

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

September 2, 2018 11:00 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Please silence electronics.

Share a prayer by dropping a prayer card in the offering plate.
Our professionally-staffed nursery is on the
first floor of the Education Building.

Prelude *Praise Him! Praise Him!* Charles Callahan

Trinity Chime

Call to Worship (responsive; Psalm 9:1-2; ESV)

Leader: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

People: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

Leader: I will be glad and exult in you;

People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Hymn 466 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

Prayer of Praise (responsive; Isaiah 12:1-6 (ERV) Tommy Melton

Reader: At that time you will say,

“I praise you, Lord!

You have been angry with me,
but don’t be angry with me now.

Show your love to me.

All: God is the one who saves me.

I trust him, and I am not afraid.

The Lord Yah is my strength.

He saves me, and I sing songs of praise about him.”

Reader: You people will get your water from the spring of
salvation. Then you will be happy.

At that time you will say,

“Praise the Lord and call out his name!

Tell everyone what he has done
and how wonderful he is.”

**All: Sing songs of praise about the Lord,
because he has done great things.**

Spread this news about God throughout the whole world.

Let all people know these things.

Reader: People of Zion, shout about these things!

The Holy One of Israel is with you in a powerful way.

So sing and be happy!

Prayer of Confession

(responsive; 1 Jn. 1:8-9; prayer by John Bunyan, 17th century)

Reader: God’s Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**All: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will
forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Reader: In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

**All: O holy and righteous God, we dare Your justice, mock
Your mercy, jeer Your patience, slight Your power, and show
contempt for Your love. We say “I’m sorry” insincerely and
flippantly confess our sin. We plead Your help to own up
carefully to how we have wronged You, to admit honestly
how we have grieved You, to plead penitently for Your
mercy and pardon. We beg Your forgiveness through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith

Ephesians 1:3-14 (ERV)

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In
Christ, God has given us every spiritual blessing in heaven.

⁴ In Christ, he chose us before the world was made. He
chose us in love to be his holy people—people who could
stand before him without any fault. ⁵ And before the world
was made, God decided to make us his own children
through Jesus Christ. This was what God wanted, and it
pleased him to do it. ⁶ And this brings praise to God because

of his wonderful grace. God gave that grace to us freely. He
gave us that grace in Christ, the one he loves.

⁷ In Christ we are made free by his blood sacrifice. We have
forgiveness of sins because of God’s rich grace. ⁸ God gave
us that grace fully and freely. With full wisdom and under-
standing ⁹ he let us know his secret plan. This was what
God wanted, and he planned to do it through Christ.

¹⁰ God’s goal was to finish his plan when the right time
came. He planned that all things in heaven and on earth be
joined together with Christ as the head.

¹¹ In Christ we were chosen to be God’s people. God had
already planned for us to be his people, because that is
what he wanted. And he is the one who makes everything
agree with what he decides and wants. ¹² We Jews were
the first to hope in Christ. And we were chosen so that we
would bring praise to God in all his glory. ¹³ It is the same
with you. You heard the true message, the Good News
about the way God saves you. When you heard that Good
News, you believed in Christ. And in Christ, God put his
special mark on you by giving you the Holy Spirit that he
promised. ¹⁴ The Spirit is the first payment that guarantees
we will get all that God has for us. Then we will enjoy com-
plete freedom as people who belong to him. The goal for
all of us is the praise of God in all his glory.

Gloria Patri

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.

Welcome and Common Concerns

Please sign and pass the friendship booklet in your pew.
Guests: thank you for your name and contact information.

Tithes and Offerings

Children ages 4-8 go to Children’s Chapel.

Please leave by the door to the left of the pulpit.

Offertory *Musette* J. S. Bach
Shenandoah folk tune arr. Mark O'Connor
Shane Stevens, Viola

Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all Creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn TH29 *Nearer, My God, To Thee* BETHANY

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (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 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.

New Testament Lesson James 3:3-12
Pew Bible Page 1883

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *What Do You Say?* Rev. Rob Hinman

Hymn 425
Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining ABBOT'S LEIGH

Benediction

Postlude
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Paul Manz

WE ARE ALL MINISTERS OF GOD'S GRACE

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MODERATOR OF SESSION: The Reverend Rob Hinman
Please contact the following people for questions about

PASTORAL NEEDS

Rob Hinman, Minister

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Brian Kane, Youth Director

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Kori Dyer and Julie Hefner, Co-Directors

11:00 MUSIC

Bethany Wolfe, Chancel Choir Director

Nora Ford, Organist

Joe Delk, Chancel Ringers Director

8:45 MUSIC

Dave Williams, Praise Band Leader

CHURCH FINANCES

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