



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Let All Things Now Living"

arr. Nicholas Palmer

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Liturgist: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

All: The Lord is high above all nations and his glory above the heavens.

Psalm 113:1-4

* **All Singing: 538 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"**
Singing verses 1, 2, and 3

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 553 "How Great Thou Art"**
Singing verses 1, 2, and 3

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

All: **He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**
Psalm 113:5-8

Liturgist: Lord, hear us as we pray,

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

Liturgist: For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

All: **Amen.**

Silent Reflection and Confession

Liturgist: Brothers and sisters, Paul writes to Timothy, "This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people."
1 Timothy 2:3-5

All: **Thanks be to God.**

* **All Singing:** **675 "By Grace We Have Been Saved"**
Singing verses 1, 2, and 5

Liturgist: Romans 12:1-3

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All Singing: **747 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *Mega Chasma*

* **All Singing:** **69 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"**

Dedication

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Calvin Theological Seminary

OFFERTORY “How Great Thou Art”

arr. Gary Lanier

* **All Singing: 959 “Glory Be to the Father”**

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: “Be of One Mind”**

Finally all of you be of one mind
Humble and loving and tender and kind
Finally all of you be of one mind
Humble and loving and tender and kind

Do not repay **Do not repay**
Evil for evil **Evil for evil**
Do not repay **Do not repay**
Insult for insult **Insult for insult**

Return instead a blessing for
You were called to bless
Inherit the promise of Christ

Postlude: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

arr. Richard Warner

Worship Leaders

Organist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Molly Hughes
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg	Liturgist:	Russ Hollender
Offertory Soloist:	Cody Decker	Prayer:	Kara Van Marion
Flutist:	Lynn Hollender		
Guitar:	Jenson Varghese		
Percussion:	Sarah Rinckenberger		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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