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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



AUGUST 28, 2016



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Welcome to Worship!

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August 28, 2016 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM
Music by The Lord's Crew

Gathering

*OPENING PRAISE All the People Said Amen
WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*PRAISE Open the Eyes of My Heart
I Will Rejoice
All Who Trust

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION Jesus What A Beautiful Name

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CENTERING WORDS

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.
Hebrews 13:1-2

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Thou Art Worthy* Pauline Mills

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to the banquet, whether rich or poor . . .
for everyone is an honored guest.
Come to the feast, whether weak or strong . . .
for all will be seated and fed.
Come now to worship, come one and all . . .
for all are welcome here.

*OPENING HYMN *Christ for the World We Sing* No. 568

OPENING PRAYER

**God of finest wheat and sweetest honey,
fill us with good things during our time of worship.
Take our full hearts, and transform them
into lives that share your Word of Life with those we meet—
stranger and friend, rich and poor, old and young.
May we be your instruments of loving welcome
in all that we do and all that we say. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Patti Melsheimer
Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time. Junior and Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Beautiful the Love* Forsythe, G. / Smith, J.
Ann Smith and Julie Burns, duet

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM THE PRAYER BOOK

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Live in Charity* FAITH WE SING 2179
 Congregational Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *Live in Charity* FAITH WE SING 2179

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

My friends, we know what is good...
 to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.
May mutual love and genuine hospitality be our guiding lights.
 All who exalt themselves will be humbled,
 but those who humble themselves will be exalted.
May humble servanthood be our way in the world.

*HYMN *Jesus Thine All Victorious Love* No. 422

SERMON *"IN RETURN"*
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OFFERING
 Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *Open Our Eyes* Bob Cull
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 95

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
 all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*CLOSING HYMN *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* No. 581

*BENEDICTION
 Go forth with the love of God
 to share hope and hospitality with all you meet.
 Go forth with the grace of Christ
 to offer kindness and compassion to a world in need.

*RESPONSE *Lord Dismiss Us* No. 671
 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
 O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for thy gospel's joyful sound.
 May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound;
 ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

POSTLUDE *Shout to the Lord* Darlene Zschech

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