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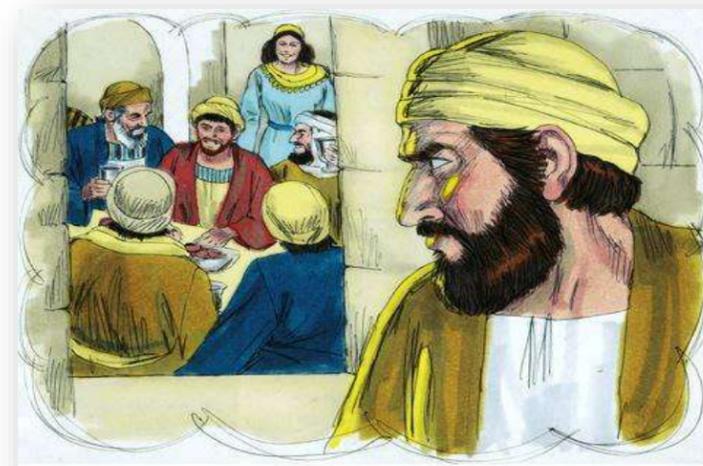
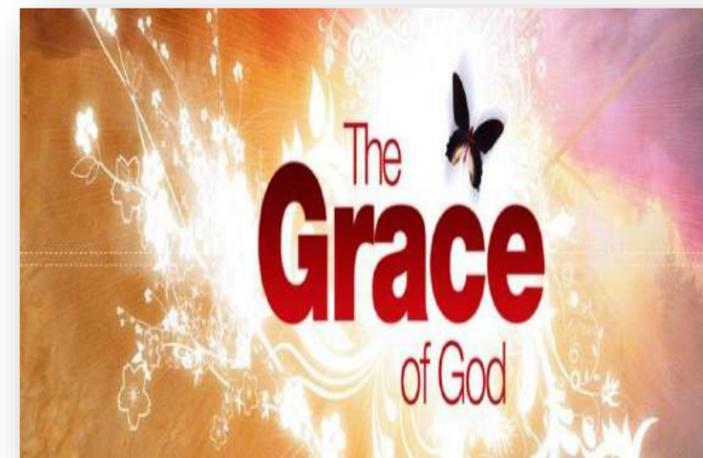


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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



September 17, 2017



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Welcome to Worship!

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Music by the Lord's Crew

Gathering

*OPENING PRAISE *How Great You Are*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

HANDBELL INTROIT *Jubilee* Arnold Sherman

*PRAISE *Be the Strength of My Life
I Will Follow You*

HANDBELL ANTHEM *Gift of Peace* Cynthia Dobrinski

*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 *God of All Splendor*

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OFFERING SONG *I Just Want to Praise You*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG *Come Just As You Are*

*FINAL BLESSING *Cares Chorus*

*CLOSING SONG *Will the Circle Be Unbroken*

*Worshippers stand as able

The Bulletin Board



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CENTERING WORDS

In Christ we are a part of God's new creation!

In Christ we are reconciled with God

and with one another!

In Christ we, who were lost, are found;

we, who were dead, are alive!

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE

Pastoral on "Forest Green"

Richard Purvis

HANDBELL INTROIT

Jubilee

Arnold Sherman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

For once we were lost and felt so far away;

now we have been found and welcomed home.

Know that God's love reaches out to you forever.

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

AMEN!

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 103

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

O God, our Loving Parent,

When we allow impatience and a sense of entitlement

to drive us away from you, call us back by your grace.

When we squander your gifts and goodness, and allow excesses

to rule our lives, remind us of what matters most.

Whether from the blindness of entitlement or the shame of disgrace,

receive us into the arms of your mercy, that we may be reconciled

with you and with our sisters and brothers. Amen.

HANDBELL ANTHEM

Gift of Peace

Cynthia Dobrinski

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Leonard Lutz

Nursery care is available.

Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.

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A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *The Fragrance of Christ*
Congregational Prayer
Choral Response *The Fragrance of Christ*

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HYMN (remain seated) *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee* No. 142

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OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
Offertory *Adagio* Sweelinck
*Doxology/Blessing of the Offering

*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.*

*HYMN *Trust and Obey* No. 467

*BENEDICTION

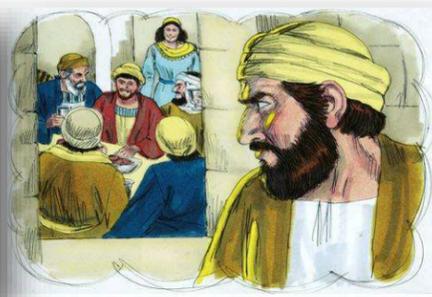
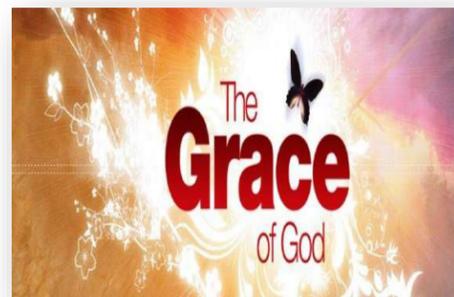
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offering us unconditional love.

**In Christ, we are reconciled with God
and with one another.**

We are ambassadors of Christ,
sharing God's Love and participating
in God's new creation! **Amen.**

RESPONSE *Amen*

POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing* Arr. Diane Bish



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