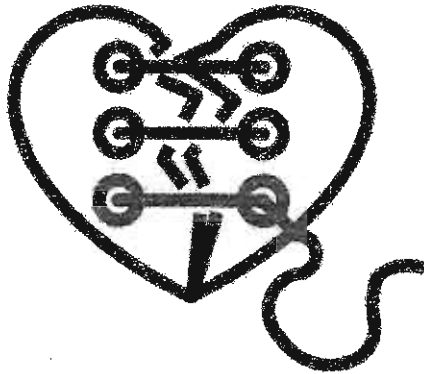


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VISION STATEMENT

**We are a multi-generational Christ community
seeking to sing God's spirit into the world
by inviting all, serving all, loving all.**

September 22, 2019
15th Sunday of Pentecost

GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH and WELCOME

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Let your love for God change the world, but never let the world change your love for God.

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Bradbury/Johnson

OPENING PRAYER

All: We thank you for this new day, God. Confession time: ... we're not very good at giving thanks. We tend to be takers more than givers. You give us so much, only we get so turned around that we can't see what you provide for us, each and every day. We get so lost in the struggle to make ends meet, that "meat", and what it takes to buy it, becomes our end. Forgive us, Lord, and free us. Open us to your simple gifts, that we might be able to turn right side around; that we might, in fact, find delight in turning; that we might enjoy simply giving. Today is a day for turning, O God, a new day, your day of rest and renewal. Bow us, bend us, turn us this hour, so that these words become the song of our heart, mind, & soul: "May Jesus Christ be praised!" Amen.

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*SINGING

Blessed Quietness

FWS No. 2142

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES TO GOD

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

**All: 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!**

**All who are able, please stand.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Lord, this money is not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

PREPARING TO PRAY

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

FWS No. 2119

All: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace; where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love. There is comfort in life's darkest hour; there is light and life, there is help and power in the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CHOIR RESPONSE

I've got Peace Like a River

Traditional

OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:13-16

NT Pg. 231

MESSAGE

Confession

Katherine Mitchell

*SINGING

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

No. 121 (Beecher tune)

During the hymn communion will be offered by intinction to all those who wish to participate. Please follow the Worship Team leaders.

* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Beethoven/Barker

Hidden Faults

Who can discern their errors? Free me from my hidden faults.

—Psalm 19.2

God, I do not even know the ways I distance myself from you, the wonder I pass by without notice, the glory I sleep through. I can't suspect the ways I hurt you, fall short of your desire for me, fail to be who you lead me to be. I believe the little lies I tell myself; I bow to my secret fears. I don't even know what it would be to love as I have been loved. I miss the hurt I cause more often than I notice. I share in people's wounding and unfreedom in ways I can't see. How often think I'm doing the right thing! Forgive me, for I do not know what I am doing. Forgive me for not knowing. Forgive my hidden sins, and if they can't be removed at least bring them out of hiding. Wake me up. Don't let me think I have such a small inheritance: let me see—let it overwhelm me— just how immense is the forgiveness I need, and you offer. O God, your love I receive without even knowing why.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes, unfoldinglight.net

CONTACTING PASTOR KATHERINE: Is there something that Pastor Katherine needs to know? Please write it down in *Pastor Katherine's Reminder Book* on the credenza in the hallway so that it will not get forgotten in the rush and confusion of Sunday morning!

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