

Sunday, September 18, 2022
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *“Laudate Dominum”* *Taizé Community*

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Call to Worship (Psalm 113:1-4)

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD;

Praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of our God.

From this time on and forevermore,

From the rising of the sun to its setting.

The name of our God is to be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations,

And God’s glory above the heavens.

***Hymn** *“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”* *New Century Hymnal #27*

1 From all that dwell below the skies

let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal are your mercies, God;

your truth stands ever high and broad:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia!

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Prayer for Illumination (Equinox -Thursday, Sept 22)

Holy Spirit, as we approach the equinox, we give thanks to You who bless us in all seasons, summer and winter and springtime and harvest. We thank You for this beautiful earth and we pray for the wisdom to learn how to care for this planet better. Help us to raise our voices and advocate for You and Your creation. Guide us in ways of caring and tilling, so that our lives bear fruit as does the earth in all seasons. Lead us away from harmful practices that reduce the earth to consumption and our lives into productivity machines, and instead, cultivate in us a rhythm of balance, to heed the

turning of the earth and the revolution around the sun. May we instill a revolution in our hearts, to turn back to You, to love one another, and to care for this earth. Amen

Anthem ***“Finally Home”*** by Thomas H. Roehrich

Scripture **1 Timothy 2:1-7** **Jim Crosskey**

Hymn** ***“Come Find the Quiet Center” *Worship and Rejoice #477*
Please see the Last page for Hymn

Message **Prayerful Living** **Rev. Abby Gackenheimer**

Music of Reflection

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

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. Amen.

Prayer Response ***“Stay with Me”*** *Taizé Community*

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Call to Offering

God’s love is steadfast and abundant. We are blessed to give from hearts of love that others might experience abundance. May the gifts we bring be used to supply whatever balm is needed, wherever it is needed. May these resources be used to facilitate the wholeness of all. Amen.

****Doxology***

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

God, receive these gifts - and give us open hands. Fill our lives – and give us open hearts. Touch us with your word – and give us open minds. Bless this church – and give us open doors. Amen.

Hymn** ***“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” *The New Century Hymnal #290*

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

3 Have you not bid us love you every way?
All, all your own; soul, heart, and strength, and mind;
I see your cross - there teach my heart to stay:
O let me seek you, and O let me find.

4 Teach me to feel that you are always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

5 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

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Benediction

Benediction Response

“Go Ye Now In Peace” by Joyce E. Bacak

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Postlude

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477 Come and Find the Quiet Center

F Gm F Dm Bb C Bb F

1 Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we lead,
 2 Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
 3 In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's pain,

F Gm F Dm Bb C7 Bb F

find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed:
 God it is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, touch - es base,
 let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:

F C Dm F Bb

clear the cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see
 mak - ing space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun,
 there's a place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care,

C Dm Bb F Gm Am Bb F

all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
 rais - ing cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
 in the Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare!

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