



# The Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

*As we gather for worship, each one is invited to greet those who worship with them and to pray in silence in preparation for the worship of God.*

**Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost:** *O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Prelude

Choral Call To Worship

“No Other Name”

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Candle Lighting

Congregational Response – No. 389

“Spirit of the Living God”

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation

**Leader:** *God gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.* (James 1:18)

**People:** *Jesus said: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.* (Matthew 11:29)

**Leader:** *Jesus said: If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.* (Matthew 16:24)

**Unison Prayer of Invocation:** *Almighty God, you alone can order unruly wills and affections. Help us to love what you command, and desire what you promise; that in the midst of this changing world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found. Now come among us as we worship you and offer our prayers in Jesus' name, he who taught us to pray saying . . . Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.*

\*Hymn No. 326

“Blessed Redeemer”

\*Affirmation of Faith – the Apostles' Creed (inside front cover)

\*Gloria Patri – No. 81

**We Bring Our Gifts** – The Morning Offering: *Freely you have received, freely give.* (Matt. 10:8b)

Offertory

\*Doxology - No. 815

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn No. 583

“You Are My All In All”

**A Time for the Children:** No.190 “Love him, Love him, All the Little Children” (refrain only) - as they enter and leave.

## WE PLACE OUR LIVES INTO GOD'S HANDS

Sharing Our Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Prayer of Confession** (unison): *There are words, Lord God, that define us very well when it comes to measuring our responses to you. We're grateful that you do not use those words often for us, but use other words to renew our ties and recharge our spirit, and enable us to on in your light. We confess our shortcomings, Father, and confess that there are many times when we don't even think about it. But you continue to think about us, and for that measure of grace that comes through your word and our life with you, we thank you, in Jesus' name.*

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer (Minister)

Congregational Response – No. 641

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Anthem

“To Bless The Earth”

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 5:1-12; John 1:14-18

Sermon

“On Purity of Heart”

Dr. Boyd

## WE GO FORTH IN FAITH

\*Hymn 548

“As The Deer”

\***Charge to the Congregation** (Minister): *forth in the name of the Lord. This is God's charge: to give our allegiance to Jesus Christ and to love one another as he commanded.* (1 John 3:2)

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction – No. 595

“Alleluia”

*\*Stand as you are able.*