

**15th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 1, 2024**

**Gathering**  
*God invites us to enter His presence*

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

**! Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

*Dennis Lesher*

Let us worship God.

**“He is our refuge and our fortress,  
our God, in whom we trust.”**

Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,”  
and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

**“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,  
confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

—based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

**! Invocation**

*Dennis Lesher*

God, our Rock, our refuge, our resting place,  
we come to you.  
Out of another busy week of work,  
out of our struggles to be meaningful in our world,  
out of our desire to meet you and know you  
as the center of our being,  
we come to you, O unmovable Rock of our security. **Amen.**

**! Opening Hymn 20**

*All People that on Earth do Dwell*

**Confessing**  
*God invites us to be honest with Him*

**Call to Confession**

*Dennis Lesher*

The psalmist testifies:

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.  
Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.  
Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.

—from Psalm 32:1-6, NRSV

**Prayer of Confession** *(Responsively)*

*Dennis Lesher*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.  
**Lord, hear my voice!**  
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!  
**If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?**  
But there is forgiveness with you so that you may be revered.  
**I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,**  
**and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord**  
**more than those who watch for the morning,**  
**more than those who watch for the morning.**  
O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.  
It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.

—Psalm 130, NRSV

**Time for Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Dennis Lesher*

When you were dead in trespasses  
and the uncircumcision of your flesh,  
God made you alive together with Christ,  
when he forgave us all our trespasses,  
erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.  
He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

—from Colossians 2:13-14, NRSV

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

 **Gloria Patri**

*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.  
A-men, A-men.*

## Offering

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

**Invitation** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts.  
Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before  
him, all the earth.  
—Psalm 96:8-9, NRSV

**Offering**

**Offertory**

 **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*  
*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*  
*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

 **Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we thank you for gifts that belong not to us alone, but to all our sisters and brothers, since they too are created in your image. Let their need become our need; let their hunger become our hunger; and grant to us also a portion of their pain, so that in sharing ourselves, we discover the Christ who walks with our brothers and sisters. **Amen.**

 **Preparation Song**

*All I Have is Christ*

*Verse 1*

*I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way,  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to Your will,  
And if you had no loved me first I would refuse you still.*

*Verse 2*

*But as I ran my hellbound race, indif'rent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state, and led me to the cross.  
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place;  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is Grace!*

*Chorus*

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!*

Verse 3

*Now, Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see,  
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.  
O Father use my ransomed life in any way you choose,  
And let my song forever be; My only boast is You!*

*Chorus (2x)*

**Proclaiming**  
**God speaks to us through His Word**

**Scripture Reading**

*Exodus 20:9*

<sup>9</sup> *You are to labor six days and do all your work,*

*Luke 10:7*

<sup>7</sup> *Remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they offer,  
for the worker is worthy of his wages. Don't move from house to house.*

*Luke 11:24-26*

<sup>24</sup> *"When an unclean spirit comes out of a person, it roams through  
waterless places looking for rest, and not finding rest, it then says, 'I'll  
go back to my house that I came from.' <sup>25</sup> Returning, it finds the house  
swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup> Then it goes and brings seven other  
spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and settle down there.  
As a result, that person's last condition is worse than the first."*

*1 Corinthians 15:58*

<sup>58</sup> *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable,  
always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor  
In the Lord is not in vain.*

**Sermon**

*"The Three R's in Labor Day"  
Rev. Dr Dennis Leshner*



**Hymn of Response 350**

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

**Sacrament of Communion**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!**

## Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you  
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come  
again!**

## Responding *We respond to God's Word*

### **Profession of Faith** *(In Unison)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and buried;  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

## Commissioning *God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*

### **Commission Song** *Mighty To Save*

*Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations*

*Chorus  
Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave*

*Take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again*

*I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender*

*Chorus*

*Bridge  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King  
Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King*

*Chorus*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**