



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2015

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.)* †

PRELUD

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Ivy Kelly

Leader: Listen! God is welcoming us to this time of worship.
Young and old, rich and poor, all are welcomed.

PEOPLE: **THIS IS A PLACE WHERE ALL BELONG.
THIS IS A TIME WHEN ALL ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD.**

Leader: The Maker of all seeks our common good.
The God of Mercy calls on us to be merciful.

PEOPLE: **WE ARE NOT JUDGES OVER OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS.
WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES.**

Leader: Come to sing praises and put your trust in God.
Come to prepare yourself to serve in Christ's name.

UNISON: **WE BRING ALL OUR NEEDS TO GOD, OUR HOPE.
WE WANT TO SHARE FAITH AND HOPE WITH OTHERS.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Thomas Mills

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 90
Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Author of all humankind, come to lift us up to our full humanity as we worship You in this hour. You surround us on every side and are acquainted with all our ways. You know our shallow motives and our deepest thoughts. You are aware of the distinctions we make and the favoritism we express. Yet You welcome us, not as strangers but as heralds of Your reign. We want to worship You and to represent You well. Come among us now with Your transforming power. We ask these in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35
Glory Be to the Father

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING *(pg. 981)*.....James 2:1-10, 14-17

ANTHEM

SECOND READING *(pg. 819)*.....Mark 7:24-30

MESSAGE.....Mark E. Poindexter

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give because You have been generous to us, gracious God. We give because we need to give in order to realize Your image within us. We give to feed the hungers of body and soul that are all around us and deep within. May the ministries of this church meet the needs of our members, our community, and our world. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

*GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528
Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 393
One Bread, One Body

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Carrie Kelly

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Steve Gray

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 557**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

***BENEDICTION**

***TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE**

‡ Children Preschool – 2nd grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder
Youth remain in church

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Jimmy Jarvis, Kathryn Bean, Pam Gibbs, Emily Vinson



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence
in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



The Welcome Loaf

We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.



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