



15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022

10:00 am

**please rise as you are able, in body or spirit, or by the lifting of hands..*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS –

Forest and Karen Arnold

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

CALL TO WORSHIP*

*Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob, whose
hope is in the Lord their God.*

**The Lord God reigns forever, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!**

HYMN*

"To God Be the Glory"

634

**1 To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory great things he has done!**

**2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)**

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

**We have sinned, O God, hoarding what we have,
grasping for more, and ignoring those who hunger and
thirst. We stay with our own kind; we are complacent
in the face of systems that oppress. Forgive us; purify
us; remake us, that we might love as you love. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

GOSPEL* – Luke 16:1-13

Frieda Bostian

OFFERING OF MUSIC

OLD TESTAMENT – Judges 6-7 (selected verses)

SERMON

Dr. Linda Dickerson

“Unsung Heroes of the Bible: Gideon”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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 debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever. Amen.

HYMN*

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

700

**1 I’m gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

2 I’m gonna work so God can use me . . .

3 I’m gonna pray so God can use me . . .

4 I’m gonna sing so God can use me . . .

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

745

**Now go in joy to spread the Word
till all people have heard:
God embraces all! Follow, then, the disciples' call:
tend your neighbors with loving care
in daily work and prayer.
God's own grace empower your spirit. Amen!**

FELLOWSHIP TIME ON THE LAWN

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL – Come Join Us!

**CHURCH PICNIC AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL! Fried
Chicken provided! Please stay even if you
didn't bring a dish! There is plenty for all.**

*To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who are lonely and need friends;
To all who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray, and to all who do not,
but ought;
To all who sin and need a Savior,
And to whosoever comes –
The Church opens wide its doors, and says,
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Welcome."*