

# Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

★ Please stand if it is comfortable to do so

September 21, 2025

8:30 am and 10:45 am

GATHERING MUSIC

Marilyn Arland

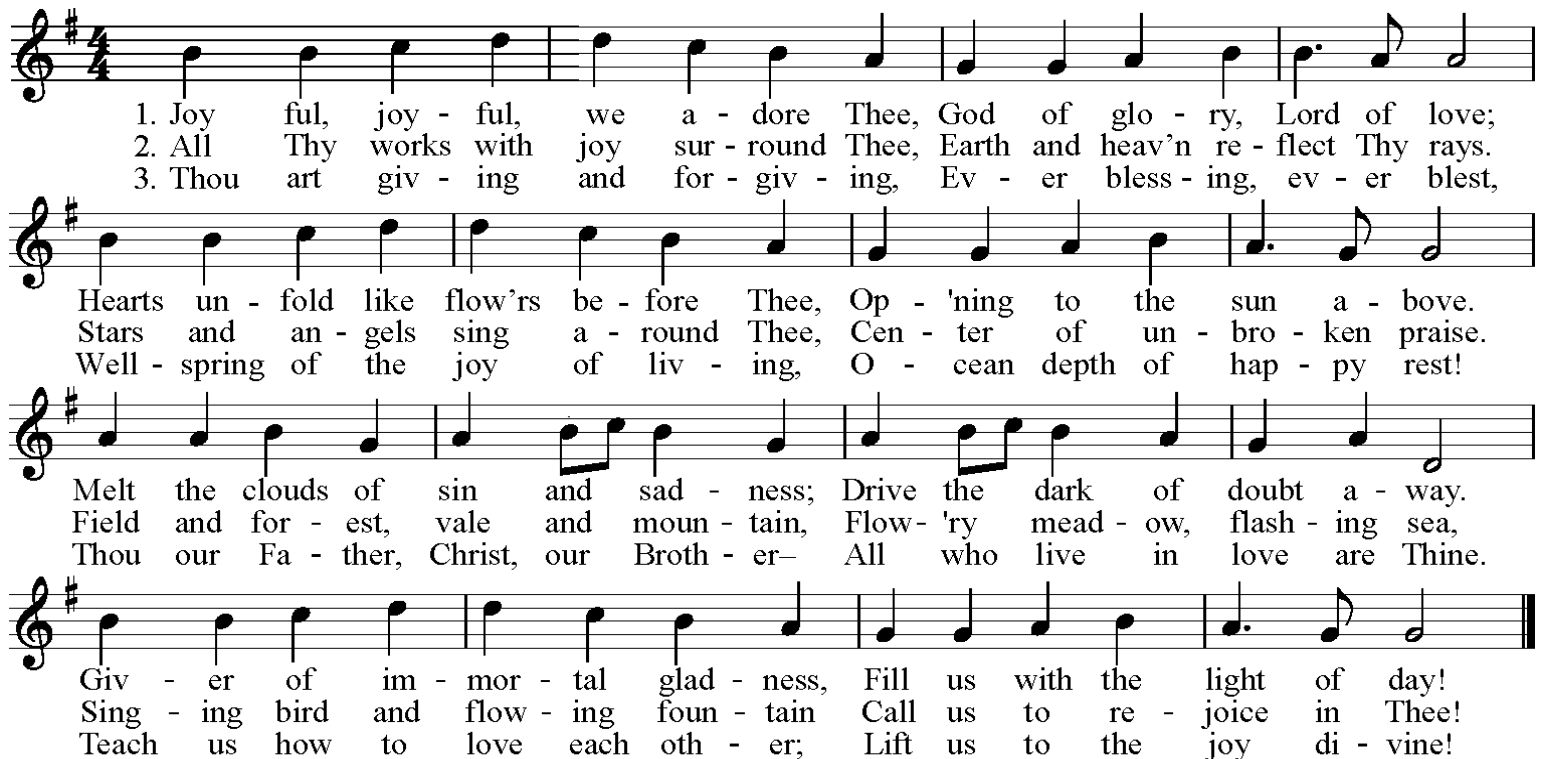
WELCOME

Carrie Veal

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

★ Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY



1. Joy ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays.  
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Op - 'ning to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our Broth - er— All who live in love are Thine.

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day!  
Sing - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - jice in Thee!  
Teach us how to love each oth - er; Lift us to the joy di - vine!

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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*The Lord's Prayer*

Our God who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against you.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.


## CHILDREN'S TIME (10:45)

Annie Bray

All children are invited to come forward. Following Children's Time,  
all children who are returning to the Children's Wing are invited to room #102.

### *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;

Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing His prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
One with His ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
Born of one Fa - ther, We are His chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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## *Baptism of Thomas Cox and Jakoby Gregory (10:45)*

### BAPTISMAL LITANY

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Believing that God in Jesus Christ loves the whole world, including me.

