

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Word & Table
September 1, 2024
11:00 AM

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude “God Will Take Care of You” arr. Berry

The Lighting of the Candles

The Introit “I Love You, Lord” Klein

The Opening Prayer

****The Hymn of Praise No. 400 (vs. 1, 2, 3) “Come Thy Fount of Every Blessing”***

The Children’s Moments

****The Congregational Hymn No. 128 (vs. 1, 4) “He Leadeth Me”***

The Invitation, Confession and Pardon No. 12

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory “Where He Leads Me” arr. Berry

****The Doxology***

****The Gospel Lesson*** John 4:27-45

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around

you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

⁴³ When the two days were over, he went from that place to Galilee ⁴⁴ (for Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in the prophet’s own country). ⁴⁵ When he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival, for they, too, had gone to the festival.

Reader: This is the Word of God.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

****The Gloria Patri***

The Special Music “Woman at the Well” Lane
Rachel Wood, soloist

The Sermon “Two Days in Samaria”

The Great Thanksgiving No. 13

The Lord’s Prayer

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. AMEN.

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

****The Hymn of Invitation No. 357 (vs. 1, 2, 5, 6) “Just as I Am”***

****The Benediction***

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

The Choral Benediction No. 672 “God Be With You till We Meet Again”

**Postlude* “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” arr. Berry

*The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given in loving memory of
Robert and Sally Lou Buckley
by Bob and Amy Buckley.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK

Communion Offering - Our communion offering for September will go to the Dream Center Bedz 4 Kidz program. Bedz 4 Kidz empowers volunteers to build beds and place them in the homes of our children in greatest need in the Golden Triangle area. Along with the handcrafted beds, each child receives brand new bedding, personal and dental hygiene items, Bible stories, hygiene items for mom, (only 2% of the children have fathers present in the home) and a family Bible.

Lighthouse Kids – The Lighthouse Kids are invited to learn about Jesus on Wednesday nights, beginning September 4, from 5:15-6:45. Our beginning theme is “Masterpiece,” and we will learn how God is faithful and keeps his promises.

Get ready to grow! Beginning September 4th, we'll have some Wednesday evening opportunities to learn and grow as followers of Jesus. Be on the lookout for more details. We will incorporate our monthly prayer meeting during this time. On September 4th the study will be held in the church library.

Third Grade Bibles - On September 8th we will be honoring our third graders as we present them with Bibles from the church.

Spud and Salad Lunch - We will hold a spud and salad lunch on September 22 following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The sign up for desserts is complete, but if you would like to provide a salad, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary or contact Stacy. Donations will be accepted, and all proceeds will go toward the mission trip to Tucson, AZ, in December.

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