



**BOUND TOGETHER:**  
*Clothed in Christ*

COLOSSIANS 3:12-15

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 1, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

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## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND LIFE

*(Please use this time for preparing your mind, body and soul for worship)*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... ~MinistryMatters

How are we to live as God's beloved children?

**We are to have attitudes and actions of compassion and justice.**

How are we to live as neighbors with one another?

**We are to put on the garments of love and peace.**

Let us come before the Lord in gratitude for all we have been given.

**Lord, thank you for all you continue to do in our lives. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN ..... *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"* ..... FWS ##2129

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ..... Takoma Park Presbyterian Church

**Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 104:1-6, 35b

SCRIPTURE..... Colossians 3:12-17, Matthew 5:43-48

CHILDREN'S HYMN..... *"Be Thou My Vision"*, verse 2 ..... UMH #451

CHILDREN'S TIME..... Get It On!

\*HYMN ..... *"Carol of the Epiphany"* ..... FWS #2094

MESSAGE ..... What are You Wearing? ..... Mary Ellen Reetz-Pegues

TIME OF REFLECTION

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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\*HYMN OF RESPONSE..... *"The Gift of Love"*..... UMH #408

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God 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**

OFFERING

\*OFFERING HYMN ..... *"Give Thanks"* ..... FWS #2036

***Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son.***

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***And now, let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.***

***And now, let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give Thanks.***

\*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

**O God, we stand before you as a people of faith, investing our lives and our treasures for the glory of your kingdom. Bless these gifts and those who gave them, in Jesus' precious name. Amen.**

## WE TAKE GOD'S WORD WITH US INTO THE WORLD

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\*CLOSING HYMN ..... **"As We Go"** ..... *Worship & Song* #3183

\*BENEDICTION.....based on Colossians 3

Happy are those who know real treasure  
and where to find it.

**Happy are those who receive God's treasure  
and share it unselfishly.**

Invest your life and your heart in Christ,  
just as God has invested Christ in you.

**Happy are those whose reward  
is found in heaven, not on earth.**

Go now in the name of Christ,  
God's ultimate gift of love.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

***We welcome you as children of God.  
We hope you experience God's love and grace in this place.***

- \* Indicates you are to stand as you are able in praise of God.
- The **bold phrases** are unison-spoken responses.
- The **bold script** phrases are unison-sung responses.
- Hymns numbered under 1000 are in the blue *United Methodist Hymnal*.
- Hymns numbered over 2000 are in the small black *The Faith We Sing*.
- Hymns numbered over 3000 are in the small green *Worship and Song*.
- **There are large hymnals available upon request.**