

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 13, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am via Facebook Live

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God is majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, and worthy of our highest praise.

**Who is like the Holy One, our God?**

Our God blew back the waters, made a path through the sea,  
and appeared as a pillar of fire to light the pilgrim way.

**Who is like the Holy One, our God?**

The Holy One is our strength and our salvation.

**The Lord our God gives us courage when we feel weak.**

## \*OPENING PRAYER

**God of the ages, you call us to put our faith in your holy way. Though physically we are apart, gather us in. Make us your people. Teach us through stories of old and inspire us through your word proclaimed, that we might know ourselves as your called and beloved children. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 619

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!*

*Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress;  
God is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!*

*Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame,  
gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!*

*Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!*

## TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Terry Hargrave

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we long to serve you faithfully in this life. Through stories of old, we learn of your power and strength, and that mighty acts are made possible through you. And yet, the realities of life leave us weary. We find our hopes lowered, our vision dampened, and our faith wearing thin. Forgive us, O God. Lead us, again, through parted waters; trusting that through you, nothing is impossible.**

*Silence is kept for personal prayer*

DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

\*THE GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 581)

GREATOREX

*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.*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 315)

*In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,  
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts, O God, that as the scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we might hear anew what you say to us this day. Amen.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18: 21-35

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

Exodus 14: 19-31

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*the Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the**

right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Down in the River to Pray*

\*THE DOXOLOGY (HYMN 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 757

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

*Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,  
To help to set the captive free, make plow-share out of sword,  
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.*

*God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race  
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.  
A world that spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.*

*Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,  
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.*

*May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY