

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021; 9:15 AM

### Gathering Music & Announcements

#### Greeting (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

Know that the LORD is God. It is God who made us, and we are his;

**We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

**Give thanks to him, bless God's name.**

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

**God's faithfulness to all generations. Amen!**

**Opening Hymn\***

*To God be the Glory*

UMH 98

#### Opening Prayer (Unison)

**Holy God, Source of All Goodness, you gave your Son for the life of the world and sent your Spirit that your love might abide within us. Teach us how to love each other this day, that we may have life, and have it abundantly with you, through the power of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Special Music**

Nicole Beyers

#### Silent Prayers of Confession, Help, and Deliverance

#### Words of Assurance (Psalm 13: 5-6)

L: I will trust in your unfailing love; I will rejoice because you have rescued me!

I will sing to the LORD, because you, God, have been so good to me.

**P: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Scripture**

James 2: 14-26

**Hymn Response**

*Jesu, Jesu*

UMH 432

**Testimony**

Fran Downes and Special Guest, Jamie Karmel

#### Special Organ Music

#### Communion & The Lord's Prayer

**Communion Response**

*Break, Thou, the Bread of Life*

UMH 599

**Hymn\***

*I Come with Joy*

UMH 617

## **Benediction**

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to God through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

**Love as Jesus Loves!**



## **Fall Worship Schedule Begins Next Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **9:15 am – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**

- Join us each Sunday for beautiful inspired traditional hymns, worship, liturgies, organ music, choir, and special music. Communion will be celebrated each Sunday.
- C-4 KIDS Ministry & Nursery will be offered at this time.
- Middle School Sunday School

### **10:15 am – Contemporary Worship in McComas Hall**

- Join Faith Under Fire for inspired high-energy praise songs. The pastor's message will be presented by a creative pre-recorded video. Pastors will be available for communion, prayers, and fellowship each Sunday.
- Holy Grounds Coffee – Grab a cup of coffee from the Welcome and Information Desk. Fellowship with your friends.
- Youth Bible Study
- Adult Bible Study, Discussion, and Fellowship – Room 202, studying *"The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginners Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings,"* by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. (Book is optional)

### **11:00 am – A Brand-New Worship Opportunity**

- Join us for a brand-new thing in the Sanctuary. This modern worship service will be a coming together of historic and modern worship with a broad range of musical styles, led by Pastor Deb. We'll follow the age-old pattern of Entrance, Word, Response, Table, and Dismissal. The preaching will be on rotation as always. Communion will be celebrated each week.

### **Fall Preaching Series**

Our Fall preaching series for the next five weeks will be on prayer following the book, *Learning to Pray*, by Fr. James Martin, S.J.

Join us each Sunday to explore these five new ways to pray:  
Contemplation, Lectio Divina, Examen, Centering Prayer, and Nature Prayers.

### ***To God Be the Glory***

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave his Son,  
who yielded his life and atonement for sin,  
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!**  
**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!**  
**O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,**  
**and give him the glory, great things he has done.**

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **Refrain**

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and great will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **Refrain**

### ***Jesu, Jesu***

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,**  
**Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them. **Refrain**

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,  
neighbors are near and far away. **Refrain**

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. **Refrain**

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,  
this is the way we should live with you. **Refrain**

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you. **Refrain**

### ***Break Thou the Bread of Life***

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me,  
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;  
my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,  
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;  
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

***I Come with Joy***

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,  
In awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,  
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers are now friends,  
and strangers are now friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence always near,  
is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here,  
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise,  
we'll live and speak his praise.