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September 5, 2021
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

REFLECTION

"We don't withdraw from the world, but overcome evil with good. Don't hate your enemy; feed him instead. Don't hide away, but love your neighbour in the broadest sense of that word." ~ Phil Colgin

OPENING SONGS "Living Hope" (Phil Wickham) & "The Way" (Pat Barrett)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

SUMMER HYMN SING

OPENING PRAYER (*In Unison*)

God of grace and God of glory, on this anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11, grant us the wisdom to remember the lessons from that tragic day that make us more Christ-like. Drive away from us any vengeful urges, any hate-filled sentiment, any whisper from within or without that goads us to return evil for evil. Give us your strength to face the memory of this attack and the changes it made in our lives. Give us your hope as we face an uncertain future. As we consider that fall day years ago, grant us the ability to cling to the examples of goodness that emerged out of the horror: strangers banding together to thwart more carnage, people lining up to donate blood, congregations opening their doors to offer respite for anyone and everyone, people offering comfort and care to those they knew and those they'd never met. May these acts of mercy emulated in our lives be the ripple that reverberates through history, revealing your sure power to bring redemption, reconciliation, and resurrection out of the depths of death and despair. In the strong name of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Word of God Speak" (MercyMe)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Adult Education

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 29:4-7, 11

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10: 29-37

MESSAGE

"Making Money off the Good Samaritan"

Rev. William Schram

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Bring Forth the Kingdom"

CELEBRATING OUR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

HYMN

"Bring Forth the Kingdom" (GIA: Gather #280, St. 3 & 4)

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Bring for the Kingdom of God!
Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God!
Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN NO. 595

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ARGENTINE SANTO

Holy, holy, holy.

My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you:
you are holy, Lord!

CONSECRATION

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF COMMUNION

HYMN NO. 603 (*Sung during the Sharing of Communion*)

“Lamb of God”

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us, O grant us your peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN NO. 719, St. 1 & 4

“Come, Labor On”

ORA LABORA

Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain
While all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
“Go work today.”

Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
Till the long shadows o’er our pathway lie,
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun,
“Well done, well done!”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

arr. John A. Behnke

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Rev. Barbara Piercy & Scott Westenberger (Illuminate Worship Leader)
Susan Jones
Micki Hardenberg, Cantor
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers