



15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2026

10:00 am

*Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.
Liturgist for today's worship is Lisa Garcia.
Welcome back to the Adult Choir!

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Sing to the Lord a new song,
sing praise among the faithful.

Let the people of God be glad;
let us rejoice, dance, and sing.

For the Lord rejoices in the people;
God gives glory to the humble of heart.

HYMN* "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" 396

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for us. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved *you* with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name.

[silence]

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON

582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

GOSPEL– Matthew 18:15-20

Lisa Garcia

OLD TESTAMENT – Exodus 12:1-14

SERMON

“How to Eat”

Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE *(from “A Brief Statement of Faith”)*

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation *“O Come to the Sacred Feast”* Adult Choir

*The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore with all creation we lift our voices, saying,

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will
come again . . .**

**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: O God, you have fed us, and made us
one with each other and the risen Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to
proclaim your redeeming love to the world.
Amen.**

HYMN* *"In Remembrance of Me"* 521

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* 742

**We will walk with God, my brothers;
we will walk with God.**

**We will walk with God, my sisters;
we will walk with God.**

**We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.**

Fellowship Time – All are welcome!