



**Sunday, September 13, 2020**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE** O Christ, Our Hope

Bill Lafty  
Eliana Hebert, trumpet

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*based on Psalm 103*)

Liturgist: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**All: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Liturgist: The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins,

**All: nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Liturgist: As far as the east is from the west,

**All: so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

**GATHERING SONG** A Mighty Fortress – Nockels

sung by Jayne Ortendahl

*Verse 1*

Our God is a consuming fire  
A burning holy flame with glory and freedom  
Our God is the only righteous judge  
Ruling over us with kindness and wisdom

*Chorus*

And we will keep our eyes on You  
We will keep our eyes on You  
A mighty fortress is our God  
A sacred refuge is Your name  
Your Kingdom is unshakable  
And with You forever we will reign

*Verse 2*

Our God is jealous for His own  
None could comprehend His love and His mercy  
Our God is exalted on His throne  
High above the heavens forever He is worthy

*Repeat Chorus*

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**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

**KYRIE** Lord Have Mercy – Toops/Fieldes

*When I come to you in prayer*   **All: Lord have mercy**  
*When I wonder if you're there*   **All: Lord have mercy**  
*When I cannot find the way*   **All: Lord have mercy**  
*Should my heart begin to stray*   **All: Christ have mercy**

**All: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.   **All: Amen.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Hallelujah – Brown/Doerksen

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging  
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet  
Your love is a myst'ry, how You gently lift me  
When I am surrounded, your love carries me  
  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Your love makes me sing!  
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**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 18:21-35

**SERMON** “God Chose Grace”

Vicar Brandi Hebert

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive – ELW 605



1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,” you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Each prayer petition ends: “Lord, in your mercy”*   **All: Hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## PEACE

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**OFFERING MUSIC** I Will Rest My Soul – Folk

Chip Folk

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling – arr. Tigh

Cheri Tigh

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