



September 1, 2024
Fifteenth Sunday after
Pentecost



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Meditation

Martin

Welcome

Call to Worship

For those who have not been welcomed before,

You are welcomed by Christ here.

For those who have been turned away,

Christ is opening the door for you.

For those who have been forgotten,

God cannot forget you, for God made you.

Come, join together in worship of our God.

You are God's beloved. We welcome each other in the name of Christ. Amen.

- Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org.

Songs of Praise

"The Goodness of God"

Johnson et al.

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

#615

"Ten Thousand Reasons"

#559

Prayer of Confession

Loving and righteous God, our hearts are defiled with the wickedness you hate. You have called us to yourself, but we have gone away. Forgetting your living Word, we cling to dead traditions. Deceiving ourselves, we abandon your commandments. Hypocrites, we honor you with our lips while our hearts are far from you. Cleanse our hearts from evil intentions; cleanse our tongues from evil words so that our worship may be pure and undefiled and we may live with you in love for others. Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Carol Foss
Time for Young Disciples		Pastor Matt
Scripture Reading	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	
Sermon	“Arise!”	Pastor Matt

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response	“Arise, Your Light Is Come”	#102
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Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Communion - Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Lord's Supper

Communion Hymn

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

#824, v. 1-4

Prayers of the People

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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn "Will You Come and Follow Me" #742

Benediction

Postlude "A New Song" Eliot

Leading in Today's Service

Worship Leaders: Pastor Matt, Michael Rivers, Carol Foss

Pianist/Organist: Anna Nichols

Worship Music Team (varies): Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster, Pam Carnahan, Dick Chambers, Iantha Frazer, Randy Schuchardt, Dan Cobb

Media Team (varies): Paul Stutesman, Todd Haworth, Wayne Brown, Bruce McCloskey, Bonnie McCloskey, Dorita Reed, Bret Curtis, Dona Hair, Mark Wendt, Barb Pappas, Bob Pappas, Sadie Miller

Slides: Lauren Corder, Cathi Hughes

Next Sunday's Worship - September 8, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 146, *Mark 7:24-37; "Crumbs for the Dogs"

Jesus travels to a Gentile region where he performs two healing miracles. The stories stand out because of some curious details. In the first, Jesus reluctantly heals a woman's daughter who was afflicted by a demon--he even seems to chastise the woman for asking him to heal her daughter. In the second, Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech impediment and then orders the witnesses to not tell anyone what had happened. Why is Jesus acting so strangely?