May 15th, 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter "Discerning God's Will" Acts 11:1-18

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself. And the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean I am actually doing so. But I believe the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in everything I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire and I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

--Thomas Merton

We Gather for Worship

Prelude: "How Great Thou Art"

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

*Call to worship:

One: Jesus has given us a new commandment, namely that we should love one another.

Many: Just as he loved us, so we ought to love each other.

One: This is our living testimony that we belong to him

Many: That we love one another.

*Hymn: "At Calvary" (Insert)

A Time for Children

We Offer Our Praise and Prayer

Morning Psalm: 118

Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Trinity Hymnal, p. 457)

Pastoral Prayer The Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer

We Attend to the Word and the Table

A Gift of Music: "Angel Band"

Sermon: "Discerning God's Will" Dr. Bill Ireland

Acts 11:1-18

The Service of Communion

A Gift of Music: "Amazing Grace"

***Hymn: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"** (Trinity Hymnal, p. 679)

*Benediction

*The Irish Blessing
May the road rise to meet you,
Mat the wind blow at your back.
May the sun shine warmly on your face,
May the rain fall softly on your field.
And until we meet again,
til' we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Postlude: "Lord, Have Mercy" (Kyrie)

We welcome Ethan Ferguson as our guest accompanist today!