



*THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY*

*September 13th, 2020*

*15th Sunday after Pentecost*

*10:00 am*

*IF POSSIBLE PLEASE PRINT OUT A COPY OF THIS SERVICE  
& BRING THE COPY WITH YOU ON SUNDAY.*

*It will be needed for the unison Prayer of Confession.*

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

*\*\*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

## **GATHERING**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Derek Almarode, Worship Leader

## **WE APPROACH GOD**

**Call to Worship**

Derek Almarode, Worship Leader

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer of Adoration**

O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**\*\*Prayer of Confession**

(All) Together

*\* Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive.*

*In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.*

**\*\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Derek Almarode, Worship Leader

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Brian Lee, Elder

**Scripture** Old Testament Haggai 1:6  
New Testament James 4:1-3

**Sermon**

*"Needs vs Wants"*  
Brian Lee, Elder

*(service continued)*

## ***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

### **\*\*Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed  
(All) Together

Let us confess the faith of our Baptism.

*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.*

### **Prayers of the People Joys & Concerns**

Derek Almarode, Worship Leader

Merciful God, you alone are Lord of conscience. In life and death, we belong to you. Ultimately, we are accountable only to you. Trusting in your mercy, confident as your children, we come to you eager to be in your presence and receive your wisdom.

- When uncertainty swirls all around us, we rest in your peace.
- When the world feels threatening, we find solace in your compassion.
- When we are overwhelmed by the needs of the world, we remember your power to heal and bring wholeness in ways we could never imagine.
- When we fear we are alone, you promise never to abandon us.
- When we yearn to unburden our hearts, you assure us that you hear our sighs too deep for words.

Loving God, there is much on our minds this day; people recovering from fires, students, teachers and parents attempting to navigate a school year like no other. In all these places and with all your people, bring relief and offer encouragement;

- We suffer with those suffering from hunger, illness and loneliness.
- We rejoice with those who rejoice at the birth of a baby or the beginning of a marriage.
- We give thanks for the care we receive from friends and the kindness shown to us by strangers.

*(prayer continues)*

Make of us, we pray, reflections of your goodness and grace to those most in need of your mercy.

You surround us with others with whom to do the work you call us to do. You send your Spirit to give us the words, show us the way and empower us to keep going when we are tempted to turn away from you. We hold fast to your promise in order that others might come to experience your love through us.

As we wrestle with “what if?” and “what now?” We ask for a sure sense of your providence even when we cannot yet perceive it. Grant us the wisdom to know the next thing we must do in order to follow you. Give us the courage to do that next thing with our whole heart and the faith to do it with joy. We make our prayer in the name of our Lord, Jesus, who taught us to say when we pray, ***Our Father...***

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

(All) Together

***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***

### **\*\*Charge and Benediction**

Brian Lee, Elder

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