

Order of Worship

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

September 13, 2020

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

arr. by Chuck Marohnic

Please observe a time of silence as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God, our source and our salvation, in love you made us and by love you have redeemed us. Make your love for us bear fruit in our forgiveness of others, that in this life we may know your all-embracing compassion and in the world to come receive the everlasting joy of fellowship you share with your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, bless the Lord,

People: bless God's holy name.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

People: so great is God's steadfast love for us.

INTROIT

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

arr. by Cathy Stamegna

EPC Brass

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed minded in our beliefs, and judgemental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Psalm 103:8

HYMN #286

"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

Best be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

When we asunder part, It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 103:1-13
Matthew 18:21-35
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Seventy Times Seven"
The Rev. Jennifer Fraser

OFFERING

Offertory "Deep River" Spiritual
Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

All: Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

CLOSING SONG

"To God Be the Glory" arr. by Stan Pethel
EPC Brass

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Come, Thou Almighty King" Felice De Giardini
-arr. by Tedd Smith

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP:
Elder-of-the-Day: Rich Gallup

Worship Director: Jacob Ellis
Liturgist: Tom Jenney
Music Director: Carolyn Blackburn
Organist/Pianist: Michael Ellis
Camera/Sound: Ryan Raub

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