

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 18, 2022

10:00AM

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WELCOME Pastor Small

ORGAN PRELUDE Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word Piet Post (1919-1979)  
Blessed Jesus, at Thy word / We are gathered all to hear Thee;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred / Now to seek and love and fear Thee,  
By Thy teachings, sweet and holy, / Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.  
- Tobias Clausnitzer (c. 1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)  
*Pilgrim Hymnal*, No. 212, stanza 1

CHORAL INTROIT This Is the Day

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Deacon  
From east and west, north and south, whoever we are and wherever we are, we are the church together. This is the day that God has made, so let us rejoice and be glad in it!

\*INVOCATION (unison)  
**Source of all knowledge and wisdom, Holy and Eternal God, we gather to worship you. Accept our praise, prayers, and all that we offer now. Make us increasingly worthy to call you our God. Hear us, as in the Spirit of Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN 64 (blue) We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

1. We sing your mighty power, O God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at your command, and all the stars obey.
2. We sing your goodness, sovereign God, who filled the earth with food; you formed the creatures with your word, and then pronounced them good. Oh! How your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes: if we survey the ground we tread, or gaze upon the skies.
3. There's not a plant or flower below, but makes your glories known; and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne. While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care, and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON 1 Timothy 2:1-7

ALL AGES TOGETHER

CHORAL ANTHEM Be Thou My Vision

PASTORAL PRAYER  
Prayer of our Savior

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Interlude *Old Hundredth* Johann Pachelbel  
(1653-1706)

\*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.

\*Dedication of Offering

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 16:1-13

SERMON The Steward's Commission Pastor Small

\*HYMN 677 (blue) Let There Be Peace on Earth

1. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

\*COMMISSION

One: As we go out to be the body of Christ in the world, let us remember the three great loves to which our faith calls us:  
**All: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind; love your neighbor as yourself; and love and care for the earth and all that dwells therein.**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE          Irish Blessing

POSTLUDE                  *Toccata on a Finnish Folk Song*                  David L. Almond  
List to the harps of heaven! / Hark to the song victorious,                  (b. 1943)  
The never-ending anthem sounding through the sky.  
- Johan Kahl (1721-1746); tr. Ernest Edwin Ryden (1886-1981)  
*Service Book and Hymnal*, No. 180, from stanza 2

\* *You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

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