

LARGE PRINT

Worship Celebration

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023 + 9 AM

*"You shall love
your neighbor as
yourself."*

Romans 13.9



We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude *Kommst du nun Jesu, vom Himmel herunter*, BWV 650

Johann Sebastian Bach

+ Opening Prayer

Amid the countless things
that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God,
there stands this:

God so loves us
as to bathe us with grace
and feed us with mercy
and forgive our sins.
Confident in the love of God.
Amen.

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+ Hymn

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

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We Grow in God's Word

With disciples of every time and place,
let us listen for the word of God among us.

Our ears and hearts are open.

First Lesson — Mark 12.30-31 (NRSVUE)

³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson — Romans 13.8-10 (NRSVUE)

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Have I Loved?”

Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Opportunities for Ministry

and Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

O God of Truth and Justice

Eugene Butler

Doxology

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

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Ever-present God, just as Jesus promised to be among us
when two or three gather in his name,
be among us now
that these offerings may become instruments
of your love and justice.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.***

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We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

How Great Thou Art

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+ Benediction

Postlude *Cwm Rhondda, "God of Grace & God of Glory"*

John Hughes
arr. Paul Manz

***Our service of worship is ended.
Our worship through service now begins.***

Morning Prayer

O God of this and every morning,
as I begin this day, call my name;
as I step into this day, guide my feet;
as I live this day, care for those I love;
as I learn this day, teach me your ways.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayer

God of stars and planets
the setting sun ends this day for us
as it rises on a new day for others.
For us and them, be light in every darkness.
In Jesus' name. Amen.