

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

September 2, 2018

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered. Psalm 105:1-5

People: Let us worship God!

\*Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! #1

\*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, Father most gracious! Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath! Heal us from our sin, for we are troubled. Deliver us for the sake of your steadfast love. Our sins trouble us, O God. We are troubled by how they have hurt others. We are troubled by how they have hurt us. Your ways are right! O righteous God! And whenever we have refused to follow them we have found out how right they are. Have mercy on us, O God.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Dear Friends, when Peter spoke to Cornelius and his household he said, "Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

People: "All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Acts 10:42-43

Leader: This is the great and wonderful truth that we know as the children of God;

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri: Glory Be to the Father #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory

\*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606

Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 139

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

People: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

People: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

People: Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

People: Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

People: See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Scripture Reading: First Thessalonians 5:12-24

Anthem: O Taste and See R. Vaughan Williams  
Emily Rhoades, soprano

Time for Young Disciples  
(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

\*Hymn: Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! #839

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:38-42

Sermon: Martha

\*Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed hymnbook page 34

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Response: The First Song of Isaiah Isaiah 12:2

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, And he will be my Savior.

Great Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

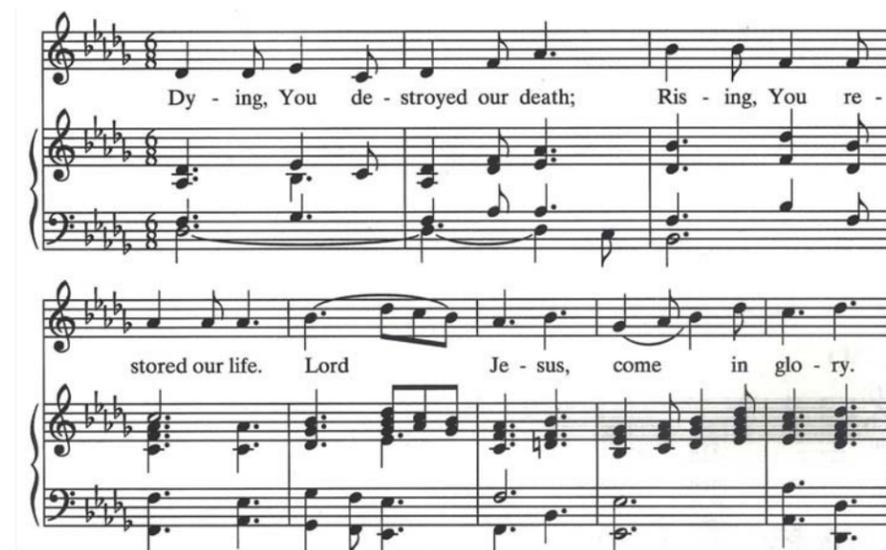
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Response: Holy, Holy, Holy #552

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Response: Dying You Destroyed Our Death



The Lord's Prayer  
 Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup  
 Closing Prayer:

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

People: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,

People: And he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away. Psalm 148

All: God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Response: *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;  
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 For on the holy cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.  
 Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.

(Interlude)

Christ, we do all adore Thee.

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Ushers: Chris Kline Rick Bock  
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Preparing Communion: Lynnae Perdue

Serving Communion: Gary Atkins Chris Kline  
 Sue Atkins Terry Kline  
 Bruce McNellie

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, September 2**

12:00 noon Communion Reception  
 12:00 noon Christian Education Committee Meeting

**Monday, September 3**

*Labor Day* – office closed

**Tuesday, September 4**

5:30 pm Handbell practice  
 7:00 pm Theology on Tap

**Wednesday, September 5**

7:30 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, September 6**

8:00 am Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, September 8**

9:00-noon Handbell Clinic

**Sunday, September 9**

9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Children's Choir  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 5:00 pm Youth

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<sup>38</sup>As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

<sup>41</sup>"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup>but few things are needed—or indeed only one. <sup>43</sup>Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."