



Sunday, September 10, 2023

15th Sunday After Pentecost

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 4:32-37 (NIV)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters: Carol & Peter Schreck, Sandy Wolfe, Reist family, Kathy & Dan Missildine, Trixi Ray

Ushers: Rita Simmers, Crispina Giliberti, Henry & Wendy Hershey, John Wolfe

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:

Tom and Sharon Kennedy, in memory of their parents
Leigh and Kathleen Shuman, in memory of their grandparents

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Choral Prelude

"This Is A Time To Remember"

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.
At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

* Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord!

People: Come and sing a new song!

Leader: For the Lord has made known his salvation.

People: Shout for joy all the earth!

Leader: Make music with guitars and singing

All: For all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

* Opening Song

"How Great Is Our God"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Merciful God, we are not meant to live life alone. We need You and the community of faith. Forgive us when we try to go it alone; when we think we can handle it all without any help; when we forget to rely on one another and on You. We need you and our brothers and sisters in Christ to live a faithful life. Enable us to be a community built upon your love, and in so doing, serve as a sign of the kingdom of God. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: We have an advocate with God—Jesus Christ, the righteous one! Jesus offered his life in love to save the world from sin. This gift of forgiveness makes us able, with the power of Holy Spirit, to choose to forgive, renew and live again in right relationship with each other and with our God. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri 579

**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.**

*At this time, children through 6th grade are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex.
Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.*

Anthem	"Help Us Accept Each Other"	by John Ness Beck
Scripture Readings	Acts 2:42-47, Acts 4:32-37	
Message	"Living Together In Community"	Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer	Will Massey
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**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.**

Invitation to the Offering	Rev. Allison Beaulieu
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Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn	"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"	
* Charge and Benediction		Rev. Allison Beaulieu
* Congregational Response	"This Is A Time To Remember"	

GPS Instructions

Postlude

* PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

**MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST**

A/V: MARK ANDERSON, GUS BEAULIEU, JOHN HOLTZAPPLE, JERRY ROTHACKER

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.
FM sound devices are available. Please ask an usher for your own personal receiver.

Cell Phones should be silenced during the worship service.

Video Recordings of the service can be found on the Highland website at www.HighlandPC.org

In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.