



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Service of Holy Eucharist

Saturday, September 17, 5 pm
Sunday, September 18, 10:15 am

Childcare for infants through 4 years old is available on Sunday morning on the lower level, near the north entrance.

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Gather 613

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling,
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er,
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion,

Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Let us all your life re - ceive;
Pure and spot - less, gra - cious Lord,

Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing,
Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
Let us see your great sal - va - tion

All your faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Nev - er more your tem - ples leave.
Per - fect - ly in you re - stored.

Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,
Lord, be al - ways bless - ing,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

Love un - bound - ed, love all pure;
Serve you as your hosts a - bove,
Till in heav'n we take our place,

Vis - it us with your sal - va - tion,
Pray, and us praise with you with - out ceas - ing,
Till we sing be - fore the al - might - y

Let your love in us en - dure.
Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.
Lost in won - der, love and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
Tune: HYFRYDOL, 8 7 8 7 D; Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

Liturgical Greeting

Priest
People

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

Gather 233

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Refrain



Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
2. Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer, receive our prayer.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, of God the Father.

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Collect of the Day

Priest God be with you.
People And also with you.
Priest Let us pray together

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Children Living the Word Commissioning

At this time, children in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited downstairs to Children Living the Word, returning before communion.

Loving God, who told us that whoever welcomes a child welcomes Jesus himself, bless these children. Guide us as we encourage them in your ways, so that they might become disciples who are your hands and feet and voice in this world. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 113

- 1 Hallelujah!
Give praise, you servants of the Lord;*
praise the Name of the Lord.
- 2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed,*
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down*
let the Name of the Lord be praised.
- 4 The Lord is high above all nations,*
and his glory above the heavens.

- 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits
enthroned on high*
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust*
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes,*
with the princes of his people.
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house*
to be a joyful mother of children.

The Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.


Gospel Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness


Gather 560



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, e - ver child - like, no cares can de - stroy,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

"The Dishonest Steward"
The Rev. Kyle Carswell

Please stand as you are able.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not
made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and his kingdom will
have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Tom, Denny, Sioux, Sang Min and Marilyn; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life:

For those celebrating a birthday, especially Abby & Norm;

For those who are to be married, especially Cheryl & Rick;

For those celebrating an anniversary, especially Kara & Jay; and

For our 2nd Offering partner in September, the Youth Justice Initiative.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

For those in service to our country, especially Scott, Jack, Zach, Marshall, Reece, and Parker;

For St. John in Glenwood and St. John in Shenandoah in the Diocese of Iowa;

For the clergy and all people of our companion Dioceses of Brechin, Nzara, and Swaziland;

For the victims of war and oppression and for all who seek a just peace.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

Confession

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.

People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Priest Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

Whisper to My Heart

Martin

Please stand as you are able for the singing of the Doxology.

Doxology

All Creatures of Our God and King

Gather 523, v. 7

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship God in humbleness, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Oh praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

EOW Prayer 2

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say/sing:

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the
Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**



Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

AMEN

A - men, A - men, A -

men. A - men, A - men, A - men!

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Invitation to Communion

Communion

You do not need to be a member of this church or of any church to receive communion.

To receive the sacrament, come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The wine is received by intinction, by dipping the wafer into the bowl.

*Please let the clergy know if you require a **gluten-free wafer**.*

*To indicate that you would prefer a **blessing only**, cross your arms across your chest.*

If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

Music at Communion

Become to Us the Living Bread

Drury

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

You are Called to Tell the Story

Gather 675

1. You are called to tell the sto - ry, Pass - ing
2. You are called to teach the rhy - thm Of the
3. You are called to set the ta - ble, Bless - ing
4. May the One whose love is broad - er Than the

words of life a - long, Then to
dance that nev - er ends, Then to
bread as Je - sus blessed, Then to
meas - ure of all space Give us

blend your voice with oth - ers As you
move with - in the cir - cle, Hand in
come with thirst and hun - ger, Need - ing
words to sing the sto - ry, Move a -

sing the sa - cred song. Christ be known in all our
hand with stran - gers, friends. Christ be known in all our
care like all the rest. Christ be known in all our
mong us in this place. Christ be known in all our

sing - ing, Fill - ing all with songs of love.
danc - ing, Touch - ing all with hands of love.
shar - ing, Feed - ing all with signs of love.
liv - ing, Fill - ing all with gifts of love.

Dismissal

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! We are the hands and feet and voice of Christ. The work of Jesus in our world needs all of us, his people, to bring God's kingdom into our here and now. So as we depart now, let us commit ourselves to this work.

People **We will with God's help. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Please join us following worship on Sunday morning for coffee & fellowship.



If you would like to contribute to future altar flower displays, please contact the church office.

