

September 5, 2021

15th Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**All may stand as able*

Liturgist: David Perry

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

David Perry

Prelude

Almighty

Bennett/Berry

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come with joy and gladness to praise the Lord.

People: **We gather to worship God, hoping to give Him the honor and glory due His name.**

Leader: The wise delight in meditating on God's truths and God's promises.

People: **We gather wishing to be strengthened in our faith, that Christ may dwell in our hearts and shape our lives.**

Leader: Come all who are weary and heavy laden.
Come for Christ has promised rest.

People: **We have come to find rest for our souls and strength for our journey. May God provide what we need to grow in Christ.**

* **HYMN 837** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

SHOWALTER

INVOCATION

Dr. Dawson Harmon

CONFESSING TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins we can remember, and also, the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our actions that have been wrong and forgive us for the right actions we have omitted. Forgive the times when we have been weak in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction.

Forgive the harsh judgements we have made concerning others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the falsehoods we have embraced, and the truth we have avoided. Have mercy on us, O God, and make us whole through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent Prayer and reflection.)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

David Perry

FIRST GOSPEL READING

John 7:37-41

ANTHEM *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* William Moore
arr. David Ashley White

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for others, till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven, at His table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

SECOND GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-8

SERMON

"Abiding in Christ"

Dr. Dawson Harmon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' 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.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITLES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

My Jesus, I Love Thee

arr. Diane Bish

* THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN 838** *Standing on the Promises* PROMISES

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING CHORUS *Go With Us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON

Postlude *Go Forth in Faith* Franklin Ritter

Prayer Concerns

for our church family . . .

George McLean	John Holcomb	Margaret Linville
Wayne Hughins	Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie
Nellie Songer	Al Greenberg	Martha Martin
Vernon Clark	Steve Mannich	Laura Reichert
Terri Clark		

for our extended family . . .

Grace Miller	Bill & Julie Wills	Garry Vincent
C. J. Fonte	Kennon Little	Donnie Bates
Clara Beach	Trent Schindler	Zoe
Jessica Watkins	Heather Odell	Fred Esleck
Mary Hammett	Margaret Stallings	Deborah Waldron
Shirley Lafan	Debra Jackson	Mona Looser
Rebecca Mueller	Ronnie Eades	Sonia Burrage
George Fluke	Caitlin Lindsey	Cheryl Kelley
Janice Scholl	Tom Winter	Dana Walden
Uwe Bach	Johnny Orr	Jeff Hamrick
Julia Waldo		
Shirlyn & Gary McKenzie	Derek & Lauren Webber	

grieving the loss of loved ones . . .
the family of Frank Looser

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Dr. Dawson Harmon, Pastor

Everyone is welcome in God's house.
*"Jesus said, 'Come to me, all of you who are weary
and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you,
because I am humble and gentle at heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.'"*
(Matthew 11:28-29)