

# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

15th Sunday after Pentecost



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**GATHERING MUSIC** Instrumental: “Simple Gifts”

“Call Down a Blessing”

**WORDS OF GREETING**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Eternal God, maker of the skies above,

**All: We praise you for your steadfast love.**

One: Lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,

**All: We celebrate your saving grace.**

One: Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,

**All: In communion with you, we commune with one another.**

One: In earth, sea and sky, you are everywhere present.

**All: Thank you. Alleluia! Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**HYMN MEDLEY - I’ll Fly Away”, “This Little Light of Mine”, “Do Lord”, “Swing Low Sweet Chariot”**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**As the deer longs for flowing streams, so our souls long for you, O God. Yet, in the beauty of your creation, we confess that we have often wandered from your presence. We have sought fulfillment in things that do not satisfy and have forgotten to seek your living water. Forgive us, God, for our restless hearts and for neglecting the stillness where you speak. Renew our spirits in this sacred space, surrounded by your handiwork, that we may find our true rest and joy in you. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**RESPONSE**

**I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul. (repeat)  
I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean. (repeat)**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING - Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

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

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 42**

Amen. **Amen.**

### **SERMON - Rev. Tara Reck**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Adapted from A Declaration of Faith, (P.C.U.S., 1977)**

**We believe in one true and living God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, and whose help for us is sufficient. That one is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love. God created all the worlds that are and upholds and rules everything. We affirm that the universe exists by the power of God's Word and Spirit. God has chosen to give it reality out of the love we have come to know in Christ. God still works through the processes that shape and change the earth and the living things upon it. We acknowledge God's care and control in the regularity of the universe as well as in apparently random happenings. There is no event from which God is absent and his ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving. That purpose embraces our choices and will surely be accomplished. The Creator works in all things toward the new creation that is promised in Christ. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.**

### **MUSICAL RESPONSE -"Blessed Quietness"**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY "Down By the Riverside"**

**DOXOLOGY**            All creatures, your Creator bless,  
                                 And worship God in humbleness, O sing ye! Alleluia!  
                                 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
                                 And praise the Spirit Three in One  
                                 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

#### **THE INVITATION**

**One:** Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

**All:** They will come from north and south and from east and west  
to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.



One: According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, He took the bread, and blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them

**All: And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.**

One: This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites all who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared.

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS/DEBTORS)**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise. Holy God, we do praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and let the earth be glad... ..Therefore we praise you, with heavenly choirs and all your saints, those who labor on and those who rest eternally in you:

**(sung) Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

One: You are holy, God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and blessed is the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ... ..for great is the mystery of faith:

**(spoken) Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... As Christ taught us, we are bold to pray:

**All: 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.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

(All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. )

Instrumental during communion: "Beach Spring"

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**One:** Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

**All:** **Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell the good news to the world. Amen.**

**HYMN -"Unclouded Day"**

## **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

## **GOSPEL HYMN MEDLEY**

### **I'LL FLY AWAY**

Some bright morning when this life is o'er I'll \_\_\_ fly a-way  
To that home on God's celestial shore I'll \_\_\_ fly a-way  
**Oh, I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll \_\_\_\_\_ fly a-way (in the morning)**  
**When I die, hallelujah by and by I'll \_\_\_ fly a-way**

### **THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine let it shine.**  
Let it shine Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...3x Let it shine...

### **DO LORD**

I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun  
I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun  
I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun  
Look a-way, beyond the blue.

**CHORUS: Do Lord, oh do Lord, Oh do remember me  
Do Lord, oh do Lord, Oh do remember me  
Do Lord, oh do Lord, Oh do remember me  
Look a-way beyond the blue.**

### **SWING LOW, SWEET CHARIOT**

**CHORUS: Swing Low, Sweet Cha-ri-ot comin' for to carry me home  
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot comin' for to carry me home.**

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, comin' for to carry me home,  
A band of angels comin' after me, comin for to carry me home. (Chorus)

### **I'LL FLY AWAY**

**Oh, I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll \_\_\_\_\_ fly a-way (in the morning)  
When I die hallelujah by and by \_\_\_\_\_ I'll \_\_\_\_\_ fly a- way.**

### **DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE**

1. Gonna lay down my sword and shield, Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside, Down by the riverside.

Gonna lay down my sword and shield, Down by the riverside  
Down by the river-side.

**Chorus: I ain't gonna study war no more**

**I ain't gonna study war no more I ain't gonna study war no more**

**I ain't gonna study war no more I ain't gonna study war no more**

**I ain't gonna study war no more \_\_\_\_\_**

2. Gonna put on my starry crown, Down by the riverside,....  
(Chorus)

3. Gonna walk with the Prince of Peace, Down by the riverside,....  
(Chorus)

### **UNCLOUDED DAY**

1. Oh, they tell me of a home far beyond the skies,  
Oh, they tell me of a home far a-way;  
Oh, they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise,  
Oh, they tell me of an uncloudy day.

**Chorus: Oh, the land of cloudless day,  
Oh, the land of an uncloudy sky\_\_\_\_,  
Oh, they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise,  
Oh, they tell me of an uncloudy day.**

2. Oh, they tell me of a home where my friends have gone,  
Oh, they tell me of that land far away,  
Where the tree of life in eternal bloom, Sheds its fragrance through the uncloudy day.  
(Chorus)

3. Oh, they tell me that He smiles on His children there,  
And His smile drives their sorrows a-way;  
And they tell me that no tears ever fall again In that lovely land of uncloudy day.  
(Chorus)