



The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

A Service of Holy Eucharist

Saturday, September 5, 5 pm

Sunday, September 6, 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

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

Gather 548



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry
2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and
4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,
5. For your church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly
6. For your - self, best Gift Di - vine! To this world so



of the skies, For the love which from our birth
of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
mind's de - light, For the mys - tic har - mo - ny
par - ