

# Service for the Lord's Day

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

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*W*elcome 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

*Lament*

Josef Rheinberger

Welcome

### ◆ Call to Worship

*Let us praise the name of the Lord,*

**God is wonderful - yesterday, today and forever.**

*The Lord our God has done marvelous things.*

**We are blessed more than we could ever imagine.**

*For all the amazing gifts we have been given,*

**We praise the name of the Lord!**

### ◆ Hymn 33

**Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show**

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Call to Confession

*While we claim to love and follow Jesus, the Christ,*

*the way we live proclaims our lack of faith in his power to deal with the world.*

*Let us confess the distance between our faith and practice. Let us pray.*

Prayer of Confession

**We come before you, Holy One, to confess our sin.**

**While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we act willfully as if we have dominion.**

**We praise your creation, but squander natural resources.**

**We know your commandment to love, but we neglect our neighbors.**

**We say you are our Lord, but we behave as if we are gods.**

**Forgive us.**

**Renew us.**

**Restore us again that we might be the people you have called us to be.**

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS 70

**Kyrie eleison.** (x4)

**Christe eleison.** (x4)

**Kyrie eleison.** (x4)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.*

*I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*May the God of mercy, who forgives all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.*

**Amen.**

◆ Sung Response

**Through north and south and east and west**

**May God's immortal name be blessed: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Till everywhere beneath the sun,**

**God's reign begins, God's will is done:**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

◆ Passing of the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

## God's Word to Us

A Time With Children and Youth 11:00

Old Testament

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

New Testament

Luke 16:1-13

Sermon

Balm for All

Susan Steinberg

## Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from the *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

*With the whole church:*

**We affirm that we are made in God's image,  
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

*With people everywhere:*

**We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,  
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

*With all creation:*

**We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;  
the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

**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.**

Offertory 8:30

*Prière*

Jean Langlais

11:00

*Not One Sparrow Is Forgotten* Shaker hymn, arr. William Hawley

Not one sparrow is forgotten, e'en the raven God will feed;

And the lily of the valley from His bounty hath its need.

Then shall I not trust Thee, Father, in Thy mercy have a share?

And through faith and prayer, my Mother, merit Thy protecting care?

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering

GTG 607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

- ◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Holy God, how often we take for granted all that we have. How often we fail to recognize how blessed we are. Take these gifts we give in response to your generosity and abundant grace and use them to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.**

- ◆ Hymn 792

**There Is a Balm in Gilead**

BALM IN GILEAD

- ◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Cornet Voluntary*

John Travers

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The flowers today are celebration of Hope and Dave Warren's 65th wedding anniversary.*

# What's Happening

*at Westminster*

## **Sunday, September 18**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School

11 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary, followed by a Congregational Meeting

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch in Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting in the Upper Lounge

## **Monday, September 20**

6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Courtyard

## **Wednesday, September 21**

7 p.m. 20/30/40 CreW Wednesday Wind-down (off site)

## **Thursday, September 22**

6:30 p.m. UKirk Dinner and Discussion in Common Grounds

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

## **Saturday, September 24**

10 a.m. Westminster Walkers

3 p.m. Memorial Service for Dr. Carlos Ayers in the Sanctuary,  
followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, September 25**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School

11 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch in Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

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# Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33

(Psalm 150)

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,  
 2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,  
 Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,  
 Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.  
 Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

Originally cast as two eight-line stanzas, this 19th-century paraphrase of Psalm 150 was slightly shortened when it was set to the present tune with recurring Alleluias. The Welsh tune is actually older than the text and bears a name meaning "the church of St. Mary."

# There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. *Fine*

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but  
 2 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and  
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain. There is a  
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a  
 tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

*to Refrain*

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."