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**August 23, 2020**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
Choir Camp Sunday**

**REFLECTION**

*"Today's reading invites us to look to God for our salvation, deliverance, and wholeness. When we keep our eyes on Jesus, we gain perspective on life and see the storms and trials of life in terms of God's movements in our lives and not our own fallible and individualistic efforts. We are never alone. Our prayers touch the heart of God and receive God's response in the midst of life's often challenging and difficult moments." - Rev. Dr. Bruce Epperly*

**PRELUDE**

*"Noah & the Doves" (Genesis 8:6-16)*

Jim Kelsey (Op. 40)

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"A Choir Camp Mini-Tour"*

Tom S. Long & Allen Pote

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

**Lord, you know us too well. You know how easy it is for us to come to you and to proclaim loudly of our faith when all is going well. But when the waters get rough and the waves threaten to swamp our little boats, we cry and wail in fear. We are sure that these waves will be the very things that destroy us. Over the wind and the waves, you call to us to place our trust in you. That's not so easy for us. We are so used to getting lots of reassurances and written guarantees of safety. But still you call to us. Help us take our focus off the wind and the waves and place our gaze directly on you. Attune our hearts and our lives to hear your call and to respond in faith. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. AMEN.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Don't be afraid. Jesus is with you at all times. You are healed, forgiven, and loved.  
**Forgiven and renewed, we will live in the love of the Lord. AMEN.**

**HYMN No. 315, St. 3**

*"In the Midst of New Dimensions"*

NEW DIMENSIONS

As we stand, a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,  
Grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams.

God or rainbow, fiery pillar leading where the eagles soar,  
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*"The Story of Noah & the Great Flood"*

Rice & Pote

