

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering Prayer – God of mercy, we come here thirsty for your word, to learn and relearn what really matters in this world. Fill us with a desire to be your people and to worship you in truth. Amen.

Prelude “Sweet Hour Of Prayer”
Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening #356** “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”
Matthew Smith, Music Director

*Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—**

Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and
compassion,

Who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

**The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.**

Psalm 103:1-5, 8 New International Version (NIV)

*Invocation Prayer

Songs “10,000 Reasons” **WT**

The Prayers of the People and 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For

Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

A Reading from the Apostles Romans 14:1-12

***A Reading from the Holy Gospel** Matthew 18:21-35

Response “I Will Sing Unto the Lord”

Children’s Message (Children dismissed to Junior Church)

Invitation to Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

The Message “Saved Through the Waters”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Song #354** “Just As I Am”

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude

Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

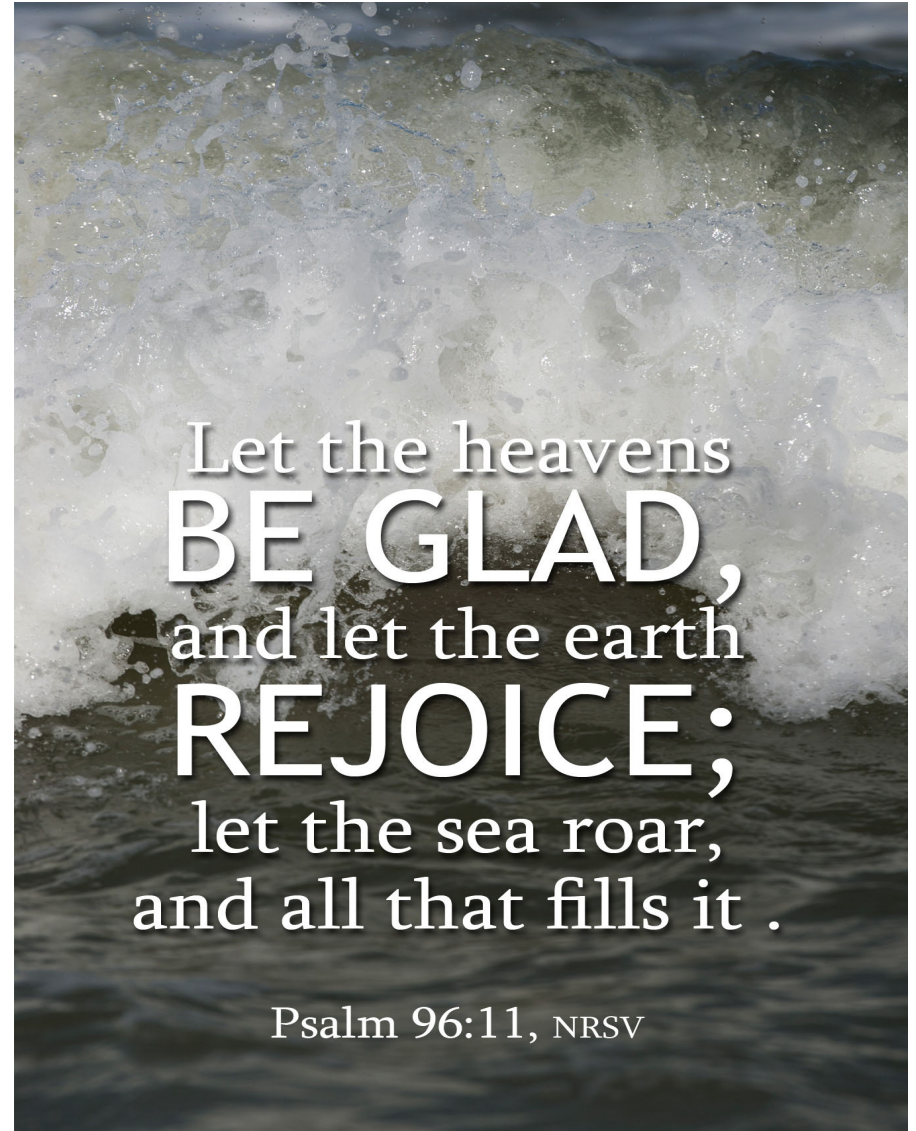
*Please stand if able

THE LORD'S SUPPER – We celebrate the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month and special occasions. All persons of faith, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please cup your hands to receive the sanitary communion wafer and juice sealed in small containers. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Call Pastor Ivan to receive homebound communion delivery.

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM – We practice “believer’s baptism,” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

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