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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 23, 2017

CENTERING THOUGHT:

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor.”
 -Bishop Desmond Tutu

PRELUDE *A Sacred Invocation* -Edward Broughton
Remember the Lord Your God -Franklin Ritter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *We gather in dialogue with each other, planning and sharing our response to God’s call to discipleship.*
 (If you wish to make an announcement, please come forward and sit in the front pew to use a microphone.)

WE GATHER IN WORSHIP, our dialogue with God, the ground of being.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Psalm 119:129-136
 Your decrees, Eternal One, are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments. Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.

Keep me steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

Redeem me from oppressing humans, that I may keep your precepts. Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.

*HYMN *Awake, Awake to Love and Work* 89

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION and Lord’s Prayer using “debts and debtors.”

*SUNG RESPONSE *I Woke Up This Morning* 85

*CONG’L GREETING Greet one another in the peace of Christ.

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral followed by Silent Prayer

SPECIAL MUSIC *Be Thou My Vision* -Traditional Irish
 Raven Pummill -Arr. by Richard Rogers

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:31-33; 44-52

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*HYMN *O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face* 585

SERMON Keep Me from Oppression Rev. Dr. Bruce Roller

ACT OF DEDICATION

Invitation

Offertory *Blessings Abound* -Marilyn Pikaart

*Doxology I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me -Trad. African American

I’m gonna live so __ God can use me __ an-y-time, Lord __ and an-y-where. __. (Repeat)

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN *Community of Christ* 314

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Allegro* -Gordon Young

*Indicates those who are able are asked to stand.