

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering Music Jan Mauck

Welcome and Greeting Time Brice Smith

Prelude "Dawn Price" Gregory Hamilton

### \*Call to Worship

"I will sing to the Lord, for an overflowing victory! Horse and rider, he has thrown into the sea.

**The Lord is my strength and my song, and the Lord has become my salvation;**

This is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

**The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.**

**Women: "I will sing to the Lord, for an overflowing victory! Horse and rider, he has thrown into the sea."**

**Exodus 15:1b-3, 21 (New Revised Standard Version)**

\*Song of Praise "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" 405

### \*Invocational Prayer

Song of Faith "Refiner's Fire" 374

**Community and Congregational 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

Choir Anthem **Wade In The Water** Janet Nyfeler, Dir.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament Exodus 14:19-31

A Reading from the Apostles Romans 14:1-12

\*Responsorial "God, How Can We Forgive"

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "Come, Holy Traveler" Patricia Harris

Children's Message (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

\*Scripture and Prayer of Illumination Matthew 18:21-35

Message: "Payback"

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

## RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

\*Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

\*Song "There is a Wideness in God's Mercy" 61

\*Spoken Benediction

\*Postlude "Since I Have Been Redeemed" Lani Smith

\*Please stand if able

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**CHILDRENS ACTIVITY BAGS AND BULLETINS – We are glad to have children in worship!** Activity bags filled with coloring pages, crayons, and other items are available for preschool and elementary-aged children near the sanctuary door. Enjoy the bags and children's bulletins; take your artwork home. Place the bags on the front pew after the worship service so we can restock them.

**THE AGAPE FUND COLLECTION** – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord's Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor, Church Office, or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** – The Church Office will be closed on Fridays during the month of September.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** – West Side Baptist Church celebrates the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. We practice "open communion." This means we recognize the Table of the Lord does not belong to any church but solely to Jesus Christ. Therefore, any baptized Christian is welcome to receive the bread and the cup in this Christian church.



**MISSION:** The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ

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