

September 5, 2021 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Your Worship Leader this morning is Scott Kinnamon with Carol Hehenberger offering the sermon meditation

Prelude

Ring of the Bell

Opening Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 516 - John Ellerton wrote this hymn celebrating that science and art are a part of God's creation. "O Grant Us, God, a Little Space" seems appropriate for Labor Day weekend as Ellerton writes "Yours are the work-place, home and mart, the wealth of sea and land; The worlds of science and of art are fashioned by your hand."

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Listen! God is welcoming us to this time of worship. Young and old, rich and poor, all are welcomed.

Liturgist and Congregation: This is a place where all belong. This is a time when all are accountable to God.

Liturgist: The Maker of all seeks our common good. The God of Mercy calls on us to be merciful.

Liturgist and Congregation: We are not judges over our sisters and brothers. We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Liturgist: Come to sing praises and put your trust in God. Come to prepare yourself to serve in Christ's name.

Liturgist and Congregation: We bring all our needs to God, our hope. We want to share faith and hope with others.

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 612 - The tune for this hymn is entitled "Song of Rejoicing." This hymn connects directly to the reading from Isaiah. "Strengthen All the Weary Hands" speaks of courage and strength and closes with "Look, your God is coming. God, comes, comes to save you!"

Confession of Sin – Liturgists and Congregation

O God, we confess that our good intentions have gone astray. We favor the people who are like us and honor those we deem to be important. We dishonor the poor, write off those with whom we disagree, excuse our self-serving behavior, and sow injustice on every hand. It is so much easier to give advice than to do good. We would rather point fingers at others who are unfair than to give up our own advantages. O God, we plead for your forgiveness and for a depth of faith that will make a difference in us and in our world. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri (Instrumental)

Old Testament Lesson – Liturgist #1 – Isaiah 35:4-7a

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of Praise (Video) Jesus Messiah by Worship Team

Epistle Lesson – Liturgist #2 – James 2:1-10, 14-17

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Scott Kinnamon

Lord’s Prayer

Offering – Scott Kinnamon

Offertory Music - NCH 562 - “Take My Gifts” opens with “take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.”

Offertory Prayer – Scott Kinnamon

Gospel Lesson – Scott Kinnamon – Mark 7:24-37

Sermon – Carol Hehenberger

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 593 - “Lift Every Voice and Sing” is a celebration of freedom, faith and hope.

Benediction

Postlude

- The radio broadcast on this Sunday September 5th is sponsored by Verda McFarlane in loving memory of her husband, Robert McFarlane and their 74th wedding anniversary on September 6.