

Worship Service ~ September 18, 2022, 9:00

15th Sunday of Pentecost

VISION: Be the body of Christ:
welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.
MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Broadcast is sponsored by Mary Sargeant Buck
in memory of Sophie Sargeant.

PRELUDE on *In Babilone* (ELW #655) by Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG ELW #533 *OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY*

stz 1, 2
Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must
be. To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY BAPTISM OF WAYLYN SCHAUER

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy
Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this
world as Jesus does.

~Silence for reflection~

L: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed
your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us
the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the
journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

L: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, God among us,

C: we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Let Streams of Living Justice"* by Gustav Holst; Faith Choir Tenor Section

R: A reading from 1st Timothy.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #174 *CELTIC ALLELUIA*

R: A Gospel reading from the 16th chapter of Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 16:1-10

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him,

'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Deacon Nina Joygaard

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #655 *SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR*

stz 1, 2

Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race, you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead: fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.

As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live. Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give. Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

MUSICAL OFFERING *"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"* by James Kirby; Faith Choir; Alan Ball, organ; Linda Burk, director

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace. **Amen.**

SONG ELW #669 *RISE UP O SAINTS OF GOD* stz 1, 2, 4

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.

Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; stretch forth your
hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Receive the grace of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE on *Unser Herrscher/Neander* ELW #533 Paul Manz

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