Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2025



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CHRIST CHURCH

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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH, an Episcopal parish of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this morning, and to receive Holy Communion or a blessing at the communion rail. We invite you to ask questions, explore, and to make yourself known to those around you. Please pick up any other information about the parish located on the table in the back of the church. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES. Changing stations are available in both rest rooms at the Paterson Street entrance; you can get there through the side door of the church.

WE REJOICE that you have chosen to worship here this Pentecost season. If you would like to learn more about our Parish, please phone the Parish Office at 732.545.6262. Many of our upcoming events are listed on our web site, christchurchnewbrunswick.org; we hope that you decide to join us.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Inclusive Language in Worship: Because language has the power to shape our thinking about God and one another, Christ Church makes every effort to bring the language of worship in line with biblical theology that affirms that the personhood of God embraces all that is truly female and male, and that men and women are equals. In our liturgy some historical texts that are widely known and loved are left unchanged.

INTERCESSIONS

AT EVERY CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, the nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns of this community, those who suffer and those in any trouble, and the departed. Please feel free to add your own petitions during the prayers, either silently or aloud. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, you may also fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

We remember in today's prayers:

The Sick and Others in Need— *Allen, Dennis, Edith, Erica, Florence, Georgia, Gordon, Hansford, Jean, Jeannine, Jefferson, Jesse, Jim, Joan, Julia, Kristen, Lori, Pam, Pat, Rose, Sarah, Stanford, Steve, Thalia, Theayer, Thelma, Timothy, Tisha, Valerie,*

Anglican Cycle *– we pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

Diocesan Cycle *– St. Matthew's Church in Pennington, The Revs: Dr. Brian A. Jemmott, Canon Andy J. Moore, The Rev. Angelo Wildgoose, The Rev. Dcns: Catherine E. Brunson, Frances Clark, Debra M. Clarke, Dr. John H. Hanson, Barbara Jensen*

Christ Church Ministry *– Lectors and Intercessors*

Birthdays this week *– Edithmia Davies, Lauren Davis, Iain Dennis, Travis Wardlow*

Memorial Flowers *– are given by Carole A. Forsythe in memory of Leonard Herrmann, Louise Deschler Ross Guild in memory of the deceased members of the Louise Deschler Ross Guild*

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in crisis, having surgery, are in the hospital and are in need of pastoral counseling from a clergy person, please do not hesitate to contact the Rev. Daphne Roberts—732.991.6733.

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Roberts and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Roberts if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

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Worshipping God Serving God's People
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Presider: The Rev. Alistar So-Schoos



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE *Andante Pastorale* C. Stevens

Please stand and sing at the Procession

ENTRANCE HYMN "Holy Father, Great creator" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 368**

The Presider welcomes the people and says

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

COLLECT OF PURITY

The Presider says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

THE COLLECT

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: *Jeremiah 8:18-9:1*

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor 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?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? 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 my poor people!

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 79:1-9

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the
birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts
of the field.
3 They have shed their blood like water on every side
of Jerusalem, *

and there was no one to bury them.
4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.
8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.
9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

THE EPISTLE *1 Timothy 2:1-7*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN "Jesus, calls us, o'er turmult" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 549 v. 1-3**

THE GOSPEL *Luke 16:1-13*

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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. So 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.' Then 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. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then 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.' And 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. And 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. "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. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 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."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON Rev. Alistair So-Schoos

All who are able please stand

The Nicene Creed

ALL **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Responding, "Hear our prayer," let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.
After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN "God of grace, God of glory" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 594**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP, page 361

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Presider continues with the Proper Preface of the Day.

Presider Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

ALL **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider As our brother Christ taught us, we now pray,

ALL **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

ALL **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation. All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Bread and Cup are given to the Communicants with these words

Minister The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
Recipient **Amen.**
Minister The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Recipient **Amen.**

Spiritual Communion Prayer For Those Joining Us Online:

Gracious God, our sustainer and source of all good things in the universe. As we gather in community this day, we are mindful of those who through circumstance or conscience are unable to partake of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation at this time. You are the source of the food and water which nourishes and sustains us. As we are the product of all we have partaken, we know that we are infused with your life-giving food and drink and that are never separated from you. Though we are many, we are joined in Christ. We are one Body, one Cup in the name of the One God. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN "Come, Holy Ghost" **Thomas Attwood**

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of Both, to be but One;
That through the age all along
This may be our endless song

Praise to thy eternal merit
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

All who are able please stand

AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen**

FINAL HYMN "There is a balm in Gilead" **Red LEVAS *Hymnal* II, #203**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Presider blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Tuba Tune* C.S. Lang

Parish Notes

Parish Schedule for September 21– September 28, 2025

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Tuesday & Thursday – 9:30am to 3:00pm, Friday – 9:30am to 1:00pm

Sunday	**9:30 a.m.**	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
	11:00 a.m.	Jewelry Sale, Nicholas Room (directly after service)
	11:00 a.m.	Packing Party, Children's Chapel (directly after service)
Monday	4:00p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	7:00p.m.	Tuesdayers, Zoom
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	6:00 p.m.	Cottage Meeting, Zoom
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom
Thursday	6:30p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Zoom

*Join Us AFTER THE 9:30 AM Service for Coffee Hour in the Nicholas Room



✨ Sparkle for a Cause! ✨

Get ready for a **shimmering fundraiser** at **Christ Church**!

