

# 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ **Organ Prelude** · Linda von Rothstein

*Brother James' Air ...* Dale Wood

**Call to Worship** (responsively) · Mary Woolsey

Leader: God has set this day before us,

**People: a day set apart, a day of rest and praise.**

Leader: God has set our lives before us,

**People: a span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.**

Leader: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

**People: so that we might live fully in deep love.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\* ♪ **Hymn of Praise** · *O Day of Radiant Gladness*

No. 470

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**Again, we must confess, Holy God, our struggles to be faithful disciples. Entrusted with all your gifts, we become fearful once again of misusing them, missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand against the wall once again, keeping company with our old friend, sin. Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life, we fill ourselves once again, with scorn for the poor choices they make.**

**Have mercy, Journeying God, have mercy on us. Once again, open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

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\*  **Gloria Patri**

No. 579

\* **Passing of The Peace**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Greetings and Announcements

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### Scripture Reading · Tunde Olagbaju

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (pg. 1840)

#### **Solo** · Bob Kraut

*He Giveth More Grace* ... Hubert Mitchell

Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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#### Scripture Reading

Acts 9:25-31 (pg. 1707)

#### Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico

##### **"The Gift of Encouragement"**

*13th in the Series "Character Matters"*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* **The Apostles' Creed** · see page 5


*You are invited to stand as able as we state what we believe.*

## Acknowledgement and Blessings of Offerings

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD... continued

- \*  **Hymn of Preparation** · *I Come With Joy*  
No. 507

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*Invitation to the Table*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*


*Words of Institution*

*The Bread and Cup Shared*

*All are welcome to this table. You are invited to hold the bread until all have received it so we can take it together. Please take the cup (filled with grape juice) when you receive it.*

### **Prayers of The People and the Lord's Prayer (sung)**

See laminated copy in hymnal.

- \*  **Closing Hymn** · *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
No. 281

### \* **Benediction**

- \*  **Congregational Response** · *Go Now in Peace*

### **Organ Postlude** · Linda von Rothstein

*Miniature No. 14, Op. 55 ... Flor Peeters*