WORSHIP
Pullen Memorial Baptist Church
July 26, 11:00 a.m. – The Season of Pentecost

Preparation for Worship
During this season of social distancing, with the aid of technology we connect in worship. Though separated by location, all are invited to engage in worship together.

Organ Prelude
Renew Me, O Eternal Light
Paul Manz

The Light of Presence
The lighting of a candle signifies the holy presence alive in all.

Call to Worship
Chalice Overy

Gathering Hymn (Pg. 2)
We Are Gathered
NETTLETON

Prayers
Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer
Piano Meditation
Be Still My Soul
Arr. Jay Rouse

Scripture Reading
Matthew 13:31-33; 44-45

Sermon
Pullen’s Parables
Nancy E. Petty

Hymn (Pgs. 3 & 4)
I Love to Tell the Story
HANKEY

Benediction
In Thee Is Gladness
J.S. Bach

Worship Leaders:
Janice Hocutt, Pianist/Organist
Chalice Overy, Associate Pastor
Nancy E. Petty, Pastor
Larry E. Schultz, Minister of Music

Audio/Visual & Livestream Technicians:
Nathan Powers, Henry Stephens-Powers, Bryan Lee, Dana Deaton, Jack Rakestraw

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We Are Gathered
a hymn for virtual worship

1. We are gathered in the Spirit though our bodies are apart,
2. We are gathered in our sorrow. We are gathered in our fear,
3. We are gathered in commitment to a planet that is whole.

Filled with joy and touched with wonder, separate hands but mingled hearts
In our pain and in our worry, in our anger and our tears.
Works of justice, acts of kindness bless the world and heal our souls.

Giving thanks and singing praises for the love that calls us on.
As we tend to one another with our gifts and with our care,
As our voices join together, may our song of peace resound.

From our many different places we are gathered into one.
Our community is strengthened through the faith and hope we share.
May we offer in abundance all the grace that we have found.

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Music: The Sacred Harp, 1844
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This hymn expressing worship while physically separated was written during the Covid-19 pandemic by Amanda Udis-Kessler whose work is found at QueerSacredMusic.com
I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
    than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
    seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

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HANKEY
7.6.7.6 D with refrain
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory.

to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.