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Preacher/Presider

The Rev. Kyle Carswell

Organist

Don Agee

Acolytes

Elsie Faber, James Halbrook, Sophia Halbrook

Chalice Bearers

Jennie McKinney (5 pm)

John Wheeler, Annie Waskom, Marshall Little (10:15 am)

Lector/Litanist

Susan Leonard (5 pm)

Lexi Faber (10:15 am)

Youth Lector

Amelia Bylund

Children Living the Word

Christine Halbrook, Census Lo-liyong, Neva Ballinger

Oblation Bearers

Kathy & Mark Larson (5 pm)

Sandra & Mark Marshall (10:15 am)

Ushers

Dick Leonard (5 pm)

Scott Andrews, Matt Faber (10:15 am)

Altar Guild

Jennie McKinney (5 pm)

Julie Feirer (10:15 am)

Livestream Coordinator

Neil Guy

Offering Counters

Marshall Little, Randy Pettit

Vestry Representative

Suzy Coen

2nd OFFERING PARTNER

2nd Offering Partner for September

Youth Justice Initiative



The mission of Youth Justice Initiative (YJI) is to provide and sustain restorative processes with youth in our community that promote healing, increase accountability and provide support. The YJI program was developed to provide a better solution to the ever growing numbers of repeat juvenile offenders.

In September, you can learn how to be the hands + feet + voice of Christ by partnering with them.

Financial support is also key to their success. You can do so at: sttimothyiowa.org/giving/

Volunteers from St. Timothy's mentor YJI students and cook them a homemade meal every Thursday at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Please contact Scott Andrews at scottandrews143@gmail.com to find out more.

COMING UP

THE COMING WEEK

Monday, September 19

1 pm Casserole Baking

Tuesday, September 20

6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, September 21

6:30 pm Vestry Meeting

6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 22

CLERGY RETREAT BEGINS

9:30 am Bible Study

5:30 pm YJI

Friday, September 23

10 am BBB

Thursday, September 29

7 pm | Women at the Well Service

Sunday, October 2

8:45 am | The Return of 1st Sunday Breakfast

4 pm | Blessing of the Animals

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For those celebrating a birthday: Abby Luhrs and Norman Rodgers;

For those to be married: Cheryl Critelli and Rick Ballinger; and

For those celebrating an anniversary: Kara & Jay Kramer.

ACOLYTE/LITURGICAL MINISTERS TRAINING

Sunday, September 18

Following 10:15 am Worship

Children and youth in 4th grade on up who are interested in serving as acolytes are invited to a training after the Sunday service. Adults are also welcome to join us if you are interested in serving in worship in other roles, such as chalice bearer, lector (reading the scripture lessons), or litanist (leading the Prayers of the People).



ADULT FORMATION

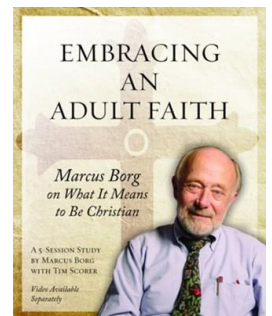
Sundays, Starting September 25 | 9 AM

EMBRACING AN ADULT FAITH:
MARCUS BORG ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHRISTIAN led by Rev. Jeanie Smith

There are five sessions to this DVD-based study.

They are:
Who is God?,
Who is Jesus?,
What is Salvation?,
How do we Practice our Faith?, and
How do we Live in Community?

In each session, Marcus Borg stimulates heartfelt conversation among a small group and then turns it over to us.



WOMEN AT THE WELL SERVICE

Special Service for Women Incarcerated at ICIW

September 29, 7 PM at St. Timothy's



With prisons closed to volunteers since March 2020, Women at the Well is beginning a program of recording services that will be played in the Sacred Place at the women's prison in Mitchellville. These services will be held at various partner churches on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. St. Timothy's will host the service on September 29.

Join us at St. Timothy's to bring good news to people who badly need it!
If you are unable to attend in person, the service will be streamed on our YouTube channel:
youtube.com/c/SaintTimothyIowa

1st Sunday Breakfast is Back!

8: 45 am Sunday, October 2
St. Timothy's Parish Hall

After a long break, we are pleased to restart the First Sunday Breakfast at St. Tim's. First Sunday Breakfast promotes fellowship at St. Tim's while providing opportunities to raise funds for local organizations who are in need. Your donations go to the Second Sunday offering. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Scott Andrews scottandrews143@gmail.com



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 2 at 4 p.m.
On the south lawn of the church

All creatures great and small are invited to the annual Blessing of the Animals. That includes pictures of friends unable to attend and your favorite stuffed pals. Inspired by St. Francis of Assisi's particular appreciation for all creatures of the earth, we will have a short liturgy of thanksgiving and then say special blessings for each pet. We will have a treat for each dog and cat as well. Please make sure your pets are leashed, crated, or otherwise contained for their safety.

