September 5, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

15th Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 am

Liturgical Color: Green

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

*Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Trinity

Schuyler McGinnis

Prelude Amaz'n Grace Dick Blosser

*Call to Worship Zella Williams, Senior Adult Coordinator

Leader: Hear the choices God sets before us: life and prosperity or death and adversity.

People: O God, you have searched us and known us. You know our thoughts and every move

we make.

Leader: Listen to the ordinances of our God; love God and walk in the way God commands.

People: O God, we will listen for your words. We will seek to walk on the paths you intend.

Leader: Happy are those who delight in God's law; blessed are all who meditate on God's Word. **People:** Wonderful are all your works, O God. We are your creation; we are in your hands.

*Hymn No. 92

For the Beauty of the Earth

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*Invocation

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Like a skilled potter, O God, you have shaped each one of us as a unique design. You know us better than we know ourselves. You value us more that we can imagine. You weep when we are marred or broken through our own misdeeds or the world's cruelty. We gather now to assemble our prayers for one another and all the world's people in a chorus of devotion. Hear us, gracious God. Amen.

Psalm 139 (See Insert)

A Litany for Labor Day

Anthem Amazing Grace arr. Jack Schrader

Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

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. Amen.

Offering

Offertory You Alone
Main Pointe Band

*Doxology No. 95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Old 100th

*Prayer of Thanksgiving The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Children's Message Myra Shaffer

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*Hymn No. 374 Standing on the Promises Promises

*A Modern Affirmation of Faith No. 885

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson Luke 8:4-8 Page 81 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Messages Mrs. Susan Thompson, Dr. Lincoln McGinnis,

Reverend Terry C. Martin

*Hymn No. 382 Have Thine Own Way, Lord Adelaide

*Benediction

*Response No. 666 Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Nursery Provided

Reverend Martin will be at the front doors of the Sanctuary at the close of the service.