

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: Come, all who are lonely, spiritually empty or frightened. Come, all who are coping with sickness, grief, or discouragement.

People: Come, those who live in households bristling with anger, or who are burdened with unfinished projects, ruined plans, or feelings of failure.

Pastor: Come, all who are struggling with addictions. Come, all who are burdened with the guilt of things done that should not have been done, and things not done that should have been.

People: From brokenness we seek God's wholeness; from sinfulness we ask for God's forgiveness; and from weakness of faith we pray for strength to leave our doubts behind, put aside all fear, and take courage in God's loving call.

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord.

#HYMN #24 We Praise You, O God

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

Loving Savior, our blessed Jesus, as we worship you this morning, we ask you to touch our ears and open them so that we can hear you speak to us; touch our lips so our words of praise and glorification will be clearly understood and no one has to ask, "What did you say?"; touch our minds so that every thought we have is a prayer to you; and touch our arms and legs and hands and feet so that every action of ours is motivated by the same kind of love for God and neighbor that you had. Enable us to not just listen to you, but to truly hear what say to us, as we endeavor to live our lives in accordance with your words. We ask these things in your name, O Christ, as we pray the prayer you taught your disciples, saying . . .

#PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

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, for ever. Amen.

#GLORIA PATRI (Unison):

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:4-7a and Mark 7:24-37 (page numbers)

MESSAGE What Did You Say? Rev. Gagnon

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Invitation to Pray and Receiving the Prayer Request Slips Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer Organ Response

OFFERTORY

**Offertory Invitation
Offertory Music
Doxology (#45 – Old Hundredth)**

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 (Unison):

Bless these offerings we have brought, God of glory, so they might clearly communicate our love for you and inspire us to come alive in the Spirit. What we are giving today is a tangible sign of our intent to live faithfully on the earthly pilgrimage we are on. Help us utilize these gifts to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to friends and strangers, both near or far away. Dear Lord, fill us with your power and give us the strength and will to live, not just for our own well-being, but for the well-being of the whole human family. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

#Hymn of Preparation #314 As We Gather at Your Table

Words of Institution and Great Thanksgiving

Receiving of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Gratitude (Unison)

Holy God, you have opened wide your hands and satisfied the hunger of our souls with Living Bread. In Jesus you have fed us with spiritual food so that we may all be one at the table of our Lord. You have filled us with your Holy Spirit to strengthen us for ministry in Christ's name. Now, send us into the world as your people and servants, on fire with enthusiasm and joy, to communicate your love to everyone we encounter through our words and our deeds. Amen.

#HYMN #465 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Christ has been speaking this morning through the music, prayers and fellowship of our worship. Were you listening?

People: Yes, we have heard and we understand what God has said. God is calling us to carry on Christ's redeeming work in the world.

Pastor: When you leave this place, may your words and actions communicate the love of Jesus so clearly that others will not have to ask, "What did you say?"

People: As we carry on with our lives after this time together, we will strive to be faithful to Christ and live as genuine disciples of his.

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL