Word today, remind us that we are salt and light, planted with purpose and called to shine. May all we do bring glory to You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

Anthem *“Love Lifted Me”*

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Prayer of Illumination Judy Robertson

**Gracious God, You are the One who spoke light into the darkness and who seasons the world with grace and truth. As we hear Your Word today, scatter the seeds of Your Spirit in our hearts. Shine Your light upon us, so that we may not only understand Your Word, but live it— as salt to preserve, as light to reveal, as witnesses to Your love in the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life, we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson Matthew 5:13-16 Judy Robertson

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Singing Our Faith **# 2051**(TFWS)

*“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”*

The Good News ***“The Gospel of the Dandelion”*** Kim Ness

Bringing Forward God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Doxology **# 95 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all Creatures here below;** **praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

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