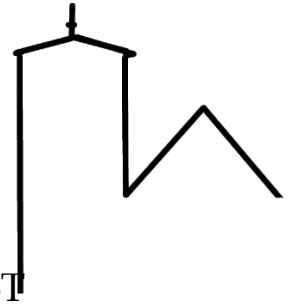


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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

18 September 2022

Ten O'clock

ALMIGHTY GOD, you are rich in love for your people. Show us the treasure that endures and, when we are tempted by greed, remind us of your lavish mercy. Call us back into your service and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen
... from the Book of Common Worship, PC(USA).

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Prelude, Fugue and Ciaconna

Dietrich Buxtehude

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: *We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.*

All: **God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.**

One: *We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.*

All: **God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.**

One: *We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.*

All: **Alleluia! Amen!**

*THE HYMN 460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Gott wir loben dich

**1. Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.**

**3. All apostles join the strain,
As your sacred name they hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the blessed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the church the song goes on.**

**2. Hark, the glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising:
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!**

**4. Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: Three we name you.
While in essence only one;
Undivided God we claim you,
And adoring bend the knee
While we own the mystery.**

Text: Ignaz Franz, 1774
Music: Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*praying together*)

EVERLASTING GOD, we confess we have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for you. We are prudent with material possessions but careless with the eternal. We have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future. We hear the cries of the poor, yet we often let them go unanswered, while enjoying our own abundance. Heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

***TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***KYRIE**

John Weaver

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up - on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI**

John Weaver

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men. A - - - men. A - - - men.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone; grief is upon me;
my heart is sick.

19 Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people
from far and wide in the land:

“Is the Lord not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?”

(“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?”)

20 “The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved.”

21 For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am broken,
I mourn, and horror has seized me.

22 Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of the daughter of my people
not been restored?

9 O that my head were a spring of water
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of the daughter of my people!

The Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God.

***THE PSALTER**

Psalm 79

St. Thomas

1. Remember not, O God
The sins of long ago;
In tender mercy visit us,
Distressed and humbled low.

2. O Lord, our Saviour, help;
And glorify Thy Name;
Deliver us from all our sins
And take away our shame.

3. In Thy compassion, hear
Thy prisoners' plaintive sigh,
And in the greatness of thy power
Save those about to die.

4. Then, safe within thy fold,
We will exalt Thy Name;
Our thankful hearts with songs of joy
Thy goodness will proclaim.

Text: The Psalter, 1912
Music: Aaron Williams, 1770

EPISTLE: I Timothy 2:1-7

First 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 acceptable before 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,

⁶ who 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.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Then 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. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No 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.”

The Word of the Lord ...

Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

1. Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth
Saying, "Christian, follow me."

2. Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, "Christian, love me more."

3. In our joys and in our sorrows
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

4. Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call
Give our hearts to thine obedience,
Serve and love thee best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852
Music: William H. Jude, 1887

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*affirming together*)

from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Treasures in Heaven
The Westminster Choir

Joseph Clokey

Lay not up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh, receiveth, and he that seeketh, findeth, and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

SEALING THE WORD

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

(... *In your mercy* ... **Lord hear our prayer**)

THE LORD'S PRAYER [*we pray together*]

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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 303

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Aberystwyth

1. Jesus, lover of my soul
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'Til the storm of life is past
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last.

3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name
I am all unrighteousness,
False and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.

2. Other refuge have I none
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of thy wing.

4. Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound,
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of thee.
Spring thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740
Music: Joseph Parry, 1879

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Nunc Dimittis

Harold W. Friedell

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel. 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.

***POSTLUDE**

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Denise M. Clark-Jones, *Pastor*
The Westminster Choir
Laurel Cramer, *Soprano Soloist*
Thomas Clark-Jones, *Organist-Choirmaster*
Larry Hicks, *Video Producer*

OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF PEORIA and this celebration of the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and pray this service will be a blessing to all who participate. We are also live-streamed on the world wide web at www.westminsterpeoria.org. The webcast is covered by permissions granted by One License A 726060 for the use of musical portions of the service as well as to broadcast all music in the service with permission of the various publishers.

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time
with one accord to make our common supplication to you;
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name
you will be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord,
our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

... A Prayer of St Chrysostom



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