# August 23, 2020 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Song (instrumental)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

> Liturgist #1: Our help is from God, who made heaven and earth. Come to worship the One who answers our prayers.

> Liturgist #2: If God were not on our side, we could not live. If God were not for us, we would be swept away.

> Liturgist #1: God has gifted each one of us in unique ways. In our variety, we complement one another.

> Liturgist #2: We rejoice in God's love and faithfulness. Blessed be our God, whose word is true.

> Liturgist #1: In thankfulness, we bring our joyous songs. We are here to pay attention to God's instructions.

> Liturgist #2: We are here, seeking to discern God's will. We are open to God's transforming Spirit.

Song (instrumental)

Confession of Sin (Liturgist #2)

> O God, we did not realize that we are among the rich oppressors of this world. We think we are poor when we cannot have everything we want. Keep us from misusing the power we have. We confess our fear of those who are unlike us. Keep us from acting in ways that alienate and divide. When we are tempted to confirm to the world's standards, set before us the higher model of sacrifice and service that is given to us in Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson – Exodus 1:8-2:10

Children's Sermon

Song (recorded)

Epistle Lesson – Romans 12:1-8

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

Song (instrumental)

Benediction

Postlude

## Announcements

- This morning's radio broadcast is sponsored by the Accola Family, in loving memory of Ruth Accola.
- Special thanks to Scott Kinnamon, who will be leading our worship on August 30.