

September 10, 2023 15th Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Michael Beu, Psalm 149)

Sing a new song to the Lord.
Sing of light and hope.
Dance with laughter and joy.
Dance with hearts full of love.
Rejoice with strings and drums.
Rejoice with justice and peace.

*HYMN PH #263 “*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (David Sparks)

When we are tempted to evade the accusations of others, give us courage to face the issues directly. When we are tempted to take advantage of our power or position, give us the courage to walk in the shoes of the powerless. When we are tempted to compromise the truth, give us the courage to stand for what we know to be right. When we are tempted to ignore the demands of our Christian faith, give us the courage of Jesus, who was faithful all the way to the cross. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (David Sparks)

As we confess our sins to God, we convince one another of our opportunity to begin again. As we walk confidently in a new direction, pardon and peace are ours. Thanks be to God.
Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 12:1-14
GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:15-20

A SERMON “Remember, Restore, Renew”

HYMN PH #341 “*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*” (vs.1-3)

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Michael Beu)

Receive these gifts as offerings of love, O God. Bless them with your grace, that those who receive them may find compassion and hope. Amen

THE COMMUNION

Prayer of Gratitude (UCC Book of Worship)

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN PH#29 “*Now Thank We All Our God*” (vs. 1-4)

BENEDICTION