

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1st, 2024

10:00 AM

17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:17-27

PRELUDE

Debbe Picern

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

P: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

L: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

P: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

No. 63

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord, You have called us to a way that is too great for us. Just as Christ came to serve not to be served, You call us to serve others, even our enemies. Just as Christ suffered to bring us comfort, You call us to enter others’ suffering that they may be comforted. We have fallen short of Your great calling for us. We expect others to serve us. We avoid hard situations to protect our own comfort. Forgive us, Lord, and fill us with Your Spirit that we may become more like Jesus. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***CONFESSION RESPONSE: “Behold the Lamb”**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE:**

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leviticus 23:22

ANTHEM

“Kids Telling Kids”

By: Graceyn McKain, Cora Murtha, Molly Tarr

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

SERMON

“Why Do We Work?”

Rev. Bill Sukolsky

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

***HYMN**

“Behold the Lamb (Around the Table of the King)”

COMMUNION

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN**

“By Faith”

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

***Those who are able please stand.**

Ushers: Deacons

Welcome Desk: Jesse & Journee Titus

Liturgist: Autumn Moore

Greeters: Sue Boettner

Fellowship Hour:

Child Care: Rebecca Kasarda

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	10 AM	Worship & Communion
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
	6:30 PM	Deacon/Trustee Meeting
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
	7 PM	Choir
Friday:	10 AM	Women's Bible Study
September 8th:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School & Care Team Meeting
	6 PM	Youth Group
	6 PM	Women's Bible Study

CHURCH RENOVATIONS- The demolition has begun. Please pardon our mess as we make updates to our space. We will be exiting the front doors of the sanctuary at the conclusion of worship unless you are parked at the front entrance.

CHRONOLOGICALLY SUPERIOR DINNER- We will be hosting a 55 and older dinner at the church on Thursday, September 19th at 5:30 PM. There is a signup sheet in the rear narthex if you would like to attend.

FISHBONE DINNER SIGNUP- We will be hosting another Fishbone dinner on Sunday, September 29th. There is a signup sheet in the rear narthex for volunteers and supplies. Please see Andy Tarr with any questions.

HYGIENE KITS- The mission committee will be collecting items for hygiene kits for Convoy of Hope. There is a signup sheet in the rear narthex for the items that we are collecting. Please place all donated items in the library by September 15th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF- Join us Sunday, September 8th following worship for the return of Sunday School for all ages! We are always looking for new volunteers to help teach. Please see Laura Franklin for more details.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY- The Abide study will pick back up this week on September 6th at 10 AM and September 8th at 6 PM.

CLUB 35- Will meet on Sunday, September 15th from 12-2. See Pastor Mike or Laura to signup.

YOUTH GROUP FALL KICKOFF- Will meet next Sunday, September 8th from 6-8 PM.

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