

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

BLESSING

HYMN: “*The Doxology*”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim;
The pow’r and might of his great name;
Let us exalt on bended knee;
Praise God, the Holy Trinity. Amen.

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

Traditional Worship Guide

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost ❖ September 13, 2020

WE GATHER

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.
- P: Most merciful God,
- C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen.**

HYMN: “*Immortal Invisible*”

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!



- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew;
how trifling others debts to us;
how great our debt to you!
- 4 Lord, cleans the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then by your mercy reconciled;
our lives will spread your peace.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING	<i>Romans 14: 7-12</i>	Bible, pg. 1765
HOLY GOSPEL	<i>Matthew 18: 21-35</i>	Bible, pg. 1527

SERMON

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN: "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive" [tune 886]

- 1 Forgive our sins as we forgive,
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.
- 2 How can you pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart;
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response:

P: ...Lord in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.