

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021 @ 8:30am

THEME: As the summertime ends, we can have some fun celebrating together the work of this congregation by asking those questions we've always wanted to know the answers to but were too afraid, too embarrassed, to confused to ask! Let's try to stump the pastor!

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG

Open the Eyes of My Heart

REFRAIN:

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.**

**To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing holy, holy, holy REFRAIN**

Holy, holy, holy (repeat 3 times)

**I want to see you
(Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.)**

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.**

FIRST READING

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Pew Bible Old Testament Page 670

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Pam Challis

STUMP THE PASTOR TIME!!!

***SERMON HYMN**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

#800

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.**

**I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.**

**Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart,
and strength, and mind?**

I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

**Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.**

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is
seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need...
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and
forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Blessed Assurance

#638

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

REFRAIN:

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. REFRAIN**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. REFRAIN**

DISMISSAL

**Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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(off camera)