

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. September 1, 2024

Entering God's Presence

Welcome and Life in the Community

*Hymn 475 **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** NETTLETON

*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: As I walked through the door, I sensed God's presence and knew this was a place where love abounds.

People: For this is the temple, God abides here; we are standing in God's presence on holy ground.

Leader: We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around.

People: Let us praise Christ Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

Leader: In Christ's presence there is joy beyond all measure, and at his feet peace of mind can still be found.

People: If you have a need, I know he has the answer; reach out and claim it, for we are standing on holy ground. [Inspired by Heritage Singers]

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Confidence and Trust

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Merciful God, when we let you touch the deep places within us, we are moved to tears of remorse. Again and again, we violate the best you intend for us, in order to pursue our own whims and desires. We labor for food that perishes and ignore the Bread of Life. We take for ourselves what you intend for others, and resent you questioning our stewardship. We settle for fragmentation rather than working for unity. Forgive and heals us, God.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hymn 525 **Let Us Break Bread Together** LET US BREAK BREAD

Psalms 23 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 474-475 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem **Gentle Shepherd** Gaithers

Hebrews 11:1-3 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 211 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation **In Remembrance . . .** The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*The Apostle's Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35) and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)

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.

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*At the Presentation **Doxology** (No. 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, concluding with *The 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.

The Lord's Supper

(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord's Supper*.)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 321 **The Church's One Foundation** AURELIA

*Benediction and Going Out into the World

*Those that are able, please stand.