

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020 10:00 am outdoor and online service

Zoom meeting <https://zoom.us/j/217210411>

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Opening Hymn: # 581, 1982 *Hymnal*, "Where charity and love prevail"



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;
5 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;



1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.
2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris-tian ho - li - ness.
4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
5 as mem-bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
if honored be God's Name;
our common life embraces all
whose Father is the same.

Officiant: God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. *John 4: 24*

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. *Romans 5: 5*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. *Psalms 46: 1*

Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. *Thessalonians 5: 16 - 18 (adapted)*

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people,

Let us confess our sins to God.

Officiant and People together,

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves and in the world you have created.
We repent of all the evil that enslaves us,
The evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us praise and worship God who has called us together. Let us celebrate God's majesty, and delight in the wonder of God's love. Together we confess our sins and receive assurance that we are forgiven. As the scriptures are read, we can allow God's word to speak to us, and ponder its meaning for our lives. In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness, we pray for others as well as for ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service. All this we do, because we believe in the presence among us of our Savior Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. (from "A New Zealand Prayer Book," page 36)*

Officiant: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People: And your glory all the day long.

All say together: God is the rock of our salvation: O come let us worship.

Hymn # 228, Lift Every Voice Hymnal, "Go Down, Moses" Sung by Good Shepherd singers

1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;
2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;
3. They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo - ple go;
4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo - ple go;

1. op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go.
2. to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.
3. and come at length to Ca - naan's land, let my peo - ple go.
4. and let us all in Christ be free, let my peo - ple go.

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

All say together: God is the rock of our salvation: O come let us worship.

First Lesson: Exodus 14: 19 - 31

Psalm 114

- 1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Second Lesson: Romans 14: 1 - 12

"Where He Leads Me" Hymn #144, v. 1, Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal,, Marjorie Strong, solo

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18: 21 - 35

"Where He Leads Me" Hymn 144, v. 4, Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal, Marjorie Strong, solo

The Sermon: The Rev. Earl Kooperkamp

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer: Said in unison:

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant: Help us, O God our Savior;

People: Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

Officiant: Look upon your congregation;

People: Give your people the blessing of peace.

Officiant: Declare your glory among the nations;

People: And your wonders among all peoples.

Officiant: Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turn away;

People: Never forget the lives of your poor.

Officiant: Continue your loving kindness to those who know you;

People: And your favor to those who are true of heart.

Officiant: Satisfy us by your loving kindness in the morning;

People: So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Officiant: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Give us, we pray you, gentle God, a mind forgetful of past injury, a will to seek the good of others and a heart of love. Grant us Jesus, that tender, indestructible love which asks forgiveness for its executioners and gives hope to the thief on the cross. Keep us compassionate when the way is hard, and gentle with those who oppose us. Lord God, you have us that anything we do without love is worth nothing, for whoever lives without love is counted dead before you; send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true and of peace and of all virtues; grant this for the sake of our savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.* (from "A New Zealand Prayer Book," page 624)

For Social Justice

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Unemployed

Merciful God, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work.

Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Officiant and people: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Officiant: The Lord bless you and keep you. *Amen.*

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. *Amen.*

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. *Amen.*

May God, the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide

you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the One who is, the One who is the begotten Word, and the One who is the Spirit of Love going forth, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*



Final Hymn: # 390, *1982 Hymnal*, “*Praise to the Lord*”

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great thron, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Reader: Linda Wentworth

Prayer list: Pray for the children, teachers, staff and families as the school year begins and pray that all will be safe and remain healthy and the children's education needs will be met. Give God thanks for the ordination of Jonathan Ross as a Deacon on Saturday! Pray for the remembrance of the soul of Joe Ryan and for comfort for the Ryan family, especially his devoted wife Lucy. Pray for healing for David, Reesie's friend. Pray for Wayne as he undergoes his treatments for cancer. Pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. Rick Swanson's father and for God's comfort for his family. Pray for Lysander's recovery. Pray for Robert Brault, Alban's friend. Pray for Maggie for peace and wellness. Pray for recovery for Esther, Cynthia, Bennie, Germiane, Beth Adams, Riley, Jerry Taylor, Argleia, Jason Seymour Mark and Lenox. Pray for Maureen and her family in the midst of economic difficulties. Pray for Lee and Neal, now back home. Pray for Debbie as she undergoes her treatments. Pray for Jim Cruise as he goes through his radiation treatments. Pray for our nation in this time of racial strife to overcome the barriers of racial inequities and to bring liberty and justice for all. Give God thanks for good news about Monica White's health. Pray for Danny, Felicia and Leo's neighbor. Give God thanks for George's recovery. Pray for Hellen. Pray for Betsey as she recovers and for Matt and Karel. Pray for Ashlyn for her continued health. Pray for the health of Rev. Wayne Meisel. Pray for health for Carol Schlank, Beth Hilgartner's mother and pray for her sister Meg in San Francisco for her health and anxiety over her recent job loss. Pray for health for Janice, Joyce and Chuck. Pray for healing for Riley, Reesie and Will's nephew. Pray for Martin and Ruth for continued health. Pray for Andrew, David, Hallie and Jane. Diocesan Prayers: Holy Trinity Church, Swanton, VT.