

**15th Sunday After Pentecost  
September 18, 2022**

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

**Prelude**

*Meditation*

*by Gillet*

**Welcome & Announcements**

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

 **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)


*Dennis Lesher*

Let us worship the eternal God,  
the source of love and life, who creates us.

**Let us worship Jesus Christ,  
the risen one, who lives among us.**

Let us worship the Spirit,  
the holy fire, who renews us.

**To the one true God be praise  
in all times and places,  
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

 **Invocation** (*Responsively*)

*Dennis Lesher*

God of goodness and grace,  
we long for your presence,  
for the peace your promises bring,  
and for the assurances we have received  
through the gift of your Son.

**May we, your people,  
this day and every day,  
have open eyes to see  
and open ears to hear  
your presence among us.**

Open us to your Holy Spirit, Lord,  
and prepare us for worship. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 92**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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

**Call to Confession**

*Dennis Lesher*

We know that nothing is able to separate us  
from the love of God in Jesus Christ.  
Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

**Prayer of Confession**

*Dennis Lesher*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace  
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.**

**Time for Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Dennis Lesher*

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me,  
and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

*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.*

## Ordination & Installation of Church Officers

### Introductions

*Chuck Stauffer, Jim Fox - Elders  
Val Fieo, Adrienne Boyance, Dan Baker—Trustees  
Doreen Newby, Deacon*

*(Please remain in your pew & stand when your name is read)*

**Installation Questions to Val Fieo, Adrienne Boyance and Dan Baker on being installed as Trustees; to Chuck Stauffer And Jim Fox on being installed as Ruling Elders; to Doreen Newby on being Installed as a Deacon.**

*To Elders and Deacons:*

*Do you now reaffirm the vows you took upon your Ordination and do you recommit yourself to them in discharge of your obligation? Do you?*

*To all officers:*

*Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to Accept this office from love of God and sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son? Have you?*

*Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise to you on that account? Do you?*

*Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as an officer, whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before this congregation of which God will make you an officer? Will you?*

*Are you now willing to take responsibility in the life of this Congregation respectively as a Trustee, a Deacon or an Elder, and will you seek to discharge your duties, relying upon the grace of God, in such a way that the entire Church of Jesus Christ will be blessed? Will you?*

### Prayer of Ordination

“Sovereign Lord, we ask You now that You anoint these Your Servants for the work that You are calling them to do. Give them the full measure of your Spirit so that they may become fully equipped.

Give them the wisdom to lean on You and Your Word for advice. Give them the courage to face the trials that will come their way. May Your presence abide, Your grace sustain and Your love keep them now and forever. Amen

## Declaration

I charge you based on the answers given to remain faithful to your call. Remember, God does not take the answers given lightly. May God be your guide and your help.

## Offering

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

**Invitation** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts.  
Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble  
before him, all the earth.

## Offering

**Offertory** *Rachmaninoff*  
*(Piano Duet)*

## ! 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

Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, LORD, is the  
greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty  
and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.  
Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.  
Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.  
In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to  
all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.  
**Amen.**

## ! Hymn 277

*The Church's One Foundation*

## Proclaiming

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

**Children's Sermon** *God Has No Grandchildren* *Dan Baker*

**Scripture Reading** *1 Peter 1:13-22*

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, with your minds ready for action, be sober-minded and set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance. <sup>15</sup> But as the one who called you is holy, you also are

to be holy in all your conduct; <sup>16</sup> for it is written, **Be holy, because I am holy.** <sup>17</sup> If you appeal to the Father who judges impartially according to each one's work, you are to conduct yourselves in reverence during your time living as strangers. <sup>18</sup> For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was revealed in these last times for you. <sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Since you have purified yourselves by your obedience to the truth, so that you show sincere brotherly love for each other, from a pure heart love one another constantly,

## Sermon

*"His Beloved Children"*

*Rev. Tim Latham*

## Responding

***We respond to God's Word***

## Hymn

*How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

*How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure that He should give  
His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss.  
The Father turns His face away as wounds  
Which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life.  
I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything:  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.*

## Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

**We believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**

the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.  
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried.  
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again with glory  
to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.  
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life.  
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
He spoke through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

### Commissioning

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

! Hymn 43

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

! Benediction & Blessing

! Postlude

*Great Is The Lord (Reprisal)*