

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, your people are suffering. Where there is woundedness, help us bring healing. Where there is discouragement, help us bring support and comfort. Where there is dismay and mourning, help us bring the power of new life and new opportunities. Heal us, O God, for you are our help and our hope, the One we turn to in times of trouble. In the name of our Great Physician, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Songs **“Open the Eyes of My Heart” #61**
 “Everlasting God” #9

Passing the Peace of Christ

“The Peace of Christ be with you.”
“And also with you.”

Children’s Time

Scriptures

Psalm 79: 1-9

Shirley Fellers

O God, the nations have invaded your inheritance;
they have defiled your holy temple,
they have reduced Jerusalem to rubble.
They have left the dead bodies of your servants
as food for the birds of the sky,
the flesh of your own people for the animals of the wild.
They have poured out blood like water
all around Jerusalem,
and there is no one to bury the dead.
We are objects of contempt to our neighbors,
of scorn and derision to those around us.
How long, Lord? Will you be angry forever?
How long will your jealousy burn like fire?
Pour out your wrath on the nations
that do not acknowledge you,
on the kingdoms
that do not call on your name;
for they have devoured Jacob
and devastated his homeland.

Do not hold against us the sins of past generations;
may your mercy come quickly to meet us,
for we are in desperate need.
Help us, God our Savior,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us and forgive our sins
for your name’s sake.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.
L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message
“First of All:
Pray”
by
Pastor
Peter Choi



Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Marge Madsen, Lyra Johnson, Gary Smidt,
Larry Anderson, Lori Conyer's Father, and
Merlin Beahm.

Happy Birthday to Fred Will, Marlys Farm, and Jeff Johnson.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

You are the generous one, full of mercy and goodness for your creation. Send your wisdom with these gifts, that they may reach those who need your love and welcome. Bring about a harvest of goodness through these gifts sown in peace. Amen.

Closing Song “Glory to God Forever” #40

Benediction

We have been embraced by God's all compassing arms of love. As we prepare to leave this place, may we go with our arms outstretched, eager to embrace the people around us. May we go, prepared to share Christ's life-giving love with all we encounter. Amen.

Sending Forth

Postlude

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Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

September 18, 2022

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

1. Please continue to remember, support, and pray for children's ministry, youth's ministry, UMW, our committees, bell choir, and Bible Study group.
2. No After School Program this week.
3. The volunteer sheets are on the bulletin board in the west hallway. Please write your names on the sheet if you want to be involved in the church ministry. We need communion servers for October 2 and a refreshment host.
4. The deadline for the church conference will be October 3. Please prepare all work before the date.
5. Join us for refreshments following worship.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$1,090. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

P: We come in celebration and song.

L: We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

P: We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.

L: We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief.

P: We come to bring them blessing upon blessing, in Jesus' name.

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