

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 2022
10:30 a.m.

*Many waters
cannot quench love;
rivers cannot wash
it away.*



Solomon 8:7



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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

P Most merciful God,

C We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE *As you introduce yourself and greet those around you, please be mindful of others who do not wish to shake hands. Other options while saying the following greeting are placing your hand on your heart, a head nod or bowing, with these or similar words: Peace be with you./ And also with you.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me"

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.

Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

[P] The grace of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. [C] **And also with you.**

[P] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



[C] **Lord, _____ have mer - cy.**

[P] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

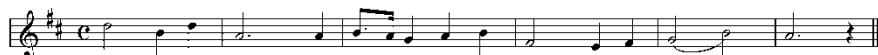


C Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



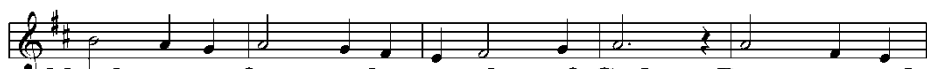
C A - - - - - men.



P This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and



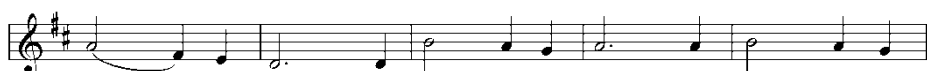
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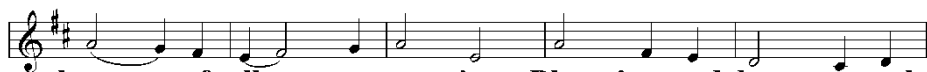
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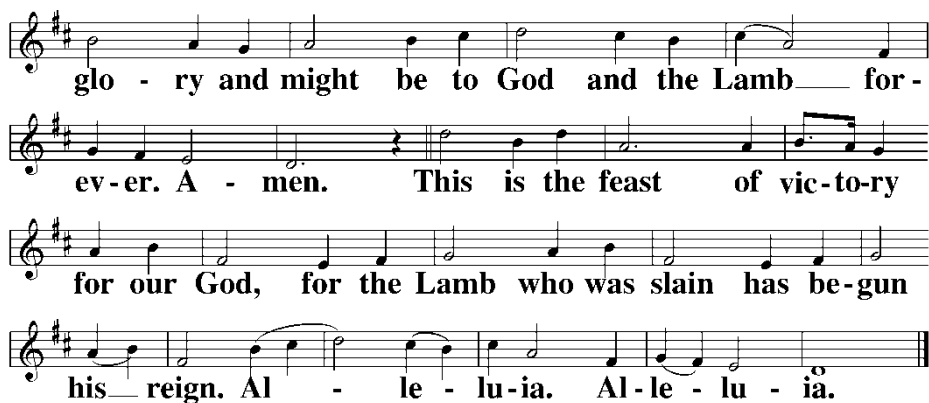
vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing _____ with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to gather near the altar before they go to the Fireside Lounge for Children's Lesson.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Song of Songs 8:6-7

Song of Songs, aka Songs of Solomon is often referred to as a text for marriage. This isn't dissimilar to the relationship that we have with God. He has promised to love us always and has shown that love through Jesus, His only begotten son, upon the cross. Our text today shows that His love is an unquenchable fire and seals us in Him.

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
 as a seal upon your arm;
 for love is strong as death,
 passion fierce as the grave.
 Its flashes are flashes of fire,
 a raging flame.
 Many waters cannot quench love,
 neither can floods drown it.
 If one offered for love
 all the wealth of one's house,
 it would be utterly scorned.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

intro: one chord

C Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You
have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come again to judge the living and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

MESSAGE "Sealed with the Cross"

Stand

HYMN

“Christ Be My Leader”

1 Christ be my Lead-er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach-er in age as in youth, Drift-ing or
3 Christ be my Sav-ior in calm as in strife; Death can-not

dark-ness, for He is the way. Glad-ly I fol-low, my
doubt-ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark-ness nor doubt-ing nor

fu-ture His care, Dark-ness is day-light when Je-sus is there.
shift-ing as sand, Doubt can-not daunt me; in Je-sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal-va-tion: with Je-sus I reign.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[P] Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:

[P] Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. [C] **Amen.**

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

You may contribute online by texting the amount to 517-879-0989 and following the prompts. Gifts may also be placed in the offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

introduction

C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer.
Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and
give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

[P] The Lord be with you.



