

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM, September 21st, 2025

Asterisk (*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

When we are surrounded on every side, wondering which way is up and which way is down...

Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

When we question which way to go and how to follow God's path for us...

Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

When we find our rest in God and long for others to know the sweet peace of God's embrace...

Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

Today, as we gather for worship, may we come ready to listen and discern God's help that meets us right where we are.

Help us, God, to receive your help and to extend your help to our neighbors, all for the glory of your name.

*HYMN "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" **UMH # 462**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed **UMH # 881**

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Loving and Gracious God - Holy one of Israel - tender one to all who call upon you with repentant and believing hearts: bless us, we pray, with your presence this day. Teach the little ones who have gathered to learn your ways, inspire those who seek your wisdom, energize those who are exhausted, comfort those who grieve, and strengthen those who are weak. Indeed, O God, fill all of our hearts with your praise and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

God, do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors. Forgive us, merciful God, for our history of violence. Let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought low. With haste come to us, for we are bent beneath the weight of war-making. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name. Rescue us, O Wind of the Spirit, from the sea of despair. Deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake. Jesus, have mercy on our nation, for the sake of God's reign. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

There is a balm in Gilead: Christ Jesus, who has ransomed us with love and grace. In the balm of Christ's love, we are forgiven and restored to life.

Thanks be to God!

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:9-13 (NRSV)

9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

10 "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

11 If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

13 No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

MESSAGE

"What Will I Do?"

Rev. Dongkue Jee

RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN "I Need Thee Every Hour"

UMH # 397

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH # 895

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH # 95

*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

Unshakable and merciful God, you meet us in the ruins just as surely as in times of rejoicing. When all feels lost, you are not. When we stumble for answers, you remain our refuge. Receive these gifts, given not from abundance alone but from hearts that still dare to trust. Let them be signs of your presence in broken places, tools of healing, hope, and grace in a hurting world. Help us live our praise, even in lament, as your people who believe in your goodness - still. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN "For The Healing Of The Nations"

UMH # 428

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



Welcome to

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Jeremiah lamenting the destruction of Jerusalem, 1630,
Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, 1606-1669,
Rijksmuseum Amsterdam, Painting, Amsterdam, Netherlands

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