

September 13, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

10:00 am

15th Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

**Preparation for Worship and Announcements**

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

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

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude**

*Psalms 100*

Marcello

**\*Call to Worship**

Angela Rowland, Chairperson Education Committee

Leader: Come away from dullness and complacency. Wake up! God is calling us to listen and learn.

People: **The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

Leader: How long will we refuse the wisdom God offers? How long will we ignore God's counsel and reproof?

People: **The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of God are sure, making wise the simple.**

Leader: Our waywardness separates us from God. Then, when we call on God, we hear no answer.

People: **We gather to renew our relationship with God. We seek enlightenment and the revival of our souls.**

**\*Hymn No. 159**

*Lift High the Cross*

Crucifer

**Invocation**

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

God of all wisdom, renew our sense of awe and wonder as we gather before you, the Source of all knowledge. Make your Word known to us, and stretch out your hand to touch us. Draw us away from our own devices that we may truly listen to the witness of all creation speaking of wonders we have ignored. Give us eyes to see beauty in all around us. Align us with truth and righteousness. Quiet our scoffing and awaken our trust. Show us the disciplines we need to stay in touch with you each day. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading**

Proverbs 1:20-33

Page 718 (OT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*Go Not Far From Me, O God*

Zinagrelli

Chancel Choir

**†Epistle Reading**

James 3:1-12

Page 279 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

**Lord's Prayer (In Unison)**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

arr. Cherwein

**\*Doxology No. 94**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## Children's Message

Alice Balentine

*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.*

## \*Passing of the Peace

### \*Hymn No. 452

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Olivet

### \*Affirmation of Faith No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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. Amen.*

### \*Gospel Lesson

Mark 8:27-38

Page 53 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

"Taming the Tongue"

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

### \*Hymn No. 569

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

Message

### \*Benediction

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

### \*Postlude

†Sermon Text

*\*Please stand if you are able*

*Nursery Provided*