

Order of Worship + September 13, 2020
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please take a few moments for silent reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Announcement of God's Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Song: (sung by Wayne Johnson) Precious Lord Take My Hand”

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near
When my light is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

Salutation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord

C: Amen.

*** Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Steadfast God, your mercy is everlasting and your forgiveness boundless. As we gather together and receive your word of forgiveness in the gospel proclaimed and the meal shared, renew us in the gift of baptism that we may be signs of reconciliation for the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the

wrongs we did to him?”¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, “Your father left these instructions before he died:¹⁷ ‘This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.’ Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.” When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said.

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God?²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.²¹ So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 103:1-12

*Read responsively with the congregation reading the words in **bold***

L: Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

C: **Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits –**

L: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

C: **who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,**

L: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

C: **The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

L: He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

C: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

L: He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

C: he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

L: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

C: as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'"

¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Announcement

Matthew 18:21-35

P: The Gospel according to Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Message

Kyle Jones

Sermon

Ken Nelson

Sermon Song (sung by Wayne Johnson) "LBW 297 (vss. 1, 4, 5)"

Salvation unto Us Has Come

1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and fa -
 2 Theirs was a false, mis - lead - ing dream Who thought God's law was giv -
 3 And yet the Law ful - filled must be, Or we were lost for - ev -
 4 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in him un - ceas -

vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They help and save us
 en - That sin - ners might them - selves re - deem And by their works gain
 er; There - fore God sent his Son that he Might us from death de -
 ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope in -

nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for
 heav - en. The Law is but a mir - ror bright To bring the
 liv - er. He all the Law for us ful - filled, And thus his
 creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; Works serve our

all the world a - tone; He is our me - di - a - tor.
 in - bred sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 Fa - ther's an - ger stilled Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
 neigh - bor and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.

Apostles' Creed

A: Let us profess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize:

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition of the prayers:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Peace of Christ

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: You may share a sign of peace with your family members

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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 God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with the Church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy holy are you, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink; saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this as often as you drink it, for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion is distributed *(Nicole will play music during distribution)*

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

A: **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

Closing Music *(sung by Wayne Johnson)*

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Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,

call - ing for you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's
plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and
prom - ised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has

wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.
heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?
mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.

Refrain
"Come home, Come home, come home! come home! You who are

Dismissal (Said from front of church)

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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