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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

God's Gift Service T September 13, 2020 T 9:00 am

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

God Gathers Us in His Name

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Song:

“Blessed Be Your Name”

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1. Blessed be Your Name In the land that is plentiful Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name	2. Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name
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[Pre-Chorus]

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say,

[Chorus]

“Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name.”

Continue with vs 3 ➡

3. Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's “all as it should be”
Blessed be Your name

4. Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

[Pre-Chorus]

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say,

[Chorus]

“Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name.”

[Sing the Bridge – twice:]

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say,
“Lord, blessed be Your name.”

[Repeat the Chorus to End the Song]

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God's Gift of Forgiveness

*As God gathers us in worship today the only thing we are able to give Him is our sins,
and out of undeserved love for us God gives us forgiveness.*

*King David wrote in the Psalms: “I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD’
— and You, [O God,] forgave the guilt of my sin.”*

Psalms 32:5b NIV

P O Lord, my God,

C I confess that I sin against You every day.

I am self-centered – neither loving You with my whole heart, soul, mind, and strength,
nor loving my neighbors as myself.

I think thoughts, speak words, and do things that You forbid.

And I fail to think, speak, and do the things which You command.

For all of this I deserve Your punishment and abandonment, both now and forever.

But I ask You for mercy because of what Your Son, Jesus Christ, has done
by living, dying, and rising on my behalf.

Forgive me all my sins and sinfulness.

Help me to seek comfort, strength, and direction from Your Word,
and give me the renewing power of Your Holy Spirit
to live my life in ways that always bring glory to You. Amen.

P I have great Good News! Through His holy life and innocent death on the cross,
Jesus has satisfied the holy demands of God's Law and has earned forgiveness and eternal
life for us. He desires that this gift be delivered to all people. For He told His disciples on
Easter evening, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you. ... If you
forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."
John 20:21,23 NIV

P Therefore, in the stead and by this command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and as the called and
ordained servant of the Word in this place, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the
Father, and of the T Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P You are forgiven! You are set free! You are dearly loved children of God! Together you and
I can now raise our voices in thanksgiving and praise to God for His tremendous grace.
We can bring Him our fears and hopes, our needs and prayers, with all boldness and
confidence as dear children do to their dear Father.

C Amen.

Our Praise in Response to God's Forgiveness:

"Palm 103 – A Psalm of David" *Psalms 103:1-12; antiphon: v. 13*

P As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.

C Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

P Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

C The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.

P He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel.

C The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.

C He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

P For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;

C as far as the east is from the west,
so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together:

C O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers
of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith
we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

God's Gift of His Word

By ourselves we are spiritually dead.

By our own efforts we are unable to create or sustain a relationship with God.

However, out of undeserved love for us, God has made us spiritually alive.

He creates and sustains a relationship with us by way of His Word, the Word of Jesus:

*"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable,
through the living and enduring word of God."*

— 1 Peter 1:23 NIV

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

ESV

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Prophet Moses writes:]

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father, [Jacob,] was dead, they said, "It may be that
Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message
to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive
the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please
forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father."

Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading:

Romans 14:1-12

ESV

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul writes:]

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God" [Isaiah 45:23b]. So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 18:21-35

ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Matthew writes:]

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

"But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

"When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' "And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.

"So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to You, O Christ.

Song of the Day:

"Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone"

by John Newton/C. Tomlin/

J.P. Ross/E.O. Excell/L. Giglio/arr. B.J. Davis

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| 1. Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see | 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed |
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[Chorus]

My chains are gone

I've been set free

My God, my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains

Unending love, Amazing grace

3. The Lord has promised good to me

His word my hope secures

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures

[Repeat the Chorus – twice]

4. The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine

[Repeat the Chorus – twice]

[Song Ending – Repeat the Final Line:]
Unending love, Amazing grace

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Sermon

“How Many Times Do I HAVE to Forgive”

Matthew 18:21-35

Creedal Song:

“This I Believe (The Creed)”

by Matt Crocker & Ben Fielding

<p>1. Our Father everlasting The all creating One God Almighty Through Your Holy Spirit Conceiving Christ the Son Jesus our Savior Chorus 1</p>	<p>2. Our Judge and our Defender Suffered and crucified Forgiveness is in You Descended into darkness You rose in glorious life Forever seated high Chorus 1</p>
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[Chorus 1]

I believe in God our Father • I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection • That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

[Bridge]

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
And I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

Continue with
Chorus 2 ➡

[Chorus 2]

I believe in life eternal • I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection • When Jesus comes again
For I believe, in the name of Jesus

[Repeat Chorus 1 – twice:]

I believe in God our Father • I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection • That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

[Song Ending – repeat the last line of Chorus 1:]

For I believe, in the name of Jesus

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Our Prayers in Response to God's Word

*Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.*

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

— Hebrews 4:14-16

The prayers, silent or spoken, will be prayed now. Each prayer will end with:

P ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your loving hands, dear Lord, we place everyone and everything for which we've prayed.
We trust You to answer our prayers according to Your mercy in the way that is best for us.
We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Our Offerings in Response to God's Word

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich. ...*

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

— 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:15 NIV

*To maximize health & safety for everyone, offering plates will not be passed during the service.
 You are encouraged to place your tithes and offerings in the plate on a stand at the door to the worship area.
 We thank God for your ongoing generosity in supporting
 His work at Mt. Olive during this challenging time.*

God's Gift of His Supper

*Out of undeserved love for us, God has made us spiritually alive & a part of His family.
 The relationships within our earthly families are strengthened through shared meals.
 Even more so is our relationship with God and one another strengthened by a meal:
 "Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ?
 Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?
 Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread."
 - 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 NNAS*

An Explanation of the Supper

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:
C 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 and ever. Amen.

