

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 10, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**



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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## INVOCATION

*Stand*

[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.**

*Stand*

**GREETING OF PEACE** *saying "Peace be with you/ **And also with you**", being mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands, you may give a head nod, bow or place your hand on your heart.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### HYMN

### "Earth and All the Stars"

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush-ing plan - ets! Sing to the  
4 En - gines and steel! Loud pound-ing ham - mers! Sing to the

Lord a new song! Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout-ing  
Lord a new song! Lime-stone and beams! Loud build-ing

ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
work - ers! Sing to the Lord a new song!

*Refrain*  
He has done mar - vel - ous things.

I too will praise Him with a new song!

*Continued on next page.*

5 Classrooms and labs!  
 Loud boiling test tubes!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Athlete and band!  
 Loud cheering people!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

*Refrain*

6 Knowledge and truth!  
 Loud sounding wisdom!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Daughter and son!  
 Loud praying members!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

*Refrain*

7 Children of God,  
 Dying and rising,  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Heaven and earth,  
 Hosts everlasting,  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

*Refrain*

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Tune: David N. Johnson, 1922-87; setting: Henry V. Gerike, b. 1948

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EARTH AND ALL STARS

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Ps. 96:1; 149:1-3; Is. 42:10-12; Ex. 15:1-2

[P] The grace of our 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.



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



[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.



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




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

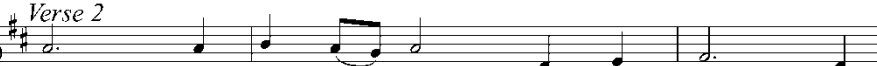


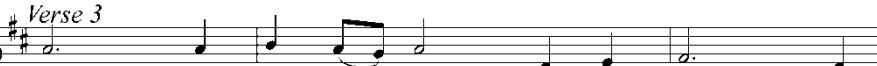
# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
  
**This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.**

  
**Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.** *Go to Verses*

*Verse 1*  
  
**Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose**  
**blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.** *Sing the Refrain*

*Verse 2*  
  
**Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and**  
**hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.** *Sing the Refrain*

*Verse 3*  
  
**Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and**  
**join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion:**

  
**Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to**  
**God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - men.** *Sing the Refrain*

*Verse 4*  
  
**For the Lamb who was slain has be -**  
**gun his reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia.** *continue below*



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- [P]** The Lord be with you. **[C]** And also with you.
- [P]** Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C]** Amen.

*Sit*

*Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.*

## FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 33:7-11

*Shortly before the fall of Jerusalem, the Lord commissions Ezekiel to serve as a watchman. The role of watchman is crucial in the hills of Palestine, where early detection of approaching danger can mean the difference between victory or defeat. The prophet's task is also crucial: warn the wicked of the danger of retaining wicked ways.*

**[R]** So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

## PSALM 119:33-40



**P** Teach me, O Lord, the way of your státtutes,\*  
and I shall keep it to the énd.

**C** Give me understanding, and I shall keep your lów;\*  
I shall keep it with all my héart.

*Make me go in the path of your commándments,\*  
for that is my desíre.*

**Incline my heart to your decreés\*  
and not to unjust gáin.**

*Turn my eyes from watching what is wórtless;\*  
give me life in your wáys.*

**Fulfill your promise to your sérvant,\*  
which you make to those who féar you.**

*Turn away the reproach which I dréad,\*  
because your judgments are goód.*

**Behold, I long for your commándments;\*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

## SECOND LESSON Romans 13:8-14

*Although Paul insists that we are reconciled to God through faith rather than through works of the law, he encourages Christians to practice God's law of love while we wait for the salvation that is to come.*

**R** Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in

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

**GOSPEL**  The Gospel of Matthew, written in chapter 18, beginning at verse 15.

**[P]** Jesus said to the disciples: "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

## APOSTLES' CREED

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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.

