

Morning Worship
Sunday, September 13, 2020, 10:00 am
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Beginning Music "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Prelude "America the Beautiful"

Words to ponder: "What if God paid us back in full for all the wrong we have done?"

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday:

Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12;

Scriptures for 16th Sunday after Pentecost:

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-6

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Bill Florin

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: How large your heart, my King!

People: **How great your forgiveness.**

Leader: How generous your mercy.

People: **How large your heart, my King!**

Leader: How deep your compassion.

People: **How quick your charity.**

Leader: How large your heart, my King!

People: **How extravagant your grace.**

Leader: How present your hope.

All: **Glory to your Holy Name!**

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Holy God, we come here to acknowledge you as the giver of all good things, to express our gratitude and praise, and to humbly recommit ourselves to your work. Meet us here, O God, and remind us of your unfailing love and your unending call. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Open My Eyes" Eunice Alberts/
Ron Giannattasio

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ Bill Florin

A Time for Children of All Ages Rose Aiello

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSV) Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Hymn of Preparation "Spirit of the Living God" Eunice Alberts/
Ron Giannattasio

Sermon "*A Hollow Love*" Bill Florin

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

O Lord we seek your mercy...yet we ourselves look for payback when we are wronged. We think it "only fair" and "what is right" when we retaliate and use harsh words and withdraw from relationship. The forgiveness you offer on our account is larger than we can comprehend, still we withhold forgiveness and carry the grudge over petty items. We are eager to do your judging. And the worst: we conspire our inner thoughts to secure your forgiveness while avoiding honest repentance. Forgive us Lord for the sins we know in our hearts. Save us Lord from the sins we hide. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Bill Florin

Response: "Lord, hear our prayers."

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts *(Please mail in your offerings)*

Doxology Offering Prayer (Unison) Patient Lord, you amaze us each day with your ability to forgive our many sins. You display merciful acts and answer our prayers in profound ways. Help us to be stewards of your mercy and grace as these monetary gifts are transformed into active ministries. Multiply the span of these ministries to reach people in new ways. We pray in the name of the one who teaches true forgiveness, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Eunice Alberts/
Ron Giannattasio

Benediction Bill Florin

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