



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday Worship

September 18, 2022

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

#339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

3 Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my
true word; I ever with Thee and Thou
with me, Lord; Heart of my own
heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFSSION

*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you made us in your image to be connected to you and in relationship with you. You sent Jesus Christ to us as one of us, to claim us with an unbreakable bond of love and grace. Yet we continue to turn away from you; we focus on ourselves and not our connection with you and each other. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to trust in your love and faithfulness in our relationship with you and our neighbors, so that we may reflect your love through our lives.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Galatians 2:16-21

Judith Smullen

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

"Connecting the Dots: Whose Faith?"

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN

#413

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

1 All who love and serve your city,
all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice,
all who curse and all who bless:

3 For all days are days of judgment,
and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near a world that spurns him,
offering peace from Calvary's hill.

2 In your day of wealth and plenty,
wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus,
"You must work while it is day."

4 Risen Lord, shall yet the city
be the city of despair?
Come today, our judge, our glory.
Be its name "The Lord is there!"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (the Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory I Am His Child

Chancel Choir

Words and Music by Moses Hogan

I may not be all that you are
I may not be a shining star
But what I am
I thank the Lord
For making me His child

Thank You Lord for hearing every prayer
Thank You Lord for just being there
Thank You Lord, Thank You Lord
For I am not worthy of Your love

So, don't use me or abuse me
For I am His child
Don't tease me or mistreat me
For I am still His child
You can even talk about me
But I am still His child

*Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

#592

OLD HUNDREDTH

*SENDING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#281

CWM RHONDDA

1 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Your Love Never Fails

McClarney/Skinner Composer

Contemporary Ensemble

Verse 1

Nothing can separate
Even if I ran away
Your love never fails
I know I still make mistakes but
You have new mercies for me ev'ryday
Your love never fails

Chorus

(And) You stay the same through the ages
Your love never changes
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning
And when the oceans rage
I don't have to be afraid
Because I know that You love me
(Your love never fails)

Verse 2

The wind is strong and the water's deep
But I'm not alone here in these open seas
Your love never fails
The chasm is far too wide
I never thought I'd reach the other side
Your love never fails

Bridge

You make all things
Work together for my good
You make all things
Work together for my good