

September 10, 2023
15th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Sonata, Allegro con brio" Haydn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Ps. 118:1
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Happy are those who delight in God's word. Ps. 1:1-3
They are like trees planted by the water.
Be strong; do not fear! God is with us. Isa. 35:4
The Lord will come to save us.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+HYMN: GTG #203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" CHEREPONI

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 John 3:2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Rom. 6:8, 11
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #472 "Kum ba Yah" KUM BA YAH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Gracious God, Lord of light,
hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN Mary Garland Jackson

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO OFFERING 2 Cor. 9:7

OFFERTORY "We Worship You" L. Johnson

+RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Heidelberg Catechism*
(Germany, 1563)

38. Why did Jesus suffer under Pontius Pilate as judge?
So that he, though innocent, might be condemned by an earthly judge, and so free us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.

39. Is it significant that he was crucified instead of dying some other way?

Yes. By this I am convinced that he shouldered the curse which lay on me, since death by crucifixion was cursed by God. Gal. 3:13

40. Why did Christ have to suffer death?
Because God's justice and truth require it: nothing else could pay for our sins except the death of the Son of God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 12:1-14 O.T. page 45

PSALM Psalm 149
Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.
Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
For the LORD takes pleasure in the people
and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them sing for joy on their beds.
Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two edged sword in their hand,
to wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron,
to inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 13:8-14 N.T. page 124

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:15-20 N.T. page 15

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE John 6:68-69

The words of eternal life,
by which we have come to believe.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "I Will Pass Over You" Rev. Bill Pinches

+HYMN: GTG #744 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" FESTAL SONG

+BLESSING Phil. 4:23

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with your spirit.
Amen!

+CHARGE Matt. 22:37-40

Go out into the world in peace.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind;
and love your neighbor as yourself.
Thanks be to God!

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: GTG #748 TALLIS' CANON
"Go with Us, Lord"

POSTLUDE "French Suite No. 6 in G Major" Bach

You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY

Guest Organist: Laura Johnson
Liturgist: Peter Robinson
Greeters: Loren Harkness and Linda Peterson
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Tim Hammond

Today's flowers are given by
Carma Philip
in memory of
Emma Mae & Earl Philip and Bill Philip

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#51. Riot:

Paul’s preaching in Ephesus results in an economic loss for local silversmiths who make images of the Greek goddess Artemis, which leads to a riot. (*Acts 19:11-41*) (c. AD 55)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 92. What are the uses of God’s law?

God’s law has three uses. First, it shows me how grievously I fail to live according to God’s will, driving me to pray for God’s mercy. Second, it functions to restrain even the worst of sinners through the fear of punishment. Finally, it teaches me how to live a life which bears witness to the gospel, and spurs me on to do so.

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DAILY PRAYER

Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2018)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Fall Fellowship Kickoff at Herricks’	2:00 pm
Monday	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Worship and Music Committee	1:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir rehearsal	7:10 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
	Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Res. begins	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS

Suzie Threadgould Sept. 10
Marla St. George Sept. 16

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Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)
by Francisco de Zurbarán, c. 1635-1640

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