Jesus' Words Instituting His Supper

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
 In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Peace of the Lord

P Together, in, with, and under the bread and wine, this is the very body and blood of our crucified but risen Savior, Jesus Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; therefore, the peace of the Lord is with you always.
C Amen.

God Gives Us the Gift of Jesus' Body and Blood

Jesus has said "This is My Body, this is My Blood, given and shed for YOU for the Forgiveness of Sins."

*During the singing of the following song,
 the communion elements will be brought to you where you are seated.
 The communion wafer will be given to you in a cup. The wine will be given to you in another cup.
 After eating and drinking place both of the empty cups in the container presented to you.*

Distribution Song: "I Am the Bread of Life" by Suzanne Toolan

<p>1. "I am the Bread of life. You who come to Me shall not hunger; And who believe in Me shall not thirst. No one can come to Me Unless the Father beckons." Refrain</p>	<p>Refrain: "And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, On the last day."</p>
<p>2. "The bread that I will give Is My flesh for the life of the world, And if you eat of this bread, You shall live forever, You shall live forever." Refrain</p>	<p>3. "Unless you eat Of the flesh of the Son of Man And drink of His blood, and drink of His blood, You shall not have life within you." Refrain</p>
<p>4. "I am the Resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in Me, Even though you die, You shall live forever." Refrain</p>	<p>5. Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, Who has come Into the world. Refrain</p>

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The Dismissal

P Now may this True Body and True Blood of Jesus, our crucified but risen Savior, strengthen and preserve each of you in the True Faith from now until our Lord returns.
 His Peace is with you. Your sins have been forgiven indeed!
C Amen.

Final Prayer

P Let us pray:

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, grant
 that our lips which have here sung Your praise may now glorify You in the world;
 that our ears which have heard the voice of our Shepherd through Your Word
 may now be closed to the clamorous voice of Satan and the world;
 that our eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope;
 that our tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth; and
 that our bodies which have tasted of Your Son's Body and Blood
 may be restored to newness of life through faith in Him.
 This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior,
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His Face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give T you His peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

Closing Song:

“Your Grace Is Enough”

by Matt Maher & Chris Tomlin

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| 1. Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart
<i>Pre-Chorus (once) & Chorus (twice)</i> | 2. Great is Your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along
<i>Pre-Chorus (once) & Chorus (twice)</i> |
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[Pre-Chorus]

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

[Chorus]

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

[After verse 2 and its Choruses]

[Repeat the Pre-Chorus 1x and the Chorus 2x]

[Song Ending:]

God, I see Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me

Announcements (See below)

Postlude

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Drive Through Celebrations of the Lord's Supper • For the sake of those Mt. Olive members who are continuing to “shelter in place” during the pandemic, we will be resuming our drive through celebrations of the Lord's Supper on a *monthly* basis. The first of these drive through celebrations will be on Saturday, September 26, from 5:00 until 6:00 pm. We will be observing the same safety protocols as before: Those assisting will either receive only things passed out of your vehicle (such as your offering) or only pass things into your vehicle (such as the service order, the communion elements, etc.). You need lower your driver's window only far enough to hand things in or out. If you know of anyone who is sheltering in place, please let them know about the resumption of this way of receiving the Sacrament.

Ladies —Are you ready to FALL in love with Jesus, or deepen your walk with Him? Are you craving some fellowship time with others? Join us *this coming* Thursday evening, September 17, at 7:00 pm, as we meet via Zoom for some great conversation and a time in God's word! Our study topic for this first week is “Anchored in God's Word – How we can grow in our walk with Jesus, even in the midst of chaos and difficulties”. We will continue to meet *every other week* on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, through the end of November. Meetings will last for about an hour.

Our study will be structured so anyone can join at any time during the coming weeks, so if you can't meet this week, jump in when you can. Anyone with a smartphone, tablet, or a computer with a camera and mic can join in on Zoom. It's easy! Call or text Donna Foltman (515-868-8794) to let us know you'd like to be a part, or if you just have questions. The link to connect to Zoom will be sent out in a separate email next week, and will also be posted to our Mount Olive website.

We are also looking at starting either a Saturday morning group (via Zoom), or possibly an in-person (socially distanced) group meeting at another time or day, so if Thursdays don't work for you, or you would prefer to try an in-person meeting, contact Donna to let her know what day or time would work best for you.

Our Next Service will be held on Saturday, September 19, at 5:00 pm. The Saturday services thereafter will be at 5:00 pm on October 3 & 17. Besides today, the upcoming Sunday services will be at 9:00 am on September 27 and October 11 & 25.

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