***Welcome To Worship***

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***Sunday, September 10th, 2023 15th Sunday After Pentecost***

***\*Those who are able please stand***

**PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP**

**PRELUDE MUSIC**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO REST

**\*OPENING SENTENCES: (Responsive)**

Here in this place, there are no others,

 **for all are welcome in God’s house.**

 Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

 **for all are welcome by God as they are.**

 Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

 **for all are welcome as God lives in us.**

 **Come, let us worship in word and then action**

 with welcome and then love for all.

**\*GATHERING HYMN #14** For The Beauty Of The Earth

**Kyrie** #627 I Love You Lord **(***Confession does not need to be a somber affair. It can be a joyful and thankful momentr dropping a heavy load from tired hips. God’s grace means confession can sound as much like “hallelujah” as “I’m sorry”. For this reason, we begin and end our “Confession” this morning with “I love you lord”. A joyful song to express how our confessing is also our act of love for the God who already covers us in grace.)*

***I love you lord And I lift my voice***

 ***To worship you oh my soul, rejoice....***

**CONFESSION OF NEED (Responsive)**

Welcoming God,

People are crying **I cover my ears**

People are dying **I dry my eyes**

People are my neighbor **I see them as threat to my comfort and choose not**

 **love**

People are starving  **I complain about my options**

People are oppressed **I feel trapped in my routine**

People cry out for justice **I complain there’s nothing to do**

People are so unwell **I am sick of the trivial things**

People are refugees **I feel entitled to better things**

People are in poverty **I still want more**

God,

Listen to my prayers, that I might hear myself,

understand my confession, and find my repentance.

**So that I might actually be changed**

**To help the world do the same. Amen**

**KYRIE**

 ***Take joy my king In what you hear.***

 ***May it be a sweat sweat sound In Your ears.***

***SILENCE for confession and resting In God’s grace.***

**DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)**

You are heard, you are held, you are loved by the God who forgives before we even know to ask. This is the grace poured over us. May you live as drenched people.

**Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsive)**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**

Let us share a sign of God’s peace with one another.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

**Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker’s ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.**

**Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

READING 1............................................................. Romans 13:8-14

READING 2 ............................................................. Matthew 18:15-20

*Leader: The word of the Lord.* People: Thanks be to God!

**SERMON: Pastor Greg Isaacson**

**(Silence for Reflection)**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #515 I Come With Joy**

**PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)**

**The Communion**

**- Invitation**

**- Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**- Words of Institution**

**- Communion of the People**

**- Prayer**

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #821 How Can I Keep From Singing**

**\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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