

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Theme: Creation and Fall—From the beginning of creation, God's primary focus was the nurture of humanity. Once fallen, God continued to love and care for people, healing their shame and forgiving their sin.

PRELUDE

Hallelujah

L. Cohen

Cathy Parker: violin; Sarah Tatman: viola; Claudia Fitzpatrick: cello

CALL TO WORSHIP

Clothe us with your wisdom, Lord,
And open our eyes to your light.
Take away our guilt and shame,
And cover us with forgiveness.
Let us not hide ourselves from you,
But in freedom give you praise.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

OPENING SONG

Earth and All Stars

#731

**Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Merciful God, You created people not as subjects to rule, but as partners in tending and enjoying this bountiful earth. Help us release our shame and guilt over what we have done wrong, accepting instead your mercy and forgiveness offered through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING:

Genesis 2:4vb-7,15-17; 3:1-8

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL:

Luke 11:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 11^h chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

In My Life

Lennon/McCartney

Cathy Parker: violin; Sarah Tatman: viola; Claudia Fitzpatrick: cello

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. God of compassion, **Hear our prayer**

Receive these prayers and all those which we offer in silence, for the sake of our savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray....

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

BENEDICTION

May God the Father prepare your journey, Jesus the Son guide your footsteps, and the Spirit of Life strengthen your body. May the 3-in-1 watch over you, and be with you on every road on which you journey. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Let the Whole Creation Cry

#876

**Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty king!"
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.**

**Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word,
those to whom the arts belong add their voices to the song.
Pow'rs of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw;
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"**

**Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold,
and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts;
from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to God alone!"**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Stay safe and be safe, Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Con Ti Partiro

Sartori/Quarantotto

Cathy Parker: violin; Sarah Tatman: viola; Claudia Fitzpatrick: cello

A special thanks to Cathy Parker, Sarah Tatman, and Claudia Fitzpatrick for providing special music this morning.