



God's Work  
Our Hands

# 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Worship! We gather on the lawn (6 feet between families and wear masks until worship starts) **OR** in vehicles tuned to radio station 89.5 FM.

Words in **bold** are said together.

## **GATHER** (Welcome!)

### *Confession and Forgiveness*

Invitation to confession and time for private confession.

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

L: Faithful God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, now live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **C: Amen.**

### *Gathering Hymn - O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

1. O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true;  
tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong;
4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way,  
in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.

### *Prayer of the Day*

**O Lord God, renew the strength, energy and courage of your church. Through our acts of worship, forgiveness, and service, may your love overflow and your grace be proclaimed for us, for our neighbors and for all the world through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### Psalm 103:8-13

<sup>8</sup>The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

### Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Children's Message*

*Sermon*

Pastor Amanda Kempthorne

*Hymn of the Day - God's Work, Our Hands* (tune: Earth and all Stars)

1. God's work, our hands: working together,  
building a future, repairing the world,  
raising up homes, planting new gardens,  
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.  
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.
2. God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,  
following Jesus to places unknown,  
walking as friends, marching for freedom,  
running the race with God's future the goal.

Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

3. God's work, our voice: singing together,  
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,  
praying for peace, shouting for justice,  
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

4. God is at work in and around us:  
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!  
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,  
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.  
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

## MEAL

*Prayers of God's People* —Each petition ends "God of abundant grace," please respond:  
**Open your healing hands.**

*Communion:* \*We eat and drink together after Christ's Words of Institution.

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## SEND

### *Announcements*

Here are the God's Work Our Hands projects!

- \* highway clean-up our stretch from here to Wendy's
- \* wood shed: move dry & prep and stack new (splitter/chainsaws)
- \* mask making / cutting material

### *Sending Hymn - The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth a better place to live. *(sing twice)*

The angels are not sent into our world of pain  
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. *(sing twice)*

## *Blessing and Dismissal*

The God of compassion, hope and joy,  
Our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,  
Bless your feet to carry you into places of need.  
Bless your lips to proclaim love and mercy.  
Bless your heart to love and listen to those you encounter.  
Bless your hands to care for the needs of your neighbors.  
Bless you to be a blessing to others. Now and always. **Amen.**

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## ***Special Thanks to...***

*Worship Set-up hands:* Fran and Nancy

*Worship Leaders:* Pianist, Carol Hughes; Reader, \_\_\_\_\_;  
Sound, Jason Kempthorne; Video, \_\_\_\_\_

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