

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life. ~ Nelson Mandela

PRELUDE

Adagio

John Bennett

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. John Erickson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God gathers us in, a covenant people in this time, this place.

All: Created and called— we give thanks to the Lord!

One: Let us become a blessing to all the nations.

All: May laughter and joy overflow from our hearts.

One: We open our hearts to healing, to dignity, to life restored.

All: May all the earth be made new, in wholeness rebirthed.

Let us worship the living God.

*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

GG:1

OPENING PRAYER

REDEDICATION OF SANCTUARY BELL

“Ringing in 152 years at Germonds”

(see insert)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Amos 8:4-7, pg. 856

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy God, who created each one of us in your image, who designed all of humankind as one vibrant tapestry of faces and skin and minds and talents and

called each of us good and looked upon us as beautiful. God, forgive us when we fail to treat others with the dignity deserved, as fellow created beings. Forgive our failings when we slip into stereotypes and judgment, deeming one more worthy than another. Forgive our insecurity and hunger for power that pushes us to gatekeep and elevate ourselves at the expense of others. Help us to tear down the structures and systems that oppress and teach us to see Jesus in the eyes of every human being.

(A time of silent confession)

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: We are made in God's image, we are redeemed in God's love!

All: God forgives our failings and binds us more tightly as one, holy human family. We are made new in God's grace and called to love more fully.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung) *It Is Well with My Soul*

GG: 840

It is well (it is well) with my soul; (with my soul);

It is well; it is well with my soul.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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 each other.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Jubilate

W. A. Mozart

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

GG:726

SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:10-17, pg. 76

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Restoring Dignity”

Pastor Abbie Huff

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Glory to God*

POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*All who are able please stand.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Album Leaf

Theodor Kirchner

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

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

*HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

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