

Worship at Bethel

September 2, 2018

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“A Family in Christ;
Moved by His Spirit;
Sharing His Love.”

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* Please stand if you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVOCATION

**We gather in the name of the Father. We gather in the name of the Son.
We gather in the name of the Spirit. We gather in the three in One.**

*GATHERING HYMN *“Here In This Place”* v.1,2,4 WOV # 718

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS LBW p.77

*HYMN OF MERCY *“He Is Exalted”*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Pew Bible page 159

PSALM Psalm 15 Pew Bible page 485

O LORD, who may abide in your tent? **Who may dwell on your holy hill?**

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, **and speak the truth from their heart;**

who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

SECOND LESSON James 1:17-27 Pew Bible page 1100

*GOSPEL VERSE *“Hallelu, Hallelu”*

*GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Pew Bible page 917

SERMON HYMN *“Just as I Am, without One Plea”* LBW # 296

SERMON Paul Martinson

*APOSTLES' CREED

LBW p. 85

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 into hell. 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Lord in your mercy.... **hear our prayer**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING *"There Is a Redeemer"*

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

COMMUNION (*Word's of Institution, *Lord's Prayer, Distribution)

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS *"How Great Thou Art"* LBW # 532

*COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

*BLESSING: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

*DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*SENDING HYMN *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* LBW # 551