

The Service for the Lord's Day

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Be strong; do not fear! God is with us.

People: The Lord will come to save us.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN #420** "God of Grace and God of Glory"
(*"The Presbyterian Hymnal"*, verse 1)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to seek justice, yet we abuse and ignore the poor. You call us to show mercy, yet we turn away from those in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the wisdom and courage to abandon our places of privilege and to show our faith in action; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Fully human and fully God, Jesus understands all that we have done. Through His grace, there is hope of eternal forgiveness. Turn now from your past and embrace God's promised assurance that in Christ there is redemption and release from all sin. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

People: Glory to God! Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *(sung)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 604)

¹A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.

²The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.

⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

⁹Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

²²Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

²³for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

***HYMN #420** "God of Grace and God of Glory"
(*"The Presbyterian Hymnal"*, verses 2-4)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 125 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 572)

¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

²As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time on and forevermore.

³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,
so that the righteous might not stretch out
their hands to do wrong.

⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts.

⁵But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways
the LORD will lead away with evildoers.
Peace be upon Israel!

***HYMN #367** "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"
(*"The Presbyterian Hymnal"*)

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:4-7 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 663)

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!"

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

***HYMN #372** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"
(*"The Presbyterian Hymnal"*)

FOURTH SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 146 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 581)

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

***HYMN #368** "I've Got Peace Like a River"
(*"The Presbyterian Hymnal"*)

HYMN SING