

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please take note: There will be no congregational singing during the service. All music will be provided by the Music Director and soloists.

INTROIT “We Are All Welcomed!” *Andrew Foster*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God requires us to bring justice into this world

All: To see where there is oppression and fight for reconciliation.

One: God requires us to bring kindness into this world

All: To act with gentleness, and to treat others with respect.

One: God requires that we walk humbly in this world

All: To realize that we are part of something greater, and to put the needs of others before our own needs. Let us gather in worship together!

*HYMN “We Gather Here”
Andrew Foster, Sangho Nam

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful Creator, we confess that we are stubborn and stiff necked. We cling to the past, and refuse to embrace the future that you set before us. Help us to let go of tired ideas, and to open ourselves to the miracle you offer us anew each day.

Help us to see ourselves as part of the human family, and to open our hearts to others in our thoughts, our words, and our deeds. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

**If you are able to do so comfortably, please stand*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends...God's light shines in the darkness. It cleanses the sins that are hidden in our inmost being. Your past is received, your present is accepted, and your future opens up to new possibilities.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Sung by soloist

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,

and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with your God?

SERMON

“The Times, They Are a-Changing”

*HYMN "God's World in Changing"
Sangho Nam, Andrew Foster

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastoral Prayer (including prayer concerns)
Time of Silent Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response "Companions on the Journey" *Kim Kuda*

DELIGHTING IN GIVING

(The offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary.)

Invitation to Present Our Offerings
*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

God, accept these offerings that we lay upon your altar. May they be purified by your holy fire, and used to bring the love of Christ into this hurting world. In your name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "We Are Called"
Andrew Foster, Sangho Nam, Kim Kuda

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

GUEST PASTOR - Rev. Jonathan Ryder
MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda
DEACON & LAY READER - Lori Russell
SOLOISTS - Andrew Foster, Sangho Nam, Kim Kuda



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NOTE: Next Sunday, September 11 - Holy Communion