

Service of Worship
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 22, 2018 10:15 AM

*Please rise as able

-- Ready for the Word --

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Beginning – *with the congregation* Grove Songbook Pg. 5
“Awesome God”

The Light of God Enters

*Call to Worship

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

*Hymn Hymnal No. 14
“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Prayer of Confession

God, your voice cries out to us as we are in the wilderness of our journey. We hear it, God, but sometimes it seems so distant. Help us to walk in ways that we might hear your call. Free our bodies from distraction and our minds from dissonance. Let our hearts be open to the freedom that is your call. May we know the wideness of your mercy and the greatness of your love.

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In Christ, we are assured of love and freed to follow. We are forgiven, strengthened, and placed on the journey toward wholeness.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Response Hymnal No. 544

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life. (2x)**

*Passing of the Peace

-- Receiving the Word --

Children’s Sermon

Reaffirmation of Faith & The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Insert

Musical Offering by Berg

“You Are Loved”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (Page 667) Isaiah 40:1-5

New Testament Lesson (Page 34) Mark 1:1-8

*Hymn Hymnal No. 410

“God Is Calling”

Sermon **“Camel’s Hair, Locusts, and Wild Honey”**

-- Responding to the Word --

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (*debts/debtors*) Hymnal Pg. 35

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, for ever. Amen.

Offertory by Diemer

“Thy Holy Wings”

*Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,
and let my every moment be lived within thy grace.
Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.*

*Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn Hymnal No. 721

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

*Blessing

*Musical Benediction arranged by Maggs

“Amen”

*The Light of God Goes with Us into the World

*Postlude by Tchaikowsky

Excerpt from “Triumphal March”



Detail from the **Isenheim Altarpiece: John the Baptist**

John points to the crucified Christ at the center of the altarpiece; the Lamb also signifies Christ. John's inclusion is symbolic; he was beheaded before the Crucifixion. The altarpiece was sculpted and painted by the Germans Nikolaus of Haguenau and Matthias Grünewald in 1512–1516 for the Monastery of St. Anthony; the monks specialized in hospital work, caring for plague and skin disease sufferers.

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Participants in today's service: Bill Gibson (worship leader), Henry Cotner (acolyte), Senior Choir (musical offering and offertory), Senior Bells (musical benediction), Linda Moyer and Pam Franklin (deacons), Rev. Robert Andrews, Pastor Emeritus (baptism), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper (pastor). Next week's sermon: "What's God Up To?".

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