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September 18, 2022 – 11:00 am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



"Moving On" Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.

I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing.

Genesis 12:2 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here! The Pastoral Prayer this morning is by Elaine Gisbourne in Neil Paynter, In the Gift of This New Day: Praying with the Iona Community (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2015).

PRELUDE: *Holy Spirit, Heavenly Guide*

ROBERT J. HUGHES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #139:** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

FELICE DE GIARDINI

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise:
Father, all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be,
Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

*OPENING SENTENCES

PHIL. 1:27

Live in a way that is worthy of the gospel. *Stand firm in the Spirit, side by side.*

Let us worship our God.

*GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and humankind in your image.
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with the reverence of thanksgiving;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, by your Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear
and show us what we ought to do
to follow Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 28:19-20

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1214

GENESIS 12:1-9

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 12

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

***DOXOLOGY #593:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

THOMAS KEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***BLESSING OUR GIFTS**

***HYMN OF THE DAY #192 (Glory to God):** *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

GRAHAM KENDRICK

Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood, I may enter Your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me. **Refrain**

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me. **Refrain**

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Friends, let us come together to tell the truth about ourselves.

***Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against
your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done.***

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults.

***Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy
name.***

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Because we were buried with Christ in these waters, we are also raised to life with him.

Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: #837 (GLORY TO GOD): *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

ELISHA A. HOFFMAN

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE WORD IN MUSIC:

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"The Great Journey"*

REV. PHILLIPS

PASTORAL PRAYER

"A PRAYER FOR OUR WHOLENESS," ELAINE GISBOURNE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

So now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray in the language we are most familiar with, saying:

*...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.*

*CLOSING HYMN: *Go, Make of All Disciples*

LEON M. ADKINS

Go make of all disciples
we hear the call oh lord
that comes from thee our father
in thy eternal word.

Inspire our ways of learning
through earnest fervent prayer
and let our daily living
reveal thee everywhere.

Go make of all disciples
we welcome thy command
lo I am with you always
we take thy guiding hand.

The task looms large before us
we follow without fear
in heaven and earth thy power
shall bring god's kingdom here.

***SPOKEN CHARGE**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

***CHORAL BLESSING:** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

PETER C. LUTKIN

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord lift his countenance upon you,
and give you peace;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.
Amen, amen.

POSTLUDE: *Our Refuge and Strength*

DONALD F. CALLENDER

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

Sunday, September 18th – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 11:00 – Worship (In-Person in the Sanctuary & Live Stream)**

Wednesday, September 21st

- 6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, September 25th – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 11:00 – Worship (In-Person in the Sanctuary & Live Stream)**

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