

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

9:00 AM

## CONNECTING WITH CHRIST

Prelude

Welcome, Celebration and Concerns

Call to Worship

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

†Hymn 121            *How Majestic Is Your Name*

## CLEANSING OUR HEARTS

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Most merciful and heavenly Father, Your compassion for us is beyond understanding. Your love for us is unconditional. We come to You with the burden of our sins. The weight of brokenness threatens to overwhelm our spirits and thrust us into a pit of despair. Gracious Savior, have mercy upon us, and lift us into the light of Your presence. Remind us of Your gracious words. "Come, let us reason together", says the Lord, "Though your sins were as scarlet, you shall be washed as white as snow." Let the cleansing power of Your forgiveness be the ointment that heals our wounded souls. Let us be witnesses of Your redemption, through the sacrifice of Your only Son. It is in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we offer this prayer. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Choral Response            *Hymn 92*

*"O how I love Jesus! O how I love Jesus! O how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me."*

## RESPONDING TO GRACE

Invitation to the Offering

†Doxology            *Hymn 815*

†Fourth Stanza of America            *Pew Hymnal, page 807*

*Our Father's God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.*

†Affirmation of Faith  
*Adapted from Westminster Larger Catechism, q. 193, 7.303*

*In the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread," We acknowledge that in Adam, and by our own sin, we have forfeited our right to all the outward blessings of this life. We also acknowledge that material goods of themselves are not able to sustain us, or by simply our own industry can we procure them. We are prone to desire, get, and use them unlawfully. We pray for ourselves and others, that we may enjoy a competent portion of these blessings by waiting upon the providence of God from day to day, and using them in an appropriate manner. We accept these material blessing as God's free gift, given through God's fatherly wisdom as what shall seem best. We also pray to be blessed in our holy and comfortable use of them, and be content in them; and be kept from all things that are contrary to our temporal support and comfort. Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer

†Hymn 624            *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

## RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Scripture            *Philippians 4:4-13*            *Page 1830*

Message            *Seek Peace and Pursue It: Encouraging*  
*Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lovelady*

## CONNECTING WITH LIFE

†Hymn 526            *The Solid Rock*

†Benediction

†Postlude

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*†Worshippers are asked to stand, if able*