## MESSAGE

*Stand*

### HYMN "O God of Mercy, God of Light"



1) O God of mer - cy, God of light, In love and  
 2) You sent Your Son to die for all, That our lost  
 3) Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: To feel for  
 4) For all are kin - dred, far and wide, Since Je - sus

mer - cy in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er  
 world might hear Your call; Oh, hear us lest we  
 those his blood has bought, That ev - 'ry deed and  
 Christ for all has died; Grant us the will, and

in Your sight, To live our lives in You.  
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in You.  
 word and thought May work a work for You.  
 grace pro - vide To love them all in You.

5) In sick-ness, sor-row, want, or care, Each oth-er's bur-dens help us share;  
May we, where help is need-ed, there Give help as though to You.

6) And may Your Ho-ly Spir-it move All those who live in love,  
Till You re-ceive in heav'n a-bove Those who have lived to You.

Meter: 88.86

Godfrey Thring, 1877, alt..

Source:

LBW 425; ELH 458

Tune: Just As I Am

Joseph Barnby, 1893

## 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

### SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## OFFERING

*You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.*



Give Now

## OFFERTORY PRAYER AND SONG

**[P]** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**[C]** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have given us—ourselves, 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.

*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 the dreams of  
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer  
now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give  
us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## THE 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:

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



## 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.

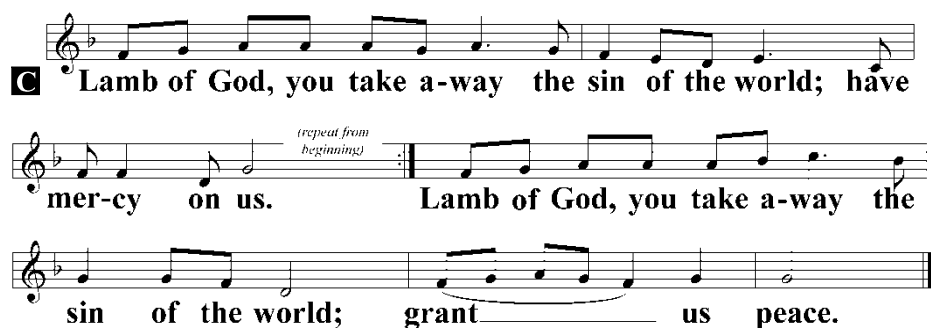
**[P]** Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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

## THE LAMB OF GOD



Sit

**THE DISTRIBUTION** 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 "A New Commandment"

D Bm Em A D F#m Bm

A new com-mand-ment I give un-to you, that you love one an-oth-er as

Em A D F#m Bm Em A<sup>7</sup> D

I have loved you, that you love one an-oth-er as I have loved you.

G A D F#m Bm

By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis-ci-ples, if

Em<sup>7</sup> D G<sub>3</sub> A D G A

you have love one for an-oth-er; by this shall peo-ple know

D F#m Bm Em<sup>7</sup> D G<sub>3</sub> A D

you are my dis-ci-ples: if you have love one for an-oth-er.

Text: John 13:34-35  
Music: Anonymous

NEW COMMANDMENT  
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## THE BLESSING

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

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

*intro: one chord*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'-ry-one what  
he has done. Let all who seek 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. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**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 "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a -  
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de -  
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er  
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive

bove And rules the world be - low, Bound - less in  
clare, From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed  
green, Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich  
own; Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship  
land From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a

pow'r and love. Our thanks we bring In joy and  
by Your care. For this bright day, For this fair  
fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry tongue Be tuned to  
Him a - lone. Cast down your pride, Your sin de -  
glo - rious band, A count - less throng, With joy to

praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
land— Gifts of Your hand— To Our thanks we pay.  
praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.  
sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt.

Tune: John Darwall, 1731–89; setting: William H. Monk, 1823–89

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Ps. 145:1; Ps. 29:11; 46:9; 72:3, 7

## POSTLUDE

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### 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.

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