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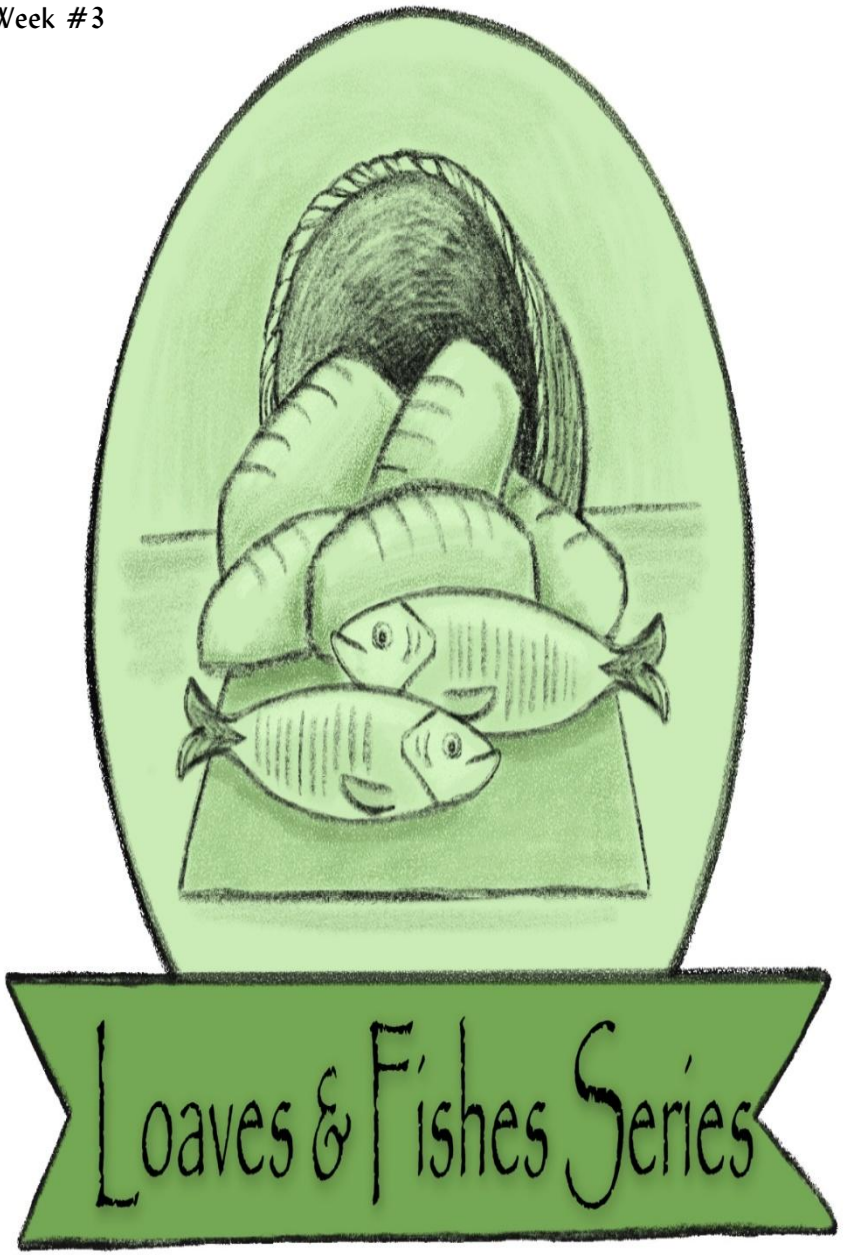

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August 16, 2026 12th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME & GREETING

ORGAN PRELUDE *Come Thou Almighty King* Felice De Giardini

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (One/Many)

God calls us together from every walk of life.

Every person counts in the heart of God.

Young and old, strong and weak, near and far—you matter to the Creator.

No one is invisible in God's sight. No one is left behind.

Bring your true self into this space of grace.

We come to worship the God who names us, knows us, and loves us just as we are.

* **PRAYER OF GATHERING** (in unison)

Loving God, we thank you that every person counts and matters to you. As we gather today, help us see each other through your eyes. Fill our hearts with your love. Show us how to value every single life. Guide our time together. Amen

* **HYMN** *As I Went Down to the River to Pray* #453 VT

THOUGHTS ON GIVING (in unison)

Loving God, as we give today, may we do so with hearts and minds turned towards those who are often unseen and uncounted. Multiply our gifts to help all know that they are loved, wanted and worthy. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

MOMENTS OF WONDER

HYMN *There's No One in This World like Jesus* #68 VT

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 9:12-17

HYMN *Break Thou the Bread of Life* #360 HWB

SERMON "Problems or Possibilities?"

* **HYMN** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* (omit verse 3) #774 VT

* **BENEDICTION** (One/**All**)

May you go forth knowing that you are deeply loved, uniquely made, and infinitely valuable. May your eyes be opened to see the sacred worth in every neighbor, stranger, and friend. May you carry the unshakable truth that every single person counts, every voice matters, and no one is forgotten in the heart of God.

And may we walk back into the world attuned to possibilities to lift up the fallen, honor all people, and build a community where everyone truly belongs. Amen

POSTLUDE *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Bach (1685-1750)

** Please stand as able and led*

Our thanks to all who have helped to prepare and lead this morning's worship service.

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