



— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
— ELEVEN O’CLOCK —

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Exodus 14:19-31

Romans 14:1-12

Psalms 114:1-8

Matthew 18:21-35

LIVESTREAM MINISTRY

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be The Rev. Dr. Thomas Evans

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
“Méditation” (*Pièces en style libre*)
Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Pam Osborn, Lesley Pella-Woo, Maci Sepp*
“Welcoming our Student-Ministers”

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN *Lyons*
“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”
(*See sheet music at the end of this bulletin or page 38 in E. Deane Turner’s “A Legacy of Sacred Songs”*)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Lord, for prayers spoken glibly, too easily; for words that run from our mouths like air; for hopes that pass like shadows over the face of life; for gestures quickly made and quickly forgotten; for every act of worship done with the body but not the soul. In this sacred time together, quiet our distracted minds so that we are able to hear Your Word. Clear our sight that we might see our own rather than our neighbor’s sin. Strip away our pretensions that we may humbly receive Your healing. Inspire us that we may speak Your truth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

THE WORD

SOLO *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)*
“Laudamus te” (*Great Mass in c*)
Laudamus te, Benedicamus te, Adoramus te, Glorificamus te.
We praise You, We bless You, We adore You, We glorify You.
Artemisz Polonyi, *soprano*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Catherine F. Eubanks
Psalm 84, Nehemiah 8:1-3, 9-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

The Rev. Douglas T. King
“Homecoming”

THE RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from a Brief Affirmation of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, Whom alone we worship and serve... In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
“O How Amiable”
O how amiable are Thy dwellings: Thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be always praising Thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper Thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. — *text from Psalms 84 and 90 and Isaac Watts (1675-1748)*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray...

THE SENDING

HYMN

Merle’s Tune
“How Lovely, Lord”
(*See sheet music at the end of this bulletin*)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
“Fuga in d, BWV 554”
Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

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LYONS 10.10.11.11

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

Attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806); alt.

1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love;
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 Al - might - y, Thy power hath found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, Pa -
 The char - iots of heaven the deep thun - der - clouds form, And
 Hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree, And
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain, And

vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
 Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
 Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend

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How Lovely, Lord

MERLE'S TUNE 7.6.7.6 D

Arlo D. Duba, 1984

Hal H. Hopson, 1983

1. How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly Is Your a - bid - ing place;
 2. In Your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
 3. A sun and shield for - ev - er Are You, O Lord Most High;

My soul is long - ing, faint - ing, To feast up - on Your grace.
 Is bet - ter than a thou - sand If I from You should stray.
 You show - er us with bless - ings; No good will You de - ny.

The spar - row finds a shel - ter, A place to build her nest;
 I'd rath - er keep the en - trance And claim You as my Lord
 The saints, Your grace re - ceiv - ing, From strength to strength shall go,

And so Your tem - ple calls us With - in its walls to rest.
 Than rev - el in the rich - es The ways of sin af - ford.
 And from their life shall riv - ers Of bless - ing o - ver - flow.