

**15th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 5, 2021**

**Gathering  
God invites us to enter His presence**

**Prelude**

*Allegro Vivace  
My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

*Handel  
Ritter*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

**🕯️ Call to Worship**

*Hob Pusey*

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

**We gather, alive to the Word of God.**

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,  
ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

**We listen, alive to the Word of God.**

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom,  
sometimes startling and unexpected,  
sometimes still and quiet,  
but always dwelling among us.

**We watch and wait for the Word of God.**

Let us worship the Triune God.

**🕯️ Invocation**

*Hob Pusey*

God of light and truth,  
you are beyond our grasp or conceiving.  
Before the brightness of your presence  
the angels veil their faces.  
With lowly reverence and adoring love  
we acclaim your glory  
and sing your praise,  
for you have shown us your truth and love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**🕯️ Hymn**

*Lord, I Need You*

*Maher*

*Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart*

*Chorus 1*

*Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You*

*Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me*

*Bridge*

*So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay*

*Chorus 2*

*Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You*

**Confessing**

***God invites us to be honest with Him***

**Prayer of Confession** *(Responsively)*

*Hob Pusey*

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

**Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Time for Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Hob Pusey*

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,  
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses,  
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

A new heart I will give you,  
and a new spirit I will put within you;  
and I will remove from your body the heart of stone  
and give you a heart of flesh.

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

 **Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
A-men, A-men.*

**Offering**

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

**Invitation** Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said:  
"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

**Offering**

**Offertory** *His Eye is on the Sparrow* *Gabriel*  
*Dennis & Julianna Leshner*

 **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

 **Prayer of Dedication**

Giving God, just as we love because you first loved us, we give because you first gave to us.  
Out of gratitude we bring gifts of money to be used for your kingdom work. With these gifts we also pledge to you our whole selves.  
We give you our bodies as living temples; may we be your hands and feet. We give you our minds; may our thoughts support others and glorify you. We give you our time; may our presence encourage others. We give you our relationships; may our interactions be a light to the world. We give you our work; may we always strive to do our best and help others do theirs. We give you our play; may our leisure bring joy to many. We give you our hopes and our dreams; may our goals reflect your mission. Use these gifts, great God, through the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 382**

*Be Thou My Vision*

**Proclaiming**  
***God speaks to us through His Word***

**Scripture Reading**

*Proverbs 8:1-36*

- 8** Does not wisdom call?  
Does not understanding raise her voice?
- <sup>2</sup> On the heights beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- <sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:
- <sup>4</sup> "To you, O men, I call,  
and my cry is to the children of man.
- <sup>5</sup> O simple ones, learn prudence;  
O fools, learn sense.
- <sup>6</sup> Hear, for I will speak noble things,  
and from my lips will come what is right,
- <sup>7</sup> for my mouth will utter truth;  
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
- <sup>8</sup> All the words of my mouth are righteous;  
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.
- <sup>9</sup> They are all straight to him who understands,  
and right to those who find knowledge.
- <sup>10</sup> Take my instruction instead of silver,  
and knowledge rather than choice gold,
- <sup>11</sup> for wisdom is better than jewels,  
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.
- <sup>12</sup> "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,  
and I find knowledge and discretion.
- <sup>13</sup> The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.  
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil  
and perverted speech I hate.
- <sup>14</sup> I have counsel and sound wisdom;  
I have insight; I have strength.
- <sup>15</sup> By me kings reign,  
and rulers decree what is just;
- <sup>16</sup> by me princes rule,  
and nobles, all who govern justly.
- <sup>17</sup> I love those who love me,  
and those who seek me diligently find me.
- <sup>18</sup> Riches and honor are with me,  
enduring wealth and righteousness.
- <sup>19</sup> My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,  
and my yield than choice silver.
- <sup>20</sup> I walk in the way of righteousness,

in the paths of justice,  
<sup>21</sup> granting an inheritance to those who love me,  
and filling their treasuries.

<sup>22</sup> “The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of old.

<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth,

<sup>26</sup> before he had made the earth with its fields,  
or the first of the dust of the world.

<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there;  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,

<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master workman,  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,

<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the children of man.

<sup>32</sup> “And now, O sons, listen to me:  
blessed are those who keep my ways.

<sup>33</sup> Hear instruction and be wise,  
and do not neglect it.

<sup>34</sup> Blessed is the one who listens to me,  
watching daily at my gates,  
waiting beside my doors.

<sup>35</sup> For whoever finds me finds life  
and obtains favor from the Lord,

<sup>36</sup> but he who fails to find me injures himself;  
all who hate me love death.”

**Sermon**

*“The Call of Wisdom”  
Rev. Tim Latham*

**Responding**  
***We respond to God’s Word***

## Sacrament of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!**

## Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you  
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come  
again!**

## Prayer of Consecration

### Profession of Faith

**We believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, Our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit.  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and buried;**

**The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the  
Quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church.  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Commissioning

*God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*

### Hymn 52

*O God Our Help in Ages Past*

### Benediction & Blessing

 **Postlude**

*Praise Ye the Lord!*

*Moorpart*