



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Conversation Sunday
July 8, 2018, 10:30 a.m.

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GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO GATHERING "A Collection of Liturgy Resources"

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity,

We gather to sing, to pray and to rejoice.

We gather to ask God for healing for our brokenness.

We gather to help each other through hard times and celebrate good times.

We gather to learn and study and discuss God's holy word.

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessings.

Let us sing praise to the almighty God of creation.

Let us sing to God our songs of unity and praise.

*PRAISE HYMNS "Holy Ground" FWS #2272

"I Love You, Lord" FWS #2068

"Sweet Sweet Spirit" UMH #334

LISTENING TO HEAR

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church

God of Courage, be in our speaking. Be also in our listening, and speak to our souls' deep understanding. Where we are closed, open us with your Word, that we might recognize the Christ and follow. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE..... Psalm 142:1-2, Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16, 31-32

CHILDREN'S HYMN..... "Big House"Worship Wall

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN OF PREPARATION "Sanctuary" FWS #2164

RULE OF CHRIST, SAFE GATHERINGS, AND CHURCH POLICIES

SPEAKING TO BE HEARD

TIME FOR CONVERSATION

*Each group should have a facilitator and someone to write down Joys and Concerns **before** you begin your conversation. This can be one person.*

1. What step in the Rule of Christ do you think would be difficult for you? Why?
2. How does the Safe Gatherings requirement help Epworth live out our mission?
3. Who at Epworth do you think should receive this training? Why?
4. Matthew 18 supports the Rule of Christ. What Scriptures support Safe Gatherings training and other church policies?

SHARING GOD'S LIGHT WITH THE WORLD

OFFERING HYMNS "Bind Us Together" (chorus).....FWS #2226

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"FWS #2193

*OFFERING PRAYER

**Gracious God, We offer our gratitude for the joys you have given us.
We offer our sorrows because we know you will take them and give us
comfort. We offer our gifts and talents for the building up of your
beloved kingdom. Bind us together, O God, with your love. Amen.**

* HYMN "We Are Called" FWS #

*SENDING Nathan Nettleton

Go out in love.

Lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

And may God surround you with grace;

May Christ Jesus be present among you always,

And may the Holy Spirit reconcile you to one another. **AMEN.**

*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.**