

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ Organ Prelude · Bobbi Hunter

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ... Paul Manz*

**Call to Worship** (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: When two or three gather, Christ lives in every moment.

**People: Where two or three gather, Christ is present with them.**

Leader: Where two or three gather to worship God,

**People: glad songs of praise are lifted, hearts are filled with hope.**

Leader: When two or three gather to serve God's creation,

**People: Christ is feeding the hungry, Christ is building shelters of peace.**

\* ♪ Hymn of Praise · Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty  
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**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

You do not ask much of us, Guardian of hope- to love, to serve, to welcome. Yet too often, it is words of bitterness we speak to friends and family. It is our stiff-with-judgment backs we offer to those looking for help. It is our hardened hearts people find, when they reach out, hoping to touch grace. Love lived as Compassion, forgive us. We are broken, so make us whole through the life of Christ. We are empty of peace, so fill us with the reconciling Spirit of Christ. We are alone, so take us by the hand and lead us into your kingdom of joy and grace, brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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## Assurance of Pardon

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

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

## \* 🎵 Gloria Patri

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## \* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Reading · Melissa Seaton

Psalms 149 (pg. 983)

### 🎵 Solo · Bob Kraut

*All Your Anxiety ...* Edward Henry Joy

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:15–20 (pg. 1527)

### Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Don Strongman

**"Love that Works"**

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- \* **The Apostles' Creed** (see insert of bulletin)

### Offering

Call for Offering

♪ Offertory

*Let All Things Now Living ...* Charles Ore

- \* ♪ Doxology

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- \* Prayer of Dedication

- \* ♪ Communion Hymn · We Come as Guests Invited  
No. 517

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

*All are welcome to take communion.*

*Invitation to the Table*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Words of Institution*

*The Bread and Cup Shared*

*You are invited to hold the bread until all have  
received it so we can take it together. Please take  
the cup when you receive it.*

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

The sung Lord's Prayer is on the laminated card in the pews.