

**September 5, 2021 Worship**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome**

**Songs:** *Made to Worship; Shout to the Lord*

**Call to Worship:**

L: God is our refuge and strength!

C: The Lord of hosts is with us!

L: Be still and know the God who created you!

C: And come into the dwelling place of the Lord!

L: These courts, this place—this is our true home.

C: We will dwell in the Lord's house forever!

L: Come, enjoy the goodness of God's holy temple!

C: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.

L: By God's strength were the mountains established.

C: You bring peace to the seas—and to your people.

L: Come to God's house; all are welcome.

C: The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.

L: Sisters and brothers,

C: We gather today

L: To unite and to reunify,

C: To reconcile and to forgive!

L: With reconciliation and forgiveness in our hearts, we worship now  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

A: Amen!

**Songs:** *Rock of Ages, Open the Eyes of My Heart*

**Scripture Reading:** *Matthew 18:15-20*

**Children's Message**

**Message:** *Restored*

**Songs:** *The Heart of Worship*

**Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in one God, the father the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten of the Father, God from God Lord, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Offering**

Receive these gifts, O Lord, given by a people striving toward peace. Use all that we offer to do the difficult, but necessary work of reconciliation, justice, and equity for all. Amen.

## **Confession**

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

L: Loving God,

C: You have granted us every blessing on earth, but we do not mirror your generosity to the world. We turn inward and hold tightly to things that aren't even ours. We make others uncomfortable to be around us instead of welcoming as you would. And we regularly forget the grace that has been freely offered. Forgive us for not living each day as your beloved, chosen children, for the sake of Jesus. Forgive these sins and also the sins we lift in silence...

L: We do not continue in sin in order that grace may abound, for God's mercy is not something which can be taken from us. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority alone, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins. You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! Go forth in the sure and certain knowledge that you are forgiven, made new, and strengthened to serve another day in God's kingdom.                   A: Amen!

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and call to mind that on 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. 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.

\*God unites all people under God's law and love. All are welcome to God's table. All are invited to commune together as one humanity.

## **Communion**

**Song:** *Offering*

## **Prayers and The Lord's Prayer**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Ministry Opportunities**

### **Blessing**

\*Go out in love, restored to one another in the love and forgiveness of Christ.

Lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Live honorably, extending forgiveness through love for all.

And may God lift you up in light;

May Christ Jesus be present among you always,

And may the Holy Spirit restore you to one another.

We leave this time of worship with a spirit of restoration, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**A: Amen!**

**Song:** *Our God*

### **Dismissal**

L: This worship service is over. Now let the service to others begin. Let us go in peace to love and serve our Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

**Next Sunday:** *Genesis 1:1—2:4a*

*A few questions to consider throughout the week ...*