

Service for the Lord's Day

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

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Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Sonata IV: Allegretto

Felix Mendelssohn

◆ Call to Worship

based on Psalm 146

Let us praise the Lord as long as we live!

We will sing praises to God our whole lives long.

Happy are those whose help and hope is in the Lord.

The Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in it.

The Lord keeps faith forever. The Lord will reign forever.

Praise the Lord!

◆ Hymn HS 49

What Is This Place

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Call of Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

your justice protects those who are weak, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.

Your righteousness redeems those who are poor,

yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.

Your peace upholds those who are oppressed,

yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution.

We pray "Thy kingdom come," yet we evade our responsibility and fail to confront evil.

Forgive us.

Help us to repent of these sins.

And lead us to cry out with the prophets, until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS 68

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
 You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
 You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, hear the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

And freed to try again. Amen.

◆ Sung Response

HS 22

All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven,
 And God's good will unfailingly be to all people given.
 We bless, we worship You, we raise
 For Your great glory thanks and praise,
 O God, the great Creator.

◆ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

God's Word to Us

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Solo

I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies

Felix Mendelssohn

Megan Sharp, soprano

I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord, my savior,
 and of thy faithfulness evermore.

New Testament Reading

Mark 7:24-37

Communion Meditation

Lynne Clements

Prayers of the Congregation

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy. . . . who sing forever to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might;

HS No. 78

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

. . . . Great is the mystery of faith:

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

HS No. 79

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Hymn 773

Heaven Shall Not Wait

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verses 1-2, soloist; verses 3-4, all

Prayer After Communion

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life.

As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors.

As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry.

As we have been loved, help us to love the world –

because in Jesus Christ you have loved us. Amen.

◆ Hymn 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PLEADING SAVIOR

◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Benediction

Postlude

Sonata in A minor: Allegro

C. P. E. Bach

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The Program Year Begins

at Westminster

Welcome to University Students!

Sundays:

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship
 12 p.m. Brunch at Common Grounds for all young adults

Thursdays:

5:30 p.m. Yoga in the Westminster Courtyard

First and Third Wednesdays:

7 p.m. 20/30 CreW Wednesday Wind-Down for young adults and graduate or professional students

Regular service projects will begin today!

Church School Classes begin

Sunday, September 12

9:30 a.m. Classes for children, youth, and adults

Music at Westminster

Thursdays:

7 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal, University students welcome

Sundays:

12:15 p.m. Singers Choir, for youth and adults, rehearsals beginning on September 12

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