

September 1st, 2024
15th Sunday After Pentecost
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: For the Beauty of the Earth

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian #402

SILENT PRAYER

***HYMN: The Gift of Love #408**

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We gather as a community of compassion and hope.

P: Jesus calls us to care for each other tenderly and willingly.

L: By this caring and sharing, we will be known as followers of Jesus.

P: By our example, may others be led to lives of peace.

L: God, open our hearts and minds this day to your word.

P: Teach us to serve you with all our gifts and talents. Amen!

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

You have called us to this place from all our life's pathways, O God. Be with us as we listen for your word and seek your ways. Enable us to be more effective in our witness to that love by word and deed. Guide our steps and pick us up when we falter. Dust us off and place us on the pathways of grace and service. We pray for these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

***HYMN: Let Us Break Bread Together #618**

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

***DOXOLOGY #95**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

COMMUNION (See pg. 15 Hymnal – Table III)

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.

***HYMN: Jesus, Name Above All Names #2071**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Open the Eyes of My Heart

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*
