

AUTUMN THEME: GOSPEL ENCOUNTERS

September 13, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Fugue in A flat major

J.S. Bach

Please respect those who wish to sit in silence.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Katie Miller

*Greeting and Passing of the Peace

"The Peace of God be with you."

In Unison: Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

* Let us rise in body or spirit.

Call to Worship

Allison Beaman, liturgist

We are in God's care wherever we go.

God's strength enables us in difficult times.

Empower us with your Holy Word,

So that we will embody the Spirit of Christ

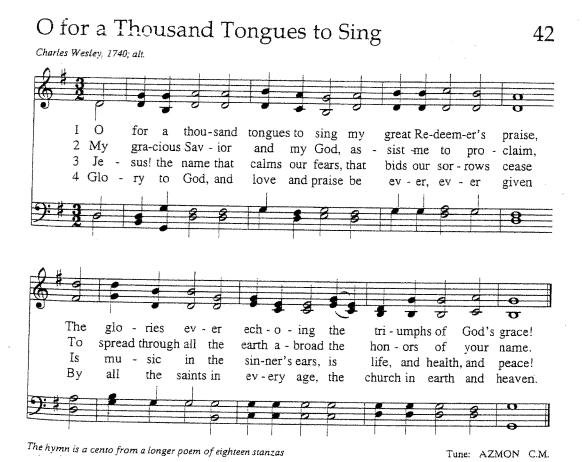
In our relations with one another and our care for all people:

That oppression might end, desperate needs be met,

And mercy extended to all your children.

*Processional Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



*Invocation

Let every tongue praise you as we give account of your marvelous deeds, great God. You led our ancestors through the wilderness and protected them through danger. You healed the sick and restored the exiles. Your Spirit continues to accompany us with comfort and inspiration. Today, we pray that you will grant us strength and deliver us. Amen.

*Gloria

Black Hymnal, No. 759

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Conversation with the Children

Second Testament Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

For the Word of God in scripture, For the Word of God within us, For the Word of God among us, Thanks be to God.

Sermon Have Mercy Rev. Dr. Scott Jones

Musical Interlude

*Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we have not been faithful to your commands. We too often fail to listen to one another. Our disagreements can divide us, bringing pain and harm. Help us to put away quarreling, jealousy, and insult. Instead, shine through us with the radiance of grace, mercy, forgiveness, and reconciliation. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*Words of Assurance

God's healing, reconciling presence has come among us and dwells within us. Our openness to God's transforming love releases in us the potential for wholeness. As joyful followers of Jesus, we radiate beauty.

Prayers

Pastoral Prayer 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.

Offertory

A Perfect Circle (A Tautology)

Bell Choir

arr. Bouma

*Hymn of Dedication

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Offertory Prayer

We honor you, O God, as we give. We know we do not live or die to ourselves but are a part of a large community, linked in ways beyond our knowing with you and all generations of your children. We are accountable to you and share in responsibility for one another and for the care of this planet. Thus we dedicate ourselves and our resources for the work of your realm. Receive our gifts and use them. Amen.

*Recessional Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations

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*Benediction

Benediction Response

Bouma

May you hear laughter in the wind. May you see hope in the light. May you find courage in your faith. May you know joy in your God.

Postlude Toccata in G J.S. Bach

Open & Affirming Statement

In our ongoing quest for hearts that open, minds that understand, and lives that serve, we welcome into our fellowship, membership, leadership, and employment, all people, regardless of abilities, race, gender, sexual orientation, or any God-given characteristic.

Announcements **September 13, 2020**

Prayers: Dr. Leland Lamberty, hospitalized and on a ventilator in North Platte with COVID induced pneumonia; John Schleicher, who died recently; Bud Cassiday, recovering from surgery; **Jenny Pfeifer**, recovering from surgery.

Joys: Dave Shipley & Pat Miller, celebrating their wedding last weekend; Megan & Lee Holmstedt, celebrating the birth of Madeleine Grace Holmstedt – proud grandparents are Vic & Jan Kensler.

Chancel flowers and decorations: provided this month by members.

Happy Birthday this week: to Andy Acker, Curt Cannon, Sam Rath, Saul Gonzalez, and Richard Le Clerc. If you have a birthday that isn't listed, that means it isn't in the church database. Please email or call the office to update your records.

Activities for the Coming Week, September 14 – September 19

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:108; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16.

Monday:

Staff meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Eves, 7 p.m., Zoom

Tuesday:

Council, 7 p.m., Zoom

Wednesday: Choir, 7 p.m., Zoom

Vespers, 8 p.m. on FaceBook Live

Sunday, September 20

Worship: 10:30 a.m. on YouTube, or in-person!

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