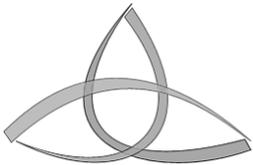
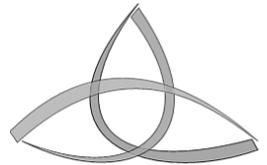




**Worship with Holy Communion
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 2021 - 11:00 am**



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God Gathers Us In to Worship

Welcome

Prelude

Jan Gibson

Gathering Song

Praise to the Lord Almighty

ELW 858

Please stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection

Pastor: God our comforter:

**People: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.**

Pastor: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

People: Amen.

Please stay standing as you are able

Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Gracious God,

People: Throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen

Please be seated

God Proclaims His Holy Word

Reading Isaiah 34:4-7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon, Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance of Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes a path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here us your God, He will come with a vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come to save you. 5 then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6 then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7a the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Reading:

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

24 From here he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice 25 but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." 28 But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." 27 Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go - the demon has left your daughter." 30 So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. 31 Then he returned from the region of Trye, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 They brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand upon him. 33 He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. 34 Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." 35 And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Oh Christ.

Please be seated



Message

“Feisty Faith”

Pastor Jodi Golden-Lund

Please stand as you are able

Song

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW 726

Confession of Faith/Apostle’s Creed

Pastor: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Please be seated

Prayers of the People

A series of petitions will be offered for the sake of those in need within the church and within the community and world.

Pastor: Lord in your mercy...

People: hear our prayer.

Passing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

God Nourishes Us at His Holy Table

Offering Prayer

Pastor: God of abundance,

**People: you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Please stand as you are able

Words of Institution

Pastor: On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." And again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord. Teach us to pray, saying from our hearts:

People: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: All who hunger and thirst, come.
The table is ready.

Please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion

All Christians are welcome to share with us in Holy Communion. The gift of Holy Communion is given by God without condition; therefore, we do not condition who may receive. If you would like to receive Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine, simply do so.

Songs During Communion

O Blessed Spring

ELW 447

We Come to You for Healing Lord

ELW 617

Please stand as you are able

Post-Communion Blessing

Pastor: May these gifts of Jesus' body and blood strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

People: **Amen**



God Sends Us Out To Love and Serve Others

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Lord of life,

People: in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated

Announcements

Benediction and Blessing

Pastor: People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

Please stand as you are able

Sending Song

O, Christ Your Heart, Compassionate *ELW 722*

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Jan Gibson



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Reader: Ann Marie Wagstaff
Ushers: Juanita Baldwin
Servers: Linn and Karin Wiseman
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Camera: Ray Cauwet
Altar Care: Karin Wiseman, Marga Schaeffer
Multi-Media: Andy Buzzelli

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Choir Director: Dave Hensley

Weekly Scriptures to read at home:

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

Prayer Requests

New Prayer Concerns

For Ronnie, who is experiencing dementia related to Lewy Body Syndrome

For comfort of friends of Sally McIntosh, in hope of resurrection

Prayers of thanks (Judy Trimble) for successful surgery and recovery. Prayers for continued healing and strength.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Earl Gibson (Jan Gibson) for recovery from Covid 19 and ongoing health issues

Marga Schaefer - for healing after surgery

Stanley (Susan Firestone) - for God's peace and patience as he faces a new cancer diagnosis

Scott (Susan Firestone) - for relief in his back pain

Art and Karen Cardell - for peace and strength through difficult communication

Marcia (Nancy Chadwell) for perseverance while enduring chemo side effects

Cee Bee - (Susan Firestone) - for healing of infection

Colleen Wickeeshem (Carol Baggett) -for God's hand of protection as she deals with serious health problems

Peggy Holt - for healing and comfort due to health problems

Julie Elston - for continued health concerns

Muriel Josten - for continued healing after knee replacement

Brian Nelson (Scott Nelson) - for continuing health concerns

La Vida Nueva UMC - for God to prosper our partnership in the gospel

The Sierra-Pacific Synod - for wisdom and a spirit of true fellowship in our shared ministries

Foothill Presbyterian - for God's blessing on our partnership with their community

Those unable to worship with us:

June Mowles - Sierra Hills Phyllis Rengstorf - Kaweah Manor, Visalia

Avis Lindroos - North Dakota

Birthdays:

Jill Stokes

Anniversaries:

Vern and Gloria Miller

Jim and Cindy Rogers



Join us every Sunday!

Bible Study
Worship w/Communion

9:45am
11:00am