September 18, 2022 15th Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

* All may stand as able

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements Jennifer Smith

Prelude Give Me Jesus arr. David Kidwell

African-American Spiritual

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jennifer Smith

One: Like empty jars, we have come to be filled.

Many: Like ornamental candles, we have come to be set ablaze.

One: Like aged wine in a cask, we have come to be poured out.

Many: Like weary travelers, we have come to find rest.

One: Like lovers drifted apart, we have come to be reconciled.

Many: Like little children, we have come to be surprised.

One: Hear the word of God, and make your reply:

"My heart has heard you say, 'Come and talk with me, O my people'!"

All: And my heart responds, "God, I am coming!"

*HYMN 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

* INVOCATION deNay Kirkpatrick

O God, there is a dark and lonesome gulf in worship, a cavern of the awesome into which we rarely go. We prefer catchy tunes, bright vestments, and holiday prayers. We would rather exchange fellowship than touch holiness. Enable us in this precious time to venture into the depths of worship which can never be found totally in individual spirituality, but which open slowly before the shared pain, struggle, and love of the communion of the saints. Amen.

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

Children may choose to go to Junior Church after Children's Sermon

CONFESSING TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION deNay Kirkpatrick

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

HYMN 451 Open My Eyes, That I May See OPEN MY EYES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Jennifer Smith

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 79:1-9

ANTHEM The Gift of Love Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire and have the gift to all inspire, but have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

SERMON "Prayer" deNay Kirkpatrick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

* AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Immortal Love, Forever Full arr. Michael Cox

* THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

deNay Kirkpatrick

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

* HYMN 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

* CHARGE AND BLESSING
And, all God's children say, Alleluia! Amen!

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Blessing

Carlo Giomo

* POSTLUDE

Passacaglia and Chorale

James Mansfield

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deNay Kirkpatrick, Guest Speaker

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