

# *17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Gathering Music*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

*arr. Arison*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*God's creation delights and astonishes  
Let the people pause and wonder!  
God, the Creator, has made it all.  
Let all creation shout and sing! Alleluia!*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*You opened your mouth and uttered a word and creation sprang forth in abundance. Let us open our mouths in praise, that we may bear fruit in every season and be satisfied by your goodness for you, O God, are the source of all growth; your grace abounds forever. Amen.*

**\*HYMN #291**

***O God of Earth and Alter***

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*In Christ there is no condemnation,  
for perfect love casts out sin.  
Let us confess our sins to God.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Faithful God, your word falls on hard ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance. Amen*

**SILENT CONFESSION**

*We bring our silent prayers to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who prays for us.*

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

*Brothers and sisters, when deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, God forgives our transgressions. Be at peace, for God restores and strengthens you, and waters your soul in its parched and hardened places. Happy are those who come into God's courts, for you shall be satisfied with the goodness of God and rejoice in the holiness of God's temple.*

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Christ is our peace.  
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
And also with you*

**CHILDREN'S HOMILY**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

***We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder***

***Soloist Don Martinson***

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

*God, your word goes out and does not reach our emptiness but prospers that for which it was sent. By your Spirit, open our minds to your word this day that we might walk according to your way; for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: - Genesis 28:10-19a**

*The Proclamation of God's Word  
Thanks be to the Holy One.*

**THE GOSPEL READING: - Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

*The Gospel of the Lord  
Praise to you, O Christ*

**SERMON**

***Who Is Climbing Jacob's Ladder?***

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Apostle's Creed**

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was***

*buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**\*HYMNAL #324**                      *Open My Eyes That I May See*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**                              *I Wonder as I Wander*  
*Soloist Vicki Matthews*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

*You call us to sow your word at all times and in places even when the ground is hard and shallow. For faith is a gift that comes from you, and fruitful discipleship is the work of your Spirit in us for others. May the gifts we offer this day spread the good news of life abundant in Christ. Amen.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMNAL #175**                      *The Lord's My Shepherd, All My Needs*

**\*CHARGE**

*Go forth sowing the seed of God's new world,  
and give thanks, for God will supply the growth.*

**\*BLESSING**

*May you go forth in joy  
and be led back in peace this day and always.*

**CHORAL RESPONSORIAL**

**POSTLUDE**                              *God Be With You*                              *Tomer*

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