[C] And al - so with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts.



[C] We lift them to the Lord.

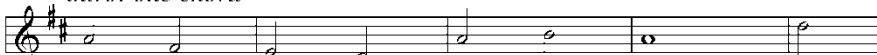
[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



[C] It is right to give him thanks and praise.

[P] It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

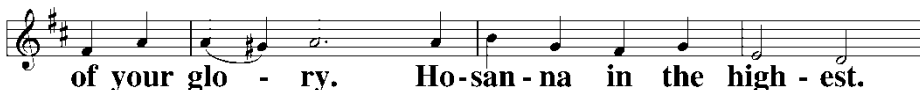
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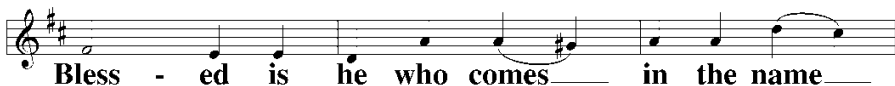
[C] Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord



God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full



of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[P] In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.


[P] Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD’S PRAYER


Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

C 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.


LAMB OF GOD




C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



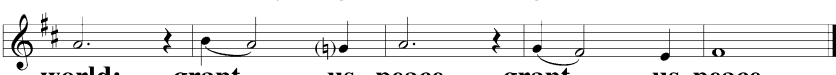
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION *You are invited to approach the altar as space is available. You may receive pre-packaged communion elements, or from the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Pre-packaged Gluten free options are available.*

HYMN "On Eagle's Wings"

1 You who . . . dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
3 For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in this shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: "My . . .
fam - ine will bring you no fear, un - der God's wings your . . .
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, . . . my . . . rock . . . in whom I . . . trust!"
ref - uge . . . with . . . faith - ful - ness . . . your . . . shield.
bear you up, lest you dash . . . your foot a - gainst a stone.

G DM7 Bm G DM7 F B^b Dm C Dm Gm Asus4 A

Refrain

“And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

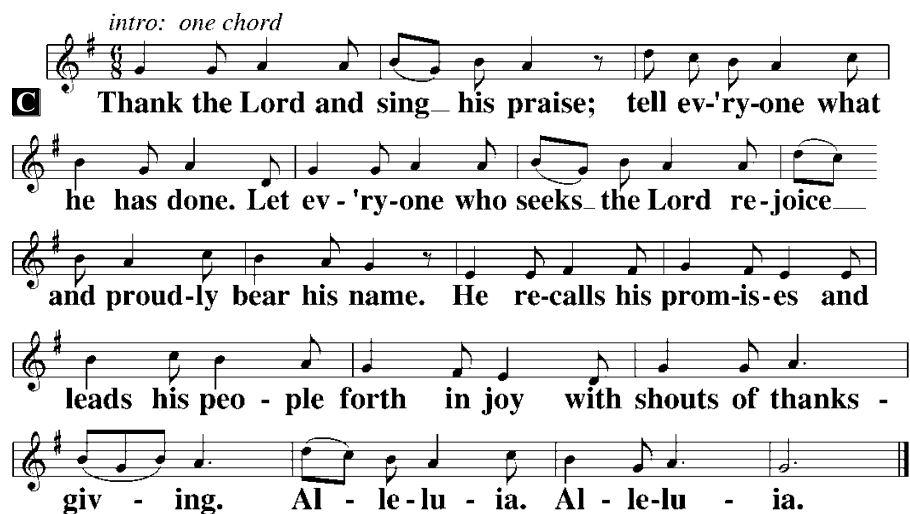
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Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C** **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT AND PRAYER

intro: one chord



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
he has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice
and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is-es and
leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P Let us pray. Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ.

Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C** Amen.

P Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN "How Wide the Love of Christ"



1 How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race But
 2 How long the love of Christ! Its pa - tience will not cease Un -
 3 How high the love of Christ! Be - yond all thought it soars, And
 4 How deep the love of Christ, De - scend - ing to a cross! He
 5 All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height, Whose

holds our one hu - man - i - ty With - in its broad em - brace.
 til this bro - ken world is bound In ev - er - last - ing peace.
 yet up - on our pass - ing lives Un - mea - sured mer - cy pours.
 bears with - in His wound - ed hands All hu - man pain and loss.
 length and breadth fill time and space With end - less life and light!

POSTLUDE

Our Confession about Communion

Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.
