

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

September 5, 2021
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

There is virtue in work and there is virtue in rest. Use both and overlook neither.
~ Alan Cohen

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: It is a good day to be here.

All: It is a good day to tell stories.

One: It is a good day to give thanks.

All: It is a good day to practice sabbath.

One: It is a good day to think on life.

All: It is a good day to ask for help.

One: It is a good day to be in community.

All: It is a good day to worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:8-11

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

We are workers, God, just like you. But we confess that our actions do not always affirm and honor each other. Our work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to you. We confess that, on some occasions, we have blindly bought goods made by people who are paid too little or work in unsafe conditions. We admit

that we have failed to end an unjust system in which some workers have jobs that provide good wages and benefits while others may have no job, or one that pays little and provides few benefits. Creator God, help us to be your people, working for a world where all workers are valued. A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in. A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill. And one where those who serve and care for others – in stores, schools, hotels, restaurants, nursing homes, and many other places – are, themselves, also served and cared for. A world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us.

(A time of silent confession)

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Our God is a God of grace and transformation.

All: When we ask, God gives us the courage and strength to live out our faith in the workplace and the marketplace, as well as in the sanctuary.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (As we pass the peace, let us not shake hands, but instead use other peaceful gestures.)

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you!

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14:13-23

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Working Hard and Keeping the Sabbath” Pastor Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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.

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE