

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times when all who are able may stand.

Bold indicates congregational response.

Ringing of the Bell

Pastor's Welcome

Prelude

"Praise Him in the Sanctuary"

Lewis

Call to Worship

Divine Parent, you feel what we feel.

Our joys and our pains are yours too.

Divine Healer, you delight in our wholeness.

You are the balm for our heavy-laden hearts and souls.

Giver of life, you are able to renew us.

We open ourselves to you, have your way within us.

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray,

Divine Nurturer, we are thankful that we can come to you any time.

You have made it possible for us to come, as we are, however we are. We rejoice in knowing that you walk with us whether the road is rough or smooth. You are steadfast. Help us to nurture our relationship with you, ourselves, and each other so that we may be a balm when none can be found. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 113 CEB

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 626

"O God of Every Nation"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Source of Wholeness, we confess that sometimes our goals don't align with yours, and we get lost. At times, we have pursued power, knowledge, and wealth instead of you, who are the source of all. We know that you are the balm we need, and we turn ourselves towards you. You are steadfast in your love and justice. Help us to be the same, help us to be a balm to others as you are to us. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Grace

The Divine one is steadfast in love, justice, and righteousness. Know that we are called and empowered to do the same. In a chaotic world, we can know peace, and in a chaotic world, we can be at peace. In the name of the Holy One, we are forgiven.

May God's grace be a balm for us, and may we be a balm to and for others. Amen.

Announcements

Giving from Our Hearts



It is the generosity of the friends and members of this church which supports this ministry. Over 95% of our budget is directly supported through our offering. While the ministry at Zion is sustained by more than dollars and cents, the monetary giving is vital to the work we do. We give thanks for all who have supported Zion over the years. For those contributing financially: There is an offering plate just outside the sanctuary or you can donate online through the online giving button at zionunion.org.

+ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ Prayer of Dedication

Steadfast One, receive our gifts in the gladness we give them. Thank you that we have an abundance of resources to share so that every need is met. May we always give from wide open hearts, and may what we give, be used to bring a balm of justice. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture

Luke 16:1-13 CEB

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Anthem

“Clap Your Hands”

Drennan

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Our Savior

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.

+ Closing Hymn No. 572 *“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”*

+ Benediction

Postlude

“With Sounding Trimbel”

Nordman

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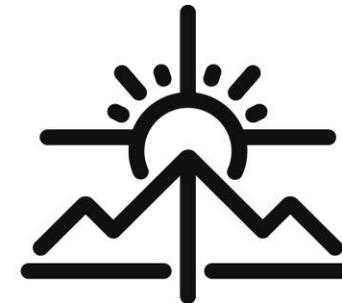
We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

We care as Christ cares.



**FROM THE RISING
OF THE SUN
TO ITS SETTING,
THE NAME OF
THE LORD IS
TO BE PRAISED!**

PSALM 113:3, ESV

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