**SERMON**

**SERMON HYMN (R)** ELW #604 *O Christ, Our Hope*

**SPECIAL MUSIC (O)** *To a Wild Rose* MacDowell

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

*Offer to those present and those with you in spirit*

*a gesture of peace, saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.”*

**COMMUNION (O)**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P “It is indeed right…and join their unending hymn:”

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord,** **God of power and might, heaven and earth are**

 **full of your glory.** **Hosanna in the highest.** **Blessed is he who comes in the**

 **name of the Lord.** **Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN (R)** ELW #359 *Where Charity and Love Prevail* vss. 3-5

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE (R)** *Variations on a Theme from R. Schumann: Theme* Schumann

 **(O)** *The Girl with the Flaxen Hair* Debussy

**Worship Leaders**

The Rev. Dr. Steve H. Shussett, Pastor

Ben D’Annibale, Music Director, Pianist and Video Editor

Melissa Crotty and Heather Hafer, Vocalists (R)

Christy D’Angelo, Assisting Minister (O)

*Prayers for those with immediate concerns:* Susan Johns,Diane Dinkelocker, Patrick Pomian, Ron Owens, George Hughes, Gail Silverstein, Devon Messner, James Kohler, Sr., Arlene Friz, Jon Dillon, the Sutterfield family and the family and friends of Larry Galloway in their grief.

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**WORSHIP SERVICE 15TH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST SEPT. 13, 2020**

 **O = denotes Outdoor service only R = denotes Recorded service only**

**SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE** *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**PRELUDE (R)**  *Theme and Variations in E-flat for piano, WoO 24: Theme*

R. Schumann

**OPENING**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C Amen.**

P Faithful God,

**C have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin**

**and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace**

**and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another**

**before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,**

**and turn us again to life in you**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

### **GATHERING HYMN (R)** ELW #359 *Where Charity and Love Prevail* vss. 1-2

**GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion

 of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**READINGS AND GOSPEL** [Genesis 50:15-21](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2020-9-13/2123)

[Psalm 103:1-7](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2020-9-13/2123) **(R-read responsively)**

[Romans 14:1-12](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2020-9-13/2123)

**FEBRUARY 9 through FEBRUARY 16**

Sun 2/9 11:30 AM Pictorial Directory committee meeting

 12 Noon Sr. Choir rehearsal

 3:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #167

 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Mon 2/10 5:00 PM Sanctuary in use

 5:30 PM Exercise class

 8:00 PM AA meeting

Tue 2/11 10:00 AM Bible Fellowship / Action Team

 6:00 PM Prayer Group

 6:30 PM Christian Education Committee meeting

 6:30 PM Youth Group meeting

Wed 2/12 5:00 PM Sanctuary in use

 5:30 PM Exercise class

 6:00 PM Weight Watchers meeting

 7:00 PM Evangelism Committee meeting

Thu 2/13 9:00 AM Breakfast Bunch at Effie’s

 5:30 PM Cherub Choir rehearsal

 5:50 PM Junior Choir rehearsal

 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #1126

 6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal

 7:30 PM Sr. Choir rehearsal

Sat 2/15 8:00 AM Exercise class

Sun 2/16 9:15 AM Sunday School

 10:30 AM Worship Service

 11:30 AM Fellowship Committee Meeting

 5:00 PM Youth trip meeting

 5:30 PM Dinner (confirmation)

 6:00 PM Confirmation class

 8:00 PM AA meeting

 **UPCOMING DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

February 26—Ash Wednesday, 7:00 PM

March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1—Wednesday evening Lenten services, 7:00 PM

April 5—Palm Sunday, 10:30 AM

April 9—Maundy Thursday, 7:30 PM

April 10—Good Friday, 7:30 PM

April 12—Easter, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

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