

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, still our worries, and quiet our minds. Help us to set aside our everyday concerns so that we might bring our whole selves to worship you this morning. Open our ears to hear your word, our mouths to praise you, and our hearts to be filled with your Spirit. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Cruise In

Stephanie Huddleston

Solo "The Light Within" words and music © 2018 Jacquie D'Angelo

Within the darkness

Our Spirit dances

There is Light

Filled with Hope

We just need to believe

Relinquishing our fear

And for each heartache

To live together

There is Peace

All as one

God's Comfort to receive

Creating Heaven here

Our God is with us

Rejoice in perfect

Feel His Love

Harmony

His Spark inside our Soul

An ageless song we bring

And with His Guidance

To be our best for

Live and Learn

All the World

God's Wisdom be our goal

This solemn oath we sing

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 45)

Leader: With steadfast love and growing faith,

People: We come as the people of Christ.

Leader: With prayers of hope and songs of joy,

People: We come to worship God, the eternal and ever-loving.

Leader: With thankful hearts and humble prayers,

People: We come to give God glory and praise.

***Hymn**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

#307

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (*in unison*)

Loving God, your love for us is deep, holding strong even as we struggle for truth, even as we gamble on other paths, even as we are ready to give in to temptation. Walk with us on our journeys, and help us see beyond the flashy, beyond the smooth pitch, beyond the quick fix of instant gratification. Keep our eyes focused on Jesus, who knew temptation, disappointment, and pain. Yet in the midst of temptation, he remained faithful to you, Holy One. Help us to remember that you, O God, are always working for our good. Hold us in your grace, tender God, and help us to move beyond ourselves so that we may live and serve as did Jesus. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn**

“Gloria Patri”

#581

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children’s Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:105-112

Piano Solo

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

arr. Jack Schrader
Piano, Carol Welk

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 25:19-34

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Good Stew?”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** An Affirmation of Faith from the Maasai People

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created humanity and wants us to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know him in the light. God promised in the book of his word, the Bible, that he would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good his promise by sending his Son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and humanity, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed, hands and feet, to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

*Hymn

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

#435

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

***Response**

“Give Thanks”

#647

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God’s People

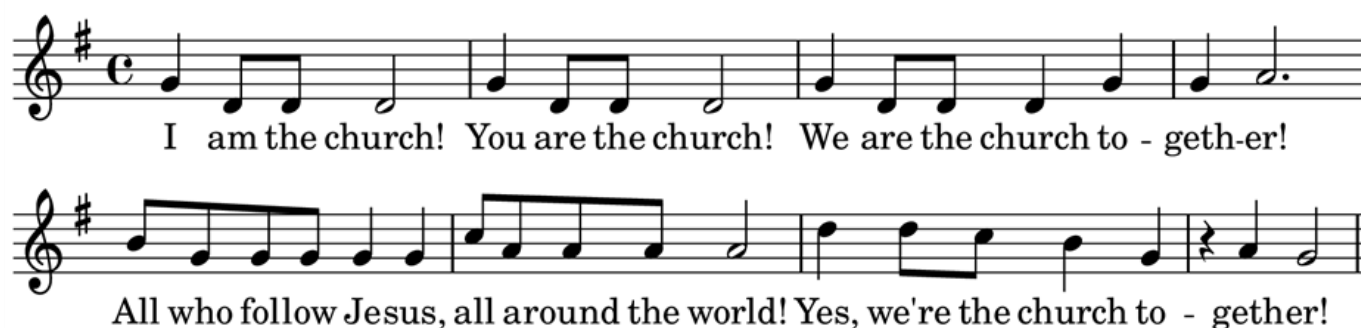
***Closing Hymn** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

#546

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Response**

“We Are the Church”



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff has a melody with lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff has a bass line with lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!".

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***Postlude**

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Gregg Sewell

Pastors: Désirée M. Youngblood

Steven A. Watters

Liturgist: Harriet Dana

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Soloist: Jacquie D’Angelo

Acolytes: Devin Griggs, Nate Angel

Flowers: The flowers are from Paul Oswalt’s backyard prairie. These are given in thankfulness for God’s beauty in the world.

Harriet (Harri) Dana is a wife, mother, & grandmother. She and Bob moved to Choctaw Lake in 2011 after living in Columbus for 40 years. She is an elder, co-chairing the Property Committee with Pam Dennewitz. Harriet is passionate about flowers and can be seen on a regular basis working in the flower beds around First Presbyterian.

Harriet is also known for her many travel adventures which began at the age of 11 when her father was transferred from Sunburst, Montana, to Santiago, Cuba, during the Castro revolution. Her father was subsequently transferred to Lockport, Illinois, where she attended high school. She is a graduate of Beloit College and has taken courses at The Ohio State University where she was an administrative associate for 22 years.

Bob & Harri have been team leaders for Marriage Encounter and Kairos Prison Ministry. Bob and Harri recently returned from a trip to Portugal and northern Spain where Bob sang in 4 cathedrals with the First Community Church Choir.