TODAY Sunday, September 21st, join us **after service** for a special event featuring **beautiful silver jewelry**, perfect for treating yourself or finding a meaningful gift.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned—**you won't want to miss it!**



Join members of Christ Church TODAY Sunday, September 21st after the 9:30am service for a "Packing Party"!

We will be packing flatware for Elijah's Promise during Coffee Hour.

Can't make it to the packing party, but want to help? Donations of heavyweight forks and spoons as well as dinner-size napkins would be appreciated.

Donations can be made via Zelle or check please note "Choice Food and Resource Center in the subject line.

Music Ministry Resumes - All Welcome!



Fall is here and our choirs are back! We warmly invite anyone who loves to sing or play to join us. **Adult Choir** resumes **Thursday, September 25th** at our **NEW TIME: 6:30 PM** in the choir room. **Joyful Noise (Children's Choir)** starts **Monday, September 22nd at 4:00 PM**.

Open Choir meets every third Sunday - come 45 minutes before service to learn anthems with us.

Instrumentalists - we'd love to add you to our roster of musicians!

For details and more information, please reach out to Suzanne McDonald. Come make a joyful noise with us!

Tell Out My Soul

The Stewardship Committee is inviting you to join members at a Cottage Meeting.

Why should you attend a Tell Out My Soul Cottage Meeting?

During this time of transition at Christ Church, better knowing each other's stories will be crucial in determining, with God's help, how to move forward as a parish. Please plan to join one, if you are able.

September 24 (via Zoom)
Facilitator Jonathan Gloster
6:00-7:30 pm

September 28
at the home of Mark McMahon
1 Spring Street Apt 1502, New Brunswick, NJ -one block away from church
11:30-1:00 pm. Please note-max 8 people for this session.

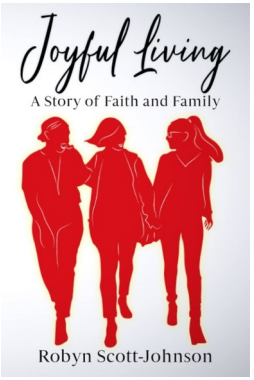
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after the service (11 am) in the Ross Room. In case none of the other sessions fit your schedule. No RSVP needed for this session.

- Please note, Mark McMahon has pets at his home-a cat and a dog.

- Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Meetings with no attendees reserved will be canceled. RSVP for any of the meetings by Sep 10, 2025. Link to RSVP: https://forms.gle/N3FA6DxHMSxaXSnZ7



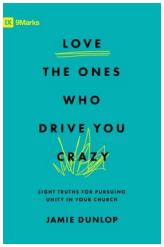
Are you an adult that is considering Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church? Join an online class from the diocese beginning on **Thursday, October 2nd, at 7 pm**, and running on each of the five Thursdays in October. Register at https://tinyurl.com/56vzcmvc, which is the same as https://dioceseofnj.zoom.us/meeting/register/2kLXn4mCQjWW8LdOb-I7zA



WomenSpirit's Current Book:
"Joyful Living: A Story of Faith and Family"

What happens when a family's joy is tested by unimaginable tragedy? With her daughters facing grave health challenges, Robyn Scott-Johnson faces a storm that could break her spirit. But instead of despair, she finds an unshakeable inner strength fueled by love and faith in God. Her book is an uplifting journey through life's trials and triumphs. It is a powerful witness to the transformative power of faith and a beacon of hope for anyone walking through a difficult season. WomenSpirit invites women ages 20 and older to join our discussion through early October. We'll also interview the author. We meet on Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm over Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84615703996. For more information contact Penelope Lattimer at pelattimer@aol.com

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The Tuesdayers' Current Book: "Love the Ones Who Drive You Crazy: Eight Truths for Pursuing Unity in Your Church"

Churches are full of differences. Those differences might be rooted in culture, personality, politics, or even musical style. Yet if a church is centered on Christ alone, then unity at church will sometimes require building genuine friendships that bridge across all those differences. How can Christians navigate those relationships? Can we really love people at church who sometimes drive us crazy? Jamie Dunlop offers a practical guide that explores eight truths from Romans 12–15 that show us how to find God-exalting unity at church with those we struggle to love. The Tuesdayers invite you to join our discussion. We meet over Zoom on Tuesdays (except the second of the month), 7:00-8:30 pm. For more information contact Jonathan Clark at im4canoes@yahoo.com.



Blessing of the Animals St. Francis of Assisi Day

Bring your pet for a special blessing for the year!
We will also be blessing shelter animals.



Saturday, October 4
1:00 p.m.

Franklin Animal Shelter
475 DeMott Lane
Somerset NJ

(On the grassy area between the old school house and the shelter building)

Cat or dog food donations are greatly appreciated.

RaiseRight™
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It is time for the Christ Church October RaiseRight Order!

