



**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 CONFESSION

\*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:

**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."

**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.

**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

Words and Music by Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir

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**

**#281**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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.

**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.

**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.

**\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Your Love Never Fails

McClarney/SkinnerComposer

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

**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

**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)

**Bridge**

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