

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

M. Rinehart

Kay Wildman, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus’ Name

*Hymn #30 “All Things Bright and Beautiful” ROYAL OAK

*Call to Worship

Those who trust in the Lord are like Holy Mount Zion:

They shall not be moved!

**As the mountains protect Jerusalem,
God Surrounds the faithful!**

Those who trust in God will act on their trust.

They shall not turn aside from the needs of others.

**As the righteous refuse to be governed by evil,
God bless the upright in heart!**

Those who are generous are blessed by God.

They will share their bread with the poor.

**As goodness governs the hearts of the humble,
May peace be upon us as we worship our God!**

Adapted from Psalm 125 by Timothy Matthew Slemmons, “When Heaven Stands

Open: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship.” Cascade Books: 2013.

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*Opening Prayer

*Songs #480 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” Worship Team
#373 “Change My Heart, O God”

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Karen Kirby

The First Reading

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

The Second Reading

James 2:1-17

Song #575 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

BEACH SPRING

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication: O Christ, you have done everything well. As we seek to live in you, to be a living part of you, and to do good works in your name, we ask that you would purify and increase these gifts with your holy grace, even as you fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit, so that their use would be a blessing to your kingdom and a winsome gift to those in need.

Offertory

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*The Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

Prayer & Message

“The Better Way: Impartial Love”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to Holy Communion & Right Hand of Fellowship

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Holy Communion:

Breaking of Bread – *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

Passing of the Cup – *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

Communion Hymn

“In Remembrance of Me”

WE RESPOND 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.

*Closing Hymn

“Living for Jesus”

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude “O Living Bread from Heaven” *D. Busarow*

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*Please stand if able



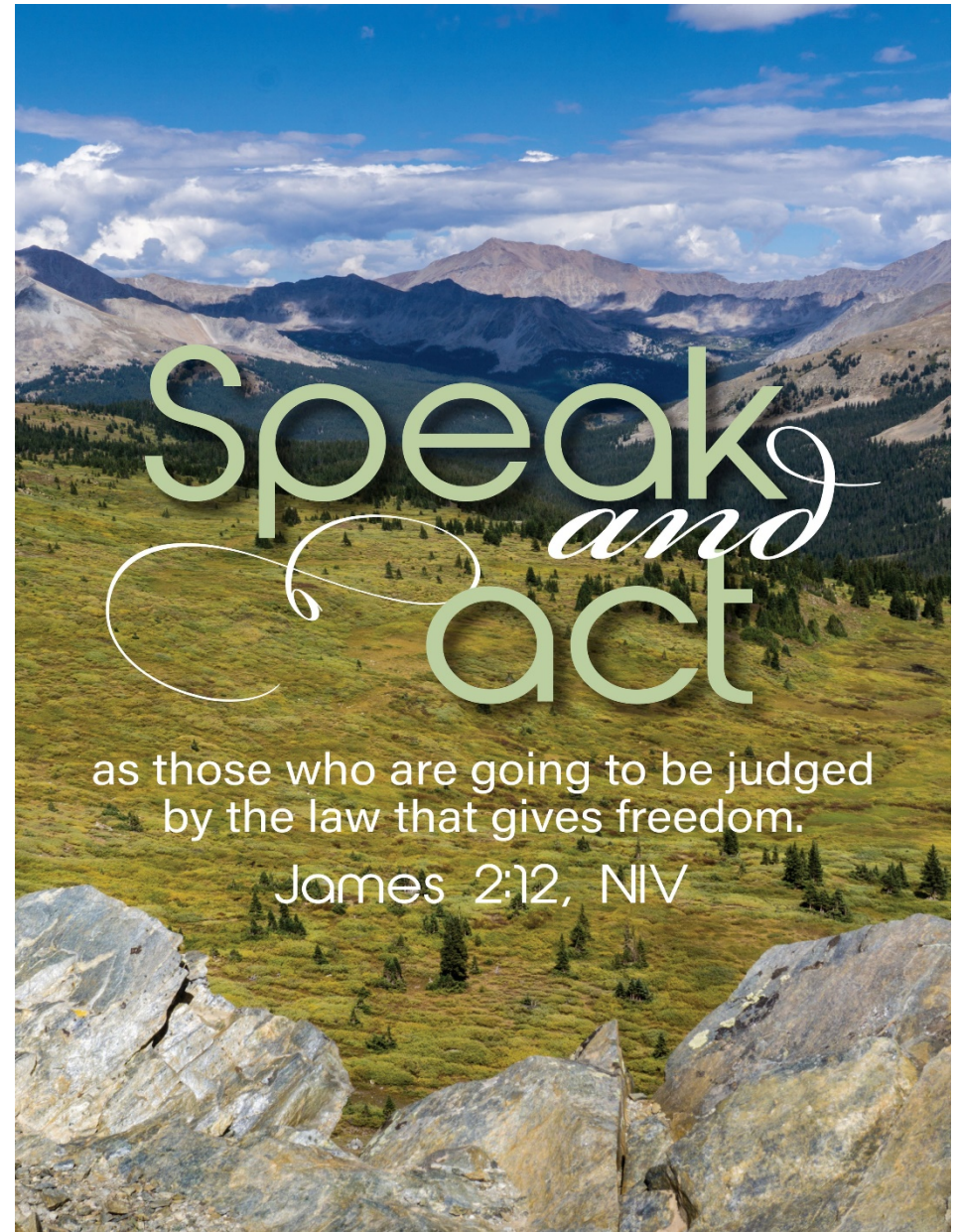
BELIEVER’S BAPTISM – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his or her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year.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

THE LORD’S SUPPER – We celebrates the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. All persons, 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 hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together.



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