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Service for the Lord's Day

September 18, 2022

11:00 a.m.

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Whether you are visiting just for today or seeking a church home, we are glad you are here!
We invite all worshipers to record your presence with us by signing the blue folders found in the pews.*

Gathering in Prayer

PRELUDE "There is a Balm in Gilead" Melva Costen

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE MORNING

Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Gathering Around the Word

INTROIT "Beautiful Savior" JA Seiss

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Blessing and honor and glory and might be our
God forever and ever!

All: Alleluia!

+PRAYER OF ADORATION

+HYMN OF ADORATION "Come Sing to God" #181

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love, love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Amen

(A moment of silent prayer for personal confessions.)

+KYRIE ELEISON **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The resurrection of Jesus shows us the grace of God is stronger than death and the love of God has no boundary. This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

“Let My Love for Jesus be My Song”

Herb Frombach

THE PSALM

Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12

Leader: I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

People: O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

Leader: You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

People: Sing to the LORD, you faithful servants; give thanks for the remembrance of God's holiness.

Leader: For God's wrath lasts but the twinkling of an eye, God's favor endures for a lifetime.

All: You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy. Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

MEDITATION

“Kum Ba Ya”

Spiritual

THE GOSPEL

John 21: 1-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“Loving Jesus in the New Reality”

Stuart Pickell

Responding to the Word

HYMN

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Scottish melody

+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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND 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.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us,
And grant us thy peace. Amen.***

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

+HYMN

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

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+COMMISSIONING

Leader: Rise and go where God directs.
Your caring may be the answer to someone's prayer.

**People: We will extol our God in word and deed.
We will reach out to our neighbors with love.**

Leader: Be alert to the needs of people you meet.
You may be God's chosen instrument of healing.

**People: We will praise God's faithfulness day by day.
We will listen with compassion to those who suffer.**

Leader: Blessed are those who believe without seeing.
Blessed are those who trust without proof.

**All: We will follow where Christ leads us.
Blessing, honor, glory, and power be to our God.**

BENEDICTION

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE:

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

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POSTLUDE

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Henry Smith

+Please stand, if you are able

*Grant, O Lord,
that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*