

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 1, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Jesus said, "Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger."* -James 1:19

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

PRELUDE - *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*.....T. Union Seminary

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

CALL TO WORSHIP

## PEACE AND JUSTICE

(Standing)

How should we come before the Holy One and bow before God on high?

**God has shown what is good and what is required: to do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.**

HYMN TO JOY

Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart,  
con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good;

**For your steadfast love endures forever!**

Who can utter your mighty works, or show forth all your praise?

**Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.**

Is not this the kind of worship that pleases me, says our God: to undo the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke, to share bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor, to clothe the naked and not turn from your own people? I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick or in prison and you visited me.

**When did we see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, naked and clothe you, sick or in prison and visit you?**

Truly, I say to you, when you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.

(Sitting)

*Unison* BAHNSON

"Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble,"  
Christ, when we see — you out on life's high - ways,

Christ Je - sus said to the right - eous a - bove.  
look - ing to us in the fac - es of need,

"When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and home - less,  
then may we know — you, wel - come and show — you

sick and in pris - on you showed me your love."  
love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

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## PEACE AND JUSTICE

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word; if you give your bread to the hungry and relief to the oppressed, then your light will rise like the dawn; your goodness will go before you and the glory of God behind you.

**God has shown us what is good and what is required: to do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.**

As we consider these things, let us confess our sins in silence.

## SILENT CONFESSION

The peace of Christ be with you;

**And also with you.**

QUEBEC

Give me your cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er

strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self as

vic - tim live, re - mem - b'ring you, may I for - give.

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Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
**For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who mourn,  
**For they will be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek,  
**For they will inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
**For they will be filled.**

Blessed are the merciful,  
**For they will receive mercy.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
**For they will see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
**For they will be called children of God.**

Jesus said: You have heard it said, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgment." But I say to you that if you are angry with your neighbor, you will be liable to judgment.

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

You have heard it said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you: Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also.

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

You have heard it said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

## PERFECT LOVE

Fol - low with rev - 'rent steps the great ex - am - ple of him whose

ho - ly work was do - ing good; so shall the wide earth

seem our Fa - ther's tem - ple, each lov - ing life a psalm of grat - i - tude.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

Praise God, all you nations,

**Praise God, all you people!**

Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help. There will be One who will rule with integrity and govern with justice: One who will be like a shelter from the wind and a place to hide from the storm; One who will be like streams flowing in a desert, like the shadow of a giant rock in a barren land; One whose eyes and ears will be open to the needs of the people.

Our God says:

**Here is my servant, whom I strengthen, the one I have chosen, with whom I am pleased.**

I have filled him with my Spirit, and he will bring justice to every nation.

**He will not lose hope or courage; he will establish justice on the earth.**

He will teach us what he wants us to do;

**We will walk in the paths he has chosen.**

He will settle disputes among the nations; he will arbitrate for many peoples.

**We will beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks.**

Nation will not lift up sword against nation; neither will they learn war anymore;

**We will live in peace, and no one will make us afraid.**

Justice will roll down like waters,

**And righteousness like an everflowing stream.**

And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness will be quietness and trust forever. And we will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

**We will live in peace, and no one will make us afraid.**

(Standing)

God has shown us what is good and what is required:

**To do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God.**

# PEACE AND JUSTICE

SARUM (58 E)

Peace - mak - ers! Blessed by Christ's in - vit - ing word,

The first system of musical notation for 'Peace and Justice'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 2/2 time signature. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, then a half note B4, and a half note C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

chil - dren of God, let ev - 'ry - where be heard

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note D5, a half note E5, a half note F#5, and a half note G5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

the sounds of peace and jus - tice not de - ferred. Al - le -

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note A5, a half note B5, a half note C6, and a half note D6. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The fourth system of musical notation, which concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a half note E6, a half note F#6, and a half note G6. The bass staff concludes with a final chord. The system ends with a double bar line.

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Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalms 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;**

who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends

**nor heap shame upon their neighbors;**

in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the Lord;

**who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

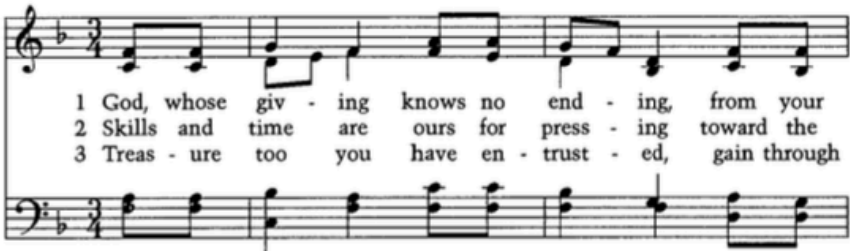
James 1:17-27

*During the singing of the next hymn, children age 3 and up are welcome to follow  
Godly Play leaders to continue their worship in CE-106.*



STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE

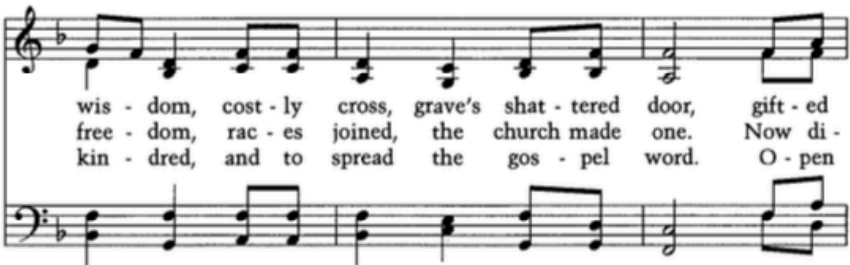
652 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



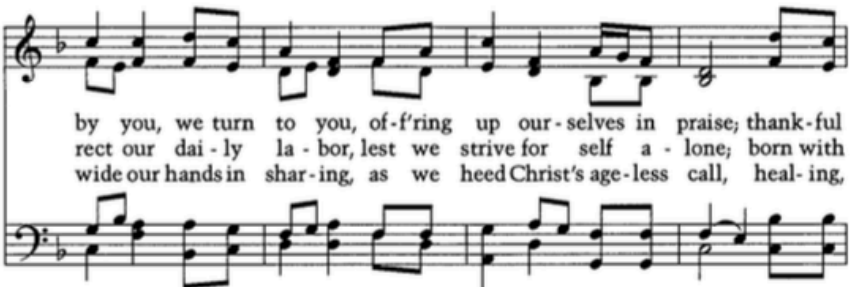
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the  
3 Treas - ure too you have en - trust - ed, gain through



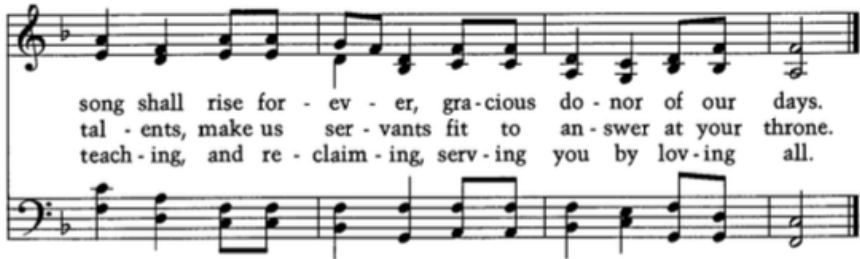
rich and end - less store; na - ture's won - der, Je - sus'  
goals of Christ, your Son, all at peace in health and  
pow'rs your grace con - ferred, ours to use for home and



wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door, gift - ed  
free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di -  
kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen



by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful  
rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; born with  
wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing,



GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:7-8, 14-15, 21-23.....Rev. Dr. Atwood

SERMON - *Dirty Hands But a Clean Heart*

HYMN 666 - *Help Us, O Lord, to Learn* .....T. Boylston

## Help Us, O Lord, to Learn

666

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts:  
2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim,  
3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways,  
to stud - y that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.  
that all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your name.  
that all who seek may find the Christ, and sing a - loud his praise.

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TUNE: Lowell Mason (1832)

S.M.

BOYLSTON (582 N)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we can express our gratitude in response to God: with time, treasure, talents, and testimony. For financial giving online: Use the Moravian Ministries Foundation giving portal at <https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/>. Click the DONATE tab on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to [homemoravian.org/donate](http://homemoravian.org/donate). You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.*

OFFERTORY INVITATION

ANTHEM - *Praise We Sing to Thee*.....Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Choir

*Praise we sing to Thee, thou might ruler king forever. Praise we sing to Thee dear Father, we will fail Thee never. All the joys of nature tell us ever Thy wondrous power. Still Thy tender grace and mercy keep us every hour. Praise we sing to Thee most holy, praise forever more! Grateful hymns of thanks we raise for all the gifts Thou doth ordain. Lord of hosts who o'er the wondrous realm of heaven doth reign. Praise we sing to Thee most holy, praise forever more.*

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

WORSHIP

# 556 Peace Be to This Congregation

1 Peace be to this con - gre - ga - tion, peace to ev - 'ry  
2 Je - sus, Prince of Peace, be near us; fix in all our

soul there - in; peace, which flows from Christ's sal - va - tion,  
hearts your home; with your gra - cious pres - ence cheer us;

peace, the seal of can - celled sin, peace that speaks its  
let your sa - cred king - dom come; raise to heav'n our

heav'n - ly Giv - er, peace, to earth - ly minds un - known,  
ex - pec - ta - tion, give our fa - vored souls to prove

peace di - vine that lasts for - ev - er here e - rect its glo - rious throne.  
glo - rious and com - plete sal - va - tion in the realms of bliss a - bove.

