



SOTC Worship  
Marks of Discipleship - Witness to Community  
September 10, 2023  
Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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## GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the + triune God, who loves us into being, calls us to community, and inspires us to love. **Amen.**

Confronted by the law and called to life in the gospel, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of love and community,

**we confess that we have not loved as God has loved us. We look to ourselves to fulfill your law. We seek to satisfy our own desires. We turn away from our neighbors and live for ourselves alone. Teach us again your statutes and help us to love your will, that in and through us your beloved community is made known.**

Beloved of God, love is the fulfillment of the law, and in + Jesus, God's love for you is made known. Through Jesus your sins are forgiven, and you are drawn into God's love and life. Live fully, trusting that God loves you.

**Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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**WORD**

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.*

READINGS: EZEKIEL 33:7-11; PSALM 119:33-40; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-21

*In response to the readings:*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:15-20

*The Gospel is announced:*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN

GOD, WHEN HUMAN BONDS ARE BROKEN

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others. Pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!*

————— MEAL —————

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

MAKE US ONE

Make us one, Lord, make us one, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly Spir - it, make us

4 F D/E A+7

one. \_\_\_\_\_ Let Your love flow so the

6 D7sus Dm7 A♭+/B♭ B♭7 B♭7/A♭ C/G G7sus G7 C

world will know we are one in You.

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.*

*Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.*

## LAMB OF GOD

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## COMMUNION SONG

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING

## BLESSING

## SENDING SONG

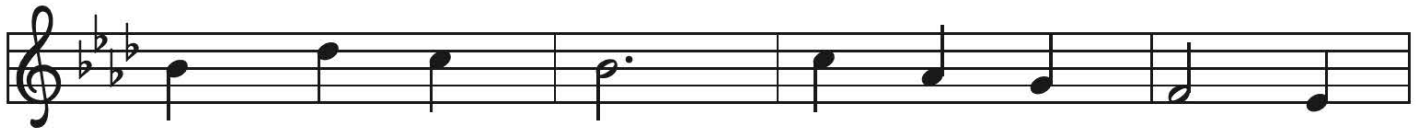
GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



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**Thanks be to God!**

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