Recognizing that I have sinned, and will continue to fall short of the beauty of God's plan.

Accepting Jesus as Lord and Christ of my life, and being washed in the waters of Christian baptism to symbolize my liberation from death, and my resurrection to abundant life.

I now publicly confess that Jesus Christ is Lord of my life and destiny.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, I vow to live in devotion to God, in cooperation with Christ's church, and in fellowship with the global community of believers.

Because of the love, power, and acceptance of God in Christ, I am transformed.

The past is finished; everything is now fresh and new.

### THE BAPTISM OF THOMAS JAMES COX (10:45 AM)

John 8:12

### THE BAPTISM OF JAKOBY DANIEL GENE GREGORY (10:45 AM)

John 3:16-17

## *We Are Called to Be God's People*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

1. We are called to be God's peo - ple, show - ing by our lives His \_ grace;  
2. We are called to be God's ser - vants, work - ing in His world to - day;

One in heart and one in spir - it, sign of hope for all the \_ race.  
Tak - ing His own task up - on \_ us, all His sa - cred words o - bey.

Let us show \_ how He has changed us, and re - made us as His own;  
Let us rise, \_ then, to His sum - mons, ded - i - cate to Him our all;

Let us share our life to - geth - er as we \_ shall \_ a - round His \_ throne.  
That we may be faith - ful ser - vants, quick to \_ an - swer \_ now His \_ call.

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## CHORAL RESPONSE

Second Voices

*Down to the River to Pray*  
Mary McDonald, arr.

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way  
and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.  
O brother, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O brother, let's go down,  
Down to the river to pray, down to the river to pray.  
Lord listen to your children prayin'. O Lord, send your Spir-it in this place.  
O Lord, listen to your children prayin', send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.  
Something's gonna happen like the world has never known,  
when the people of the Lord get down to pray.  
A door's gonna swing open and the walls come a tumblin' down,  
when the people of the Lord get down to pray.  
O children, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
O children, let's go down, down to the river to pray,

*Luke 16:1-13*

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup> “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## PROCLAMATION

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*Let it Go*

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

You are invited to dedicate your life to Christ, join our faith community,  
or answer a call from God to do ministry in this world by coming forward  
during the hymn and share this decision with a pastor.

## ASSAM

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# Jim Smith, Lynn Gilmore

# Marilyn Arland

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Please share the peace with those near you.

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you  
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field  
Will clap will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy

★ PASTORAL BENEDICTION

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Following this worship gathering, please join us in the Grand Hall for a time of fellowship, connection and coffee. We do ask that all cups in the building have lids. At 10:30, there are Sunday school classes for children, youth, and adults. We invite you to visit a discipleship group today.

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## WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER MENU



### *Fair Food!*

**Adults and Kids:** Turkey Legs, Foot Long Hot Dogs, Grilled Burgers, Corn Dogs, Chili, Nacho Bar, Funnel Cake, Deep Fried Oreos, Cotton Candy

Adults \$8 and Kids 12 & under eat FREE!

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Find complete information on Wednesday Programming and RSVP for dinner at [secondb.org/wednesday](https://secondb.org/wednesday)



**TODAY**

**COFFEE DUTY - Phase 2 Class**

- 8:30 am: Worship
- 9:30 am: Sunday School / Bible Study
- 10:45 am: Worship & Livestream
- 4:00 pm: Bells Gloria Rehearsal - Room #101
- 5:00 pm: Beloved Community Meeting
- 6:00 pm: Second Chance Al-Anon - Room #134

**MONDAY, September 22**

No Activities

**TUESDAY, September 23**

- 6:30 am: Tuesday Morning Prayer Group @ Chicken Run Café
- 11:00 am: B & B Book Club Meeting - Hope Class Room #123
- 6:00 pm: Vision and Leadership Team Meeting - Anyone Can Attend  
Learn to Play Mahjong - Room #130

**WEDNESDAY, September 24**

- 10:00 am: Beginners Bridge - Room #130
- 2:00 pm: Senior Adult Fellowship - Room #130
- 3:30 pm: Blood Drive
- 4:00 pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry - Conference Center
- 5:15 pm: Wednesday Fellowship Dinner - Grand Hall
- 6:00 pm: Reflection on Charlie Fuller Presentation - Grand Hall  
Youth Hangout / Children's Ministry
- 6:30 pm: Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm: Second Voices Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, September 25**

- 6:45 am: Jesus and Grits @ Chicken Run Cafe
- 10:00 am: Living Well Yoga Classes - Conference Center

## WE TAKE SERIOUSLY OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Prayer cards are available. Please place your filled out card and offerings in the box on the rear wall of the Worship Hall or place in the offering plate as it is passed during worship.

## ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE.

Please ask an usher for assistance as you enter the sanctuary for worship.

### *Every Member a Minister*

#### *Church Staff*

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