TEXT: Charles Wesley (1749), alt.

TUNE: Herrnhut (c. 1735); John Thommen (1745); C. Gregor Choralbuch (1784)

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CASSEL (167 A)

POSTLUDE - *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*.....T. *Lauda Anima*  
 John Behnke  
 (2000)

POSTLUDE TEXT FOR REFLECTION:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
 to his feet your tribute bring.  
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
 evermore his praises sing.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise the everlasting King!

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn 832, *The Grace of Our Lord*

*While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship.*

SERVICE MUSIC

832                      **The Grace of Our Lord**

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ, and the love of God, and the com - mu - nion of the Ho - ly Spir - it, be with us all, be with us all. A - men.' The score ends with a double bar line.

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 13:13  
 TUNE: Christian Gregor (1763)
 Irregular  
(540 E)

**We extend a cordial welcome** to all visitors this morning and invite you to join us again whenever possible. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you. After the service, pick up a beverage in the Lovefeast Serving Room off the Sanctuary, and enjoy fellowship in the Sanctuary or outside.

**The flowers** are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Frank Tothill*, *Margaret Woods Tothill* and *Boyd and Myrtle Matheson* by Mrs. Frank Tothill.

### **SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

**GODLY PLAY, CE-106** (ages 3 and up), *We Talk With God Everywhere*

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (in person and via zoom), 11:15 a.m.: Bible Discussion, Club Room**

**There will be no children's Power Hour this morning.**

#### **CALENDAR**

- Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105
  - 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
  - 10:20 a.m. - *Godly Play*, CE-106
  - 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room
  - 11:15 a.m. - Bible Discussion, Club Room & Zoom
  - No Children's Power Hour this morning
- Monday - 8:30 a.m. - Office Closed - Holiday
- Tuesday - 2:00 p.m. - Living Faith, CR
  - 4:00 p.m. - Nominating Committee, Parlor
  - 6:30 p.m. - Band Class, RB-5
  - 7:00 p.m. - Elders, CE-101
- Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant
  - 2:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor
- Thursday - 8:30 a.m. - Men of the Church Candle Making, Candle Make Room
  - 6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal, RB-5
- Friday - 5:00 p.m. - Youth Retreat (Laurel Ridge, through Sunday AM)
- Next Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105
  - 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
  - 10:20 a.m. - *Godly Play*, CE-106
  - 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room
  - 11:15 a.m. - Bible Discussion, Club Room & Zoom
  - CE Sunday – Open House for Fall Sunday Educational Opportunities

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women's Retreat News:** Registration is now open for the Home Church Women's Retreat, September 20-22 at Higgins Lodge. Cost is \$345 single/\$220 double. (Laurel Ridge fees and \$15 for leadership). Our leader, Nola Reed Knouse. **NEW THIS YEAR** – register online (go to Home Church website, click on "This Week at Home", use QR form on retreat flyer) or mail forms to the church office, also found on the church website. Questions: contact Katrina Bodford, [ksbodford@gmail.com](mailto:ksbodford@gmail.com)

**Beginning Band Class** will start on Tuesday, September 3, at Home Moravian Church. Sponsored jointly with Salem Congregation, Beginning Band Class will once again be offered under the leadership of Robah Ogburn and Connie Merritt. Each Tuesday night, the class will meet at **6:30 p.m.** for all ages 6th grade and up (we have had students starting in their 80's). If you do not know what instrument you want to learn, the leaders will help you make that decision on the first night.

**Salem Congregation Chorale Band** will meet at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday and is open to all interested players. This group will use both green and blue Moravian Chorale books and perhaps some band arrangements. This group is targeted for all players that have at least completed Beginning Band as well as those that have played for many years. Both the Beginning Band Class and the Salem Congregation Chorale Band will meet in the Rehearsal Room on the lower level of the Rhondthaler building. Please contact Connie ([kapwing@triad.rr.com](mailto:kapwing@triad.rr.com)) or Robah ([RobahOgburn@Yahoo.com](mailto:RobahOgburn@Yahoo.com)) if you have questions or need additional information. Any Home Church member that would like to borrow an instrument should contact Art Sorensen via email, [asorensen1959@gmail.com](mailto:asorensen1959@gmail.com), or phone, 336-407-2192.

**Sanctuary Flowers** - If you would like to give Sanctuary Flowers for one of our Sunday services this year, please contact Katherine Petree at 336-727-1195 or [katherine@thepetrees.net](mailto:katherine@thepetrees.net). We have several openings in the next few months and will be happy to schedule you for one of these Sundays.

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