

"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." – Luke 11:9-10

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 21, 2025 – 15th Sunday After Pentecost

(\*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in boldface.)

PRELUDE "Andante" Domenico Gabrielli

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

# \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

# CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY

### INTROIT

OPENING WORDS & PRAYER (adapted from Psalm 113)

Praise the LORD, O servants of God;

praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD

from this time on and forevermore.

The LORD is high above all nations,

and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

who looks far down on heaven and earth?

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

# **CALL TO CONFESSION**

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of all, you warn us how we cannot serve God and wealth. Yet we ignore your voice, placing our trust and hope in money and things, instead of investing ourselves fully in your grace and love. We judge ourselves and others by what we do not have, rather than recognizing ways that we have been richly blessed. Forgive us, Lord. Use our wealth as a means of serving you. Transform us into the good stewards of all that has been entrusted to us, so that your will may be accomplished.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #581 "Glory Be to the Father"

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: I Timothy 2:1-7

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00] "There Is A Balm In Gilead"

**Howard Helvey** 

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
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There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus and say "He died for all."

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 16:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** 

"Passing the Savings on to You"

Rev. George W. Chapman III

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

What do we believe?

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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### **OFFERING**

\*Response: Hymn #606 "Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow"

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

\*HYMN #707 "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

HALL

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE** 

Ushers: Mike Clawson & Kitty Green Greeter: Joanne Prettyman Welcome Table: Bart Norwood Liturgist: Marvin Stackhouse Acolyte: Steven Vattimo

The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Betsy Braddock in loving honor of Sarah & Jim's 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary this week.

As a courtesy to others, please take a moment to silence your cell phone before our worship service begins.

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