

# Order of Worship for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021, 8:30 am

You are invited to speak the words in **bold**. + Please stand as you are able.

## Musicians

Chris Garofalo, Director of Music Ministry, Piano • Angela Presutti Korbitz, Soprano

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### Prelude

*A Simple Song*

by Leonard Bernstein

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### Welcome

with Pastor Jeremiah

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### + Call to Worship

with Pastor Jeremiah

We can trust God.

**God is like the mountain: rock solid.**

God loves all the people:

**the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.**

We can depend on God.

**God feeds the hungry, heals the sick,  
and restores relationships.**

Praise our Loving God.

**Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

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### + Opening Hymn

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

UMH 548, verses 1, 2 & 4

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#### Verse 1

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north;  
but one community of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

#### Verse 2

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close-binding humankind.

#### Verse 4

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

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## Opening Prayer

with Pastor Hannah

Generous God, we give thanks to you for your kindness toward us. Thank you for loving us and calling all of us your children. Help us to recognize our kin and to give our lives to peaceful family relationships with all creation. Free us from our self-centeredness and from fear of strangers so that we may meet the Savior in broken humanity – even our own. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

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## + Passing of the Peace

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## Song

*Where Children Belong*

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This, this is where children belong,  
welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.  
Water, God's Word,  
bread and cup, prayer, and song:  
this is where children belong.

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## Time for Young Disciples

with Pastor Hannah

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## Scripture

*James 2:1-10, 14-17*

with Carol Cotner

2:1 My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism, really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? 2 For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, 3 and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," 4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? 7 Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? 8 You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law, but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply

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their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup> So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."

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## Sermon

*Mercy Triumphs Over Judgment*

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## + Hymn of Reflection

*Together We Serve*

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### Verse 1

Together we serve, united by love,  
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,  
extending your love to the last and the least.

### Verse 2

We seek to become a beacon of hope,  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

### Verse 3

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,  
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come,  
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

### Verse 4

Together, by grace, we witness and work,  
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,  
remembering love is the strength of our song.

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## Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

with Pastor Hannah

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever. Amen.

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## Offering Invitation

with Pastor Hannah

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## Offertory

*Psalms 150*

by Ned Rorem

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## + Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**The Great Thanksgiving**  
with Pastor Hannah and Pastor Jeremiah

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**Communion Song**  
*Laudate Dominum*  
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
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**Announcements**  
with Pastor Hannah

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**HVAC Campaign Update**  
with Rich Fleming

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**+ Hymn of Sending Forth**  
*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*  
UMH 664

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**Verse 1**  
Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O, now be extended  
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

## Verse 2

With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

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**+ Benediction**  
with Pastor Jeremiah

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**Postlude**  
*Domine Deus* from *Gloria*  
by Antonio Vivaldi  
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