

September 18, 2022
15th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Suites in F minor" Bach

OPENING SENTENCES Ps. 118:1; Ps. 113:7; Mark 9:35-37

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
The Lord raises the poor from the dust
and lifts up the needy from the ashes.
The last are first in the realm of God;
the least are welcomed in Jesus' name.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN #72** "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CALL TO CONFESSION Heb. 4:14-16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace,
help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rom. 5:5

... In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN #611 "There Is a Balm in Gilead" BALM IN GILEAD

MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN Rev. Bill Pinches

Children are dismissed to Sunday School

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** (repeat several times)
... by thy grace. **Lord, have mercy.**
... to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**
... through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ Those who are able may stand.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them to the Lord!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in pew racks)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION 1 Cor. 11:23-26

... These are the gifts of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

HYMN #776 "Let Us Break Bread Together" LET US BREAK BREAD
You will be invited to come forward to the table during the hymn.
A gluten-free option is available.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace,
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING Rom. 6:13

OFFERTORY "Original Dances No. 8" Schubert

+**RESPONSE #809** OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Timothy 2:1-7

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 16:1-13

RESPONSE Rev. 21:5

These words are trustworthy and true.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven" Choplin

SERMON Rev. Bill Pinches
"A Sabbath within a Sabbath within a Sabbath"

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS

For all Christians:
Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ
and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his word and showing his love?
I will, with God's help.

For the members of the church:
Will you be a faithful member of this congregation,
share in its worship and mission
through your prayers and gifts,
your study and service,
and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?
I will, with God's help.

RENEWAL OF ORDINATION VOWS

+**HYMN #568** "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" HENDON

+**BLESSING** 2 Cor. 13:13
... be with you all. **Alleluia!**

+**CHARGE** 1 Pet. 1:13
... when he is revealed. **Amen!**

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go Out and Serve Him!" Price / Besig

POSTLUDE "Prelude in A Major" Chopin

Join us for fellowship after worship.

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Emelia Hammond

Greeters: Tonya and Tom Seeley

Sound: Andrew Pinches

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Steve VanDyke

Today's flowers are given by Becky Cornish
in memory of Eleanor and Leslie Palmer

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#1. Resurrection: God raised Jesus Christ from the dead! (c. AD 30)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 35. How can Jesus be truly God and yet also truly human at the same time?

The mystery of Jesus Christ's divine-human unity passes our understanding; only faith given by the Holy Spirit enables us to affirm it. When Holy Scripture depicts Jesus as someone with divine power, status and authority, it presupposes his humanity. And when it depicts him as someone with human weakness, neediness and mortality, it presupposes his deity. We cannot understand how this should be, but we can trust that the God who made heaven and earth is free to become God incarnate and thus to be God with us in this wonderful and awe-inspiring way.

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WORSHIP

10:00 am on Sundays

DAILY PRAYER

search for "Daily Prayer (Presbyterian Book of Common Worship)"
in your podcast app, or go to www.buzzsprout.com/1466482

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday	Women's Fall Craft and Luncheon	10:30 am
Wednesday	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	3:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:30 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thursday	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
Friday	Rummage Sale	
	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Verlin Cook	Sept. 18
Jerry Richards	Sept. 18
Mike Cantrell	Sept. 22
Marge Clarke	Sept. 23

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Balm of Gilead
from an exhibition in 2014
at the entrance to the Tower of David
in the Old City of Jerusalem

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*