

**8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**September 13, 2020**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*(Please follow the ushers' direction on seating. We will maintain at least 6 feet between individuals unless you come as a family who live together.)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" – Joel Raney Karla Fuhs, violin

P. We prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

**CONFESSION:**

**C. Almighty God, I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. I have sinned by what I have done and what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. Forgive me. Renew me. Lead me. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who suffered for us all and was raised from the dead, that first Easter. Amen.**

P. It is always my honor and privilege to announce that God has freely forgiven you and me. We stand here, trusting, by God's grace alone. We stand here as free men and women, boys and girls. May the wind of Pentecost move our hearts and our hands.

**C. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
 Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
 all thy faithful mercies crown.  
 Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
 pure, unbounded love thou art;  
 visit us with thy salvation,  
 enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
 let us all thy life receive;  
 suddenly return, and never,  
 nevermore thy temples leave.  
 Thee we would be always blessing,  
 serve thee as thy hosts above,  
 pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
 glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation,  
 pure and spotless let us be;  
 let us see thy great salvation  
 perfectly restored in thee!  
 Changed from glory into glory,  
 till in heav'n we take our place,  
 till we cast our crowns before thee,  
 lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

**APOSTOLIC GREETING:**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**O God, you show your power by showing mercy. Help us to see how your love is given free of charge. Help us to pass that free gift on to others. Help us to accept others as we have been accepted. We pray through the master of mercy, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**BIBLE READINGS**

**SERMON: “A Whole New Ballgame”**

**Pastor Larry Isbell**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Jesus Loves Me!”**

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.

*Refrain*

Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died  
heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in. *Refrain*

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay  
close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die,  
he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

**APOSTLES' CREED:**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 dead,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

*(At the end of each petition, the leader will say "Lord, in your mercy." Feel free to respond with "Hear our prayer.")*

**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 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 and ever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION:**

- P. Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen.

**SENDING HYMN: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"**

- 1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

*Refrain*

"Come home, (Come home,  
come home! (come home!)  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

- 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*
- 3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

**DISMISSAL:**

- P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!  
C. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** "Festival Trumpet" – David German

*(Please exit row by row, beginning with the back.  
Talk to others from a distance in the parking lot.)*

**Today's altar flowers are offered to the glory of God.**