

September 10th, 2023
15th Sunday After Pentecost
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: El Shaddai

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Make Us One #2224

SILENT PRAYER

CHIOR INTROIT: He Has Made Me Glad

***HYMN: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light** #206

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome to this community of faith.

P: We come seeking hope and courage for the future.

L: Here you will find peace, hope, love and joy.

P: We come weighed down by difficulties in our lives.

L: Here you will find Jesus who will take your burdens on himself.

**P: Holy One, we come to you this day in need of your mercy and love.
Amen.**

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Gracious God, we come this day seeking courage and hope for the future. Our world is in such turmoil. Heal the wounds and quiet the words of war. Help us to be those who bring peace to our families and communities. Cast out the darkness of doubt and fear; fill us with your light and love that we may spread the good news of your mercy to everyone. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHIOR ANTHEM: Welcome

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

***HYMN: They'll Know we are Christians by our Love** #2223

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

#95

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

***HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee** #89 (vs. 1-3)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Kum Ba Yah

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