



**September 10, 2023**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **GATHERING AND PRAISE**

### **Welcome**

Pastor Larry

### **Prelude**

*God Leads Us Along*

Loree

*The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.*

### **\*Call to Worship**

Susan Hubbuch

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
**give thanks to him and praise his name.**

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
**his faithfulness continues through all generations.**  
(Psalm 100)

**\*Opening Prayer**

Susan Hubbuch

Lord our God, we stand before your presence. Look in mercy upon us your children, who do not know where to turn unless you help us with your mighty hand. We trust in you. You will help us, you will always be with us, and even in hard times you will accomplish your will for what is good. Bless us today as we gather to hear your Word. Amen

**\* Hymn**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

Susan Hubbuch

We greet one another as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship by saying, 'Christ's peace be with you.'

And we respond with, '**And also with you.**'

**Children's Time**

Pastor Larry

**Ministry of Music**

*Daystar*

Choir

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Prayer for Understanding**

*All Praying*

Susan Hubbuch

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**James 1"12-18**

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

<sup>13</sup> When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup> but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

<sup>16</sup> Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Hymn**

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

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## **Sermon**

*Lead Us Not Into Temptation But Deliver Us From Evil*

Pastor Larry

## **Isaiah 40: 28-31**

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.

<sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.

<sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;

<sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD  
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

## **Morning Prayer**

Pastor Larry

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor Larry

## **Offertory Invitation**

Susan Hubbuch

Dear Savior, you have taught us: *"A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."* Teach us to realize more and more that happiness in life does not depend on the number of things we can call our own. Therefore, Jesus, help us experience true joy in the giving of our resources for your Kingdom work. Amen

## **Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*

*The Abundant Life*

Parker

*\*Doxology*

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God, all creatures here below:***

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!***

***Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!***

***Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

Susan Hubbuch

**Dear God, grant that the gifts we have placed on your altar this morning may be an accurate expression of the deep appreciation we feel toward our only Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

**\* Closing Hymn**

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

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**Benediction**

Pastor Larry

**Choral Benediction**

*Sanctuary*

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**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.**

**With thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

**Postlude**

*Finale*

Koch

## JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!*

*All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.*

*Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward,  
in the triumph song of life.*

## **I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR**

*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.*

**Refrain:**

***I need thee, O I need thee;  
every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.***

*I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;  
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.  
(Refrain)*

*I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;  
come quickly and abide, or life is vain.  
(Refrain)*

*I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;  
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.  
(Refrain)*

*I need thee every hour, most Holy One;  
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.  
(Refrain)*

## **'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS**

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise,  
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."*

### ***Refrain:***

***Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!***

*O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just to trust his cleansing blood;  
and in simple faith to plunge me  
neath the healing, cleansing flood! **[Refrain]***

*Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking  
life and rest, and joy and peace. **[Refrain]***

*I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,  
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;  
and I know that thou art with me,  
wilt be with me to the end. **[Refrain]***