

**Service of Worship**  
*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing**  
*September 29, 2019 10:15 AM*

\*Please rise as able

**-- Ready for the Word --**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude arranged by Hopson

**“Variations on ‘Duke Street’”**

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

The Light of God Enters

Call to Worship – *Inspired by Psalm 113*

Leader: Praise the Lord; praise the name of the Lord!

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord forevermore.**

Leader: As the sun rises and sets, we praise God!

**People: God raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy.**

Leader: God provides for all: mother, father, sister, brother.

**People: Even the earth sings God’s praise.**

\*Hymn Hymnal No. 327

**“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” - Psalm 117**

Prayer of Confession

**God, it’s so easy to get distracted in our daily lives. Do we remember to share your faithfulness with others? Do we mutually participate in shelter, nurture, and spiritual care with one another? Do we find times in our lives to worship you? Do we ask the right questions, and find the right answers? Do we care for the poor, the orphan and the widow? Do we exhibit your kingdom to the world? May our hearts, minds, and bodies be focused on living out your calling for us in the world.**

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus says that we must be Holy, as God is Holy. Yet, we are assured that our holiness comes through God’s grace.

Friends, you are forgiven, and you are loved.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Response

Hymnal No. 469

**Lord, listen to your children praying.**

**Lord, send your Spirit in this place.**

**Lord, listen to your children praying.**

**Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

\*Passing of the Peace

**-- Receiving the Word --**

Children’s Sermon

\*Hymn Pastor’s Favorite

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 10) Genesis 12:1-3

New Testament Lesson (page 34) Matthew 28:16-20

Reflection **“What’s God Up To?”**

**-- Responding to the Word --**

Prayers of the People

Introduction to Hymn Sing

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.**

Prayer of Dedication for Tithes & Offering – *from Henrietta UCC*

**Lord of us all, through these offerings we become partners with you in your cause. We join you in our concern for all people, and name them as our own brothers and sisters. We return these gifts of our material resources and our time to extend your redeeming will into this moment in history and into your world. Thank you for this privilege. Amen.**

Offering

♪ Hymn Sing ♪

*please remain seated while we sing favorites  
from the hymnal and songbook*

\*Blessing

\*Choral Benediction

African American Spiritual

*Lord, make us more holy...until we meet again:  
holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.*

*Lord, make us more loving...until we meet again:  
loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.*

*Lord, make us more faithful...until we meet again:  
faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.*

\*The Light of God Goes with Us into the World

\*Postlude

by Handel

**Excerpts from “The Rejoicing”**  
From *Music for the Royal Fireworks*



“...make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...I am with you always...” Matthew 28:19b, 20b

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Participants in today's service: Vivian Wertz (worship leader), Isabelle Baylor (acolyte), Senior Choir (choral benediction), Rev. Jason Clapper (children's sermon), Linda Moyer and Pam Franklin (Deacons), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper (pastor). Next week's sermon: “*Seeing Angels*”

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