

September 1, 2024 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Rebecca J. Gaudino)

Creator, you bless us with heavenly lights-

The moon that waxes and wanes,

The planets that whirl around the sun,

The galaxies that wink from afar.

In the darkness you call out, "Let there be light,"

And the universe is filled with heavenly light.

You are our creator, too,

The One who formed us and who forms us still.

May your word of truth ring out today with your call to new life.

Amen.

*HYMN PH #227 *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

PRAYER OF YEARNING (Rebecca J. Gaudino)

Ever-faithful God, you create each of us to be a presence of healing and love in our world. You equip us to resist intentions and actions that hurt ourselves and others.

Forgive us when we forget your desire for us. Forgive us when we put aside your vision. Remind us of the love and goodness that you have planted within us. Draw our hearts close to you and bless us as we live in your ways. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Rebecca J. Gaudino)

God has chosen to give us new life. This is God's choice given freely to us, as is every other good gift God has given. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

Sung Response

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,***

World without end. Amen. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

GOSPEL LESSON

[Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#)

A SERMON

"Clean Hands? Clean Heart?"

HYMN PH #280

"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

PRAYERS FOR THE DAY

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Response

THE OFFERING

Sung Response

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that love has done.
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, one. Amen***

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Rebecca J. Gaudino)

God of every good gift, bless the gifts of our resources, our prayers, and our lives. Bless these gifts for the good of others and to the honor of your name. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

Prayer of Gratitude

We give thanks for the grace of this simple meal. May we become the body of Christ, sent forth into the world as the

**living presence of love incarnate, serving creation with joy.
Amen.**

HYMN PH#404 *“Take My Life and Let It Be”*

BENEDICTION

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