

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Hymn Sing

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10:00 a.m.



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WELCOME

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.
People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Priest: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
People: **Come let us worship.**

INTRODUCTION

HYMN “*Shall We Gather at the River*”

Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day.

Refrain

Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown.

Refrain

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

Refrain

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Officiant: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN “How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Send him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with hout of acclamation
And take me home, what you shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN “Come, thou almighty King”

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy Name to sing,
help us to praise.
Father whose love unknown
all things created own,
build in our hearts thy throne,
Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word,
by heaven and earth adored;
our prayer attend:
come, and thy people bless;
come, give thy word success;
stablish thy righteousness,
Savior and friend.

Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour:
thou, who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,
the highest praises be,
hence evermore;
thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

PSALM 103:8-13

⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

⁹He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

¹²As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

¹³Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

HYMN “*Shine, Jesus, Shine*”

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your Word, Lord And let there be light

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me
Shine on me

Refrain

Lord, I come into Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me
Shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.

Refrain

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

HYMN “*Faith of our Fathers*”

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon,
fire, and sword. O how our hearts beat high with joy
when e’er we hear that glorious word! Faith of our fathers,
holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Those martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and
conscience free, and blest would be their children’s fate,
if we, like them, should die for thee. Faith of the martyr’s
holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, we will love both friend and foe in
all our strife, and preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life. Faith of our mothers,
holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Faith of the ages, God’s great power shall win all nations
unto thee, and through the truth that comes from God,
all souls will then indeed be free. Faith of the ages,
holy faith, we will be true to thee thill death.

A READING FROM ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN ROME

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN "You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord"

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!'

'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'

Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge
with faithfulness your shield.

For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People : **And also with you.**

Offician:t Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

HYMN *“Sometime I feel discouraged”*

There is a balm in Gilead,
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead,
to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work’s in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.

If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus,
and say, ‘He died for all.’

A READING FROM MATTHEW 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

REFLECTION

Rev. Peter Swarr

HYMN *“This is my Song”*

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;

but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdome come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Priest: All things come from you O Lord.
People: **And of your own have we given you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN *“Give thanks with a grateful heart”*

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

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Give thanks

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector: God of love and mercy.

Peope: **Hear our prayer.**

HYMN *“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”*

Ev’ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looked so fine,
asked my Lord if all was mine.

Jordan river chilly and cold,
chills the body but not the soul.
There ain’t but one train runs this track,
runs to heaven and runs right back.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN *“My Eyes Have Seen the Glory”*

My eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
who is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of warth are stored,
And has loosed the fateful lightnig of a terrible swift sward;
God’s truth is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
God's truth is marching on.

God has been there in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps,
where they built a sacred altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read the righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
God's day is marching on.

Refrain

God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
and is sifting out the hearts of all before the judgement seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer and be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Refrain

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in whose bosom that transfigures you and me;
As Christ died to make us holy, let us die to make all free;
While God is marching on.

Refrain

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

HYMN *"Let There be Peace On Earth"*

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God our creator,
children all are we

Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

BLESSING †

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen*

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God**

SINGERS

Rev. Peter Swarr
Deacon Eric Elley
Minister of Music, Sue Matsui
Mindy Rosengarten
Sue Schneider
Alan Druckenmiller
Peter Rosengarten
Chris Berry – guitar /vocal
Ryan Schneider – conductor
Rob & Hannah Firtzpatrick – live streamers

People in Our Prayers

- **Homebound:** Mary Jane, William & Barbara, Melissa, Lucy, Fran
- **Healing:** Oralia, Doreen, Milt, Dale, Alaina, Matthew, Russ, Gail, Joseph, Jose, David, Phyllis, Joyce, Ann, Andy, Wendy, Jaime, Kim, Jean, Maggie, Mark, Elizabeth, Sandy, Carol, June, Millie, Rick, Jeff, Liz, Dick, Dusti, Justin, Jim, Georgia, Fran, Chris & Family, Ashling, Dan, Holly, Jack, Sue, Gail, Mary, The Tarby's, Liz, Jean, Keith, Colleen, Jeff, Samantha, Gus, Irene, Lisa, Millie, Caroline, Carol, Felicia Gelinias, Donna Marie Haraty, Alicia Gagne, Linda Anderson, Barbara, David, Cher Bean, Pat Harmon, Deb Lewis, **Mavis**
- **Those celebrating a birthday this week:** Jessica Bukowski, Barbara Volker, Aiden Allsop, Samantha Druckenmiller, Scott Gray, Jon Robichaud