Paul Ambos will be placing a new card order on the morning of **Monday, October 6**. Please place your orders accordingly. If you plan to mail an order with a check, please (a) mail it by **Wednesday, October 2,** or, better, (b) advise Paul by email when you mail it of what your order is so that he can place it on time despite possible Post Office delays. Or, if you place your own order directly on the RaiseRight website or app, Paul will be able to see it there when he orders the monthly batch.

RaiseRight website https://www.raiseright.com/shop

Vestry Key Topics

1. The vestry approved a Mission Statement Update process to start soon! Look for opportunities to participate in shaping a new mission statement that will help guide us into the Fourth Century! This work will also support our upcoming development of a Parish Profile and our discernment around our path moving forward.

2. We reviewed the exciting work being done by the Stewardship Committee and encourage all members to attend cottage meetings in the next few weeks. As part of our efforts to promote sensible Stewardship of our resources, we voted to pledge about $60,000 towards our Marks of Mission contribution to the diocese. This is a decrease from this year while still meeting about 80% of our asking.

3. Jonathan Clark shared updates from the various Discipleship Ministries, many of which continue to function smoothly. He and Daphne will meet soon to plan the discipleship offering for Advent. Look for updates in future weeks! We encourage all parishioners to participate in one or more discipleship endeavors, especially in this time of transition and discernment

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Wardens' Office Hours!

Have something to share with our wardens? Meegan Adames, Rector's Warden & Jonathan Gloster, People's Warden, will be holding office hours on the first Sunday of each month.

*Next Meeting **October 5th** - after the 9:30 service in the Ross Room.*

Save the following dates, with time and location to follow:
October 5th, November 2nd, December 7th

Join the Stewardship Committee for the upcoming meeting on October 13 at 5:30pm via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83614393164?pwd=xqJ4SGkW45WMv19XTvJHSChlLlirXb.1

Meeting ID: 836 1439 3164
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SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

God cares for the poor and needy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	**Luke 16:1-13**	**Parable of the shrewd manager**
Monday	**Amos 8:4-7**	**Judgment on Israel**
Tuesday	**1 Timothy 2:1-7**	**Instructions concerning prayer**
Wednesday	**Micah 6:6-8**	**What God requires**
Thursday	**1 Kings 21:1-29**	**Elijah's judgment of Amos**
Friday	**1 Samuel 2:1-8**	**Hannah's prayer**
Saturday	**Psalm 113**	**The Lord helps people in need**
Sunday	**Luke 16:19-31**	**Poor Lazarus and the rich man**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." **Psalm 113:7-8 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
God of justice and mercy, help us to care for one another, especially the poor and needy, so that your ways may be celebrated on earth through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, as you care for the poor and the needy, we thank you for caring for us with this gift of food that we may give you praise through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May God's justice and mercy bless you.

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taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

God of Grace and
God of Glory

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When is a time you felt cheated by paying too much for something?
- God demands justice for the poor. Why is it important to know this?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Amos 8:4-7.

Being religious can sometimes focus on a private relationship with God. Amos certainly didn't feel his relationship with God was something to be kept private. Amos was not part of the prophetic tradition. He was a shepherd and farmer who raised figs. Nonetheless, God called him to be a prophet to the northern kingdom of Israel. Amos denounced unfair business practices that cheated people out of what was rightfully theirs. Using false weights and measures to charge people too much for what they got was wrong. Amos knew it, and God denounced it. The wealthy controlled the marketplaces and had little regard for God's demand for justice and mercy. The wealthy couldn't wait for religious observances, like not working on the Sabbath, to be over so that more wealth could be taken from the poor. Amos is an example of biblical faith that cares very much for the needy. Our own personal faith in Jesus has a very public consequence for how we treat others with grace, mercy, and justice.

Discuss: When, in response to God's love, have you shown care for those in need?

Pray: **Merciful God, we thank you for watching over us and for caring for us in every need; help us to be ambassadors of your mercy and grace to others through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone who has been taken advantage of?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Paul encourages us to offer *"supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings"* for all those in positions of authority and leadership (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Think or talk about leaders in the world, the country, and your community you have read or heard about in the news. Write their names on a paper. Read the names aloud and then pray: **Lord God, we thank you for those in leadership positions and ask that you bless them in their work. May they use their positions to care for the poor and show honor to you. Amen.**

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	September 21	**September 28**
Presider	Rev. Alistair So-Schoos	Rev. Alistair So-Schoos
Preacher	Rev. Alistair So-Schoos	Rev. Alistair So-Schoos
Deacon	Rev. Daphne Roberts	
Organist	Suzanne McDonald	Suzanne McDonald
	9:30 A.M.	**9:30 A.M.**
Lector & Intercessor	Debra Lowe	Kevin Stansbury
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Mel Garber	Debra Lowe
Acolyte / Server		
Vestry Announce-ments	Debra Lowe	Mark McMahon
Usher		
Production Minister	Steve Caruso	Steve Caruso
Altar Guild	Nancy Walworth Sheila Cooper	Mervis Johnson Margaret Brown-Stansbury
Coffee Hour		

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