

ORDER OF WORSHIP - SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GREETING	Dr. John Hatton
MINISTRY MOMENT	Backpack Ministry Judy Blakeman
OPENING PRAYER	Dr. John Hatton
WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF JESUS	
OPENING VOLUNTARY	Dr. James Humlong
Chorale Prelude on “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Our Stay” BuxWV 190 Dietrich Buxtehude	
INTROIT	Chancel Choir
Open Our Eyes, Lord Bob Cull	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Pastor Parker Outman
Let us enter into worship with eyes that are opened to God’s holy presence. Open our eyes, O Lord, for we want to see Jesus. Let us open our ears so that we might hear God’s call on our lives. Open our ears, O Lord, and help us to listen. Let us open our hearts so that God might grant us spiritual wisdom and insight. Open our hearts, O Lord, for we want to be like Jesus.	
*HYMN 103	
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	
*PSALTER LESSON	Psalm 100
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God’s presence with singing! Know that the Lord, who made us, is God. We are the Lord’s; we are the people of God, the sheep of God’s pasture. Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise! Give thanks and bless God’s name! For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures for ever; God’s faithfulness to all generations.	

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UMH 39

James Thomas Gay

Kennedy Grace Herren

BAPTISMAL HYMN 611

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Adam Brewer

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Joan Wooden

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Our God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are.
We are often unresponsive, for we are afraid.
When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears,
for we fear what you might call us to do.
When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths,
embarrassed to speak your Word.
When the wind of your Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts,
afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives.
When the fire of your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame,
afraid of the new life it might bring. Forgive us, O Lord. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

There is immeasurable greatness in the power of God for those who believe.
Trust in the Lord, for God's grace is real.
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are loved and forgiven.
Glory to God! Amen.**

HYMN 454

Open My Eyes, That I May See

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dennis Burrows

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Chancel Choir
Julie and Anne Beck, flutes

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Hal Hopson

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

***PRAYER OF BLESSING**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Lynn Osborne

Ephesians 1: 15-20 (NLT)

Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Dr. John Hatton

***HYMN 545**

The Church's One Foundation

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Dr. James Humlong

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
arr. Anna Laura Page

This morning's liturgy:

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