

**15th Sunday After Pentecost
September 18, 2022 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ

*Song of Praise

#2088, "Lord I Lift Your Name on High," Sing the Faith Hymnal

Lord I lift Your name on high

Lord I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky

Lord I lift Your name on high

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Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

*Call to Worship

[based on Psalm 118:19-24]

Leader: Lord Open the gates of righteousness to us, that we may enter, and give thanks to you.

People: We will give You thanks, for You have answered us; You have become our salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become our chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This day is the day that the Lord has made;

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Hymn of Adoration

#240, "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" vs. 1, 3, 4

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Text & Music: Donald Fishel, 1971, arr. Betty Pulkingham & Donald Fishel, 1979
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Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Time of personal silent prayers of confession

Leader: Let us continue in prayer.

People: Gracious heavenly Father, you sent Christ to be an intercession and an example for us to follow. But God, while he was oppressed; too often we are actually guilty of afflicting others. He was judged; too often we declare others unworthy. He was stricken; too often we are the ones who cause others pain. He was put to death; and too often we hurt other's lives. Numbered with sinners, he bore our transgressions. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, make us righteous, so that in him we can obey you. Amen.

Baptism & Affirmation of Baptism for 2022 Confirmation Class

Hearing God's Word

Hymn of Preparation

#518, "Lamb of God"

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Refrain:

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Your gift of love we crucified
We laughed and scorned Him as he died
The humble King we named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died
But you have brought me to Your side

To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God

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New Testament Responsive Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Leader: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit,"

People: "For theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Leader: "Blessed are those who mourn,"

People: "For they will be comforted."

Leader: "Blessed are the meek,"

People: "For they will inherit the earth."

Leader: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,"

People: "For they will be filled."

Leader: "Blessed are the merciful,"

People: "For they will receive mercy."

Leader: "Blessed are the pure in heart,"

People: "For they will see God."

Leader: "Blessed are the peacemakers,"

People: "For they will be called children of God."

Leader: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

People: "For theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Leader: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,

People: "For in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Leader: O God, you have turned our world upside-down through the life and death of Jesus.

People: Awaken us now to your blessing. Stir our hearts that we might act to glorify you in all things, through Christ, our Lord.

Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."
After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

New Testament Reading: John 19: 30-37

30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

31 Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. 32 The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. 33 But when they came to Jesus and found

that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. 35 The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. 36 These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," 37 and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

Sermon

"The Beatitudes... It is Finished"

Please include "sign for sermon" in powerpoint

Responding to God's Word

Prayer of Faith

Offering

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

"Sweetly Broken," LFC Worship Team

*Response

#606, The Doxology, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above the Heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen

Text: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn of Response

#442, "Just as I am, without One Plea," vs. 1-3

Just as I am, without one plea,

But that Thy blood was shed for me,

And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,

O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about

With many a conflict, many a doubt;

Fightings and fears within, without,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1834

Music: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849; harm. The Hymnbook, 1955

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#553, "Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen"

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Text: Trad. Liturgical text

Music: American folk melody, arr. Richard Prouix, 1984

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able