

GATHER US IN

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 10, 2023



**Call to us
now,
and we shall awaken**

**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

We gather together...

PRELUDE: *Gather Us In*

Jeffrey Honoré

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, come and gather to hear the stories of God's powerful acts of salvation and redemption.

We are ready to offer our praise to the God who hears our cries and responds.

God's gracious acts invite our response as well; our offerings of thanks to be sure, but also our confessions of how we fail to live into the promises of our relationship with God.

Might we be attentive to God's Word which corrects our lives, drawing us back to the path we are called to walk.

God's nature to save includes God's willingness to forgive and redeem our missteps, encouraging us to grow in faith.

May we always be quick to include others to join us in our worship, that they may know and celebrate the salvation of our God.

ALL: We are present God, gather us as one people to offer you worship this day.

***HYMN** #511: *Gather Us In*

***INVOCATION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14 (*Old Testament page 58*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalms 149 (*Old Testament page 583*) **Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:8-14 (*New Testament page 162*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20 (*New Testament page 20*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HYMN #600: *We Are God's People*

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

...and to respond with our lives...

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you are three yet one. You exist as three persons, yet your relationship together is so perfect you are a single entity. You made us in your image: created for loving, life-giving relationships that honor you and reflect your love into your world.

Yet we confess to you, dear God, that we think of ourselves more independent than connected as you intended, and more self-reliant and self-centered than you created us to be.

Forgive us, dear Lord, for we have strayed from your purposes.

Send your Spirit upon us that we might draw closer to you and to each other. We offer ourselves to you, make us the witnesses to your love and grace you have called us to be.

We pray this in the name of our Lord whose sacrificial love can heal and restore us. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS OF CHURCH LIFE AND FINANCES

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN #715:** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION:**

**The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious
Gracious, Gracious to you.**

**The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
And give you
Give you, Give you peace.**

POSTLUDE: *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Mary McDonald



TODAY'S FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given by **Bonnie and Bryce Nelson** in celebration of their **50th wedding anniversary**, in August.

GREETERS: Aaron and Rachael Nilson
READERS: Tom and Diney Ruebel
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Sonja Whitaker
USHER: Sandy Larsen
COFFEE SERVERS: Sloane and James Haagenon
LIVESTREAM: Kendall Magnuson

*Join us after the service for
coffee and conversation,
in the Narthex.*

Welcome!

