

15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 10, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude

Janice Hedberg, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

*Gathering Song # 505 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" *All The Way*

*Call to Worship

God is seated in the court of heaven.

The Lord judges all lesser gods, saying,

"How long will you judge unjustly, and be partial to the wicked?"

"Give justice to the weak and the orphan; defend the right of the poor and lowly.

"They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; the foundations of the earth are shaken.

"You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you!

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince!"

Rise up, O God, and judge the earth!

For all the nations belong to you!

*Opening Prayer

Songs of Faith # "You Are My King" WT

"Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone" WT

Proclamation of Faith & Forgiveness[†]

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Jack Janway

The First Reading

Amos 7:7-17

The Second Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Luke 10:25-37

*Responsorial # 480 "Open My Eyes that I may See"

Open My Eyes

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Announcements & Prayers of the Community

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - A collection plate is available in the front of the Sanctuary, ushers will collect the offering, or you can give it online.

Offertory

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Prayer, and The Message

"Who Is My Neighbor?"

The Reverend Ed O'Rear, ABCUSA Clergy, retired

Ed O'Rear is a graduate of Butler University and Central Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served American Baptist Churches in Indiana and Kansas. Ed also worked for Shawnee County 28 years retiring as Director of Shawnee County Community Corrections. Ed and his wife, Sandy, have two married daughters and four grandchildren living in Texas

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.

*Closing Hymn # 354

"Just As I Am"

Woodworth

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude

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**Stand when able*

HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer and Redeemer (Savior) and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).
5. **HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD** – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and covenant of this may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

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