

September 22, 2019

11:00 a.m.

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

PRELUDE

*Prelude*

Louis Couperin

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*INTROIT 399 *God Welcomes All* (first time, choir; second time, all)  
***God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.***

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 79:13

We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.  
**We gather, as God's own, to give our thanks.**  
On this day and always, and in every age to come:  
**We will sing to God our songs of endless praise.**  
Let us worship God.

\*HYMN 610, vv. 1-3 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Giving God, we confess that we have not learned from your  
generous ways. We seek happiness in things rather than relationships,  
and we cling to power and wealth instead of trusting you.  
Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to hold your gifts lightly, using them to help others,  
nurture community, and spread joy,  
that we may all live in a world transformed by love.  
*Silent Confession.*

\*KYRIE 698 *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

***Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.***

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Cat Goodrich

\*GLORIA 598 *Amen, We Praise Your Name* AMEN SIAKUDUMISA

***Amen, we praise your name, O God!  
Amen, we praise your name, O God!***

***Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God.***

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*(Please greet one another with: "The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you.")*

**PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

SUNG INVITATION



Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the fam - ily.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the fam - ily.

FOCUS ON CHILDREN

Patti Winter

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the  
One who is close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be -  
gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e-ven if you don't un - der-stand.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Ah, Jesus Lord, Thy Love to Me*

Southern Folktune

THIRD READING

Luke 16:1-13

For the Word of God in scripture;  
for the Word of God among us;  
for the Word of God within us:  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Jesus' Guide to Creative Accounting*

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

**DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*HYMN 716

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsive) from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

FOCUS ON MISSION

Alabama Arise

Mark Aldridge

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Part of your offering today is the gift of your presence. Please acknowledge your presence by signing the welcome book at the end of your row.  
To be directed to our online giving site, scan here:*



THE OFFERTORY

*I My Father*

J. McGranahan

\*THE DOXOLOGY 608

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Tri-une God, whom we adore.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

TOMA MI VOLUNTAD

See Insert (v. 1, choir; vv 2-4, all)

\*BENEDICTION

\*GOING FORTH 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

*God, be the love to search and keep me;*

*God, be the prayer to move my voice;*

*God, be the strength to now uphold me:*

*O, Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

\*POSTLUDE

*The Rejoicing*

G. Handel

*Please join us in the chapel for refreshments and fellowship!*

\*Please stand as you are able.

THE LITURGIST for today is Mark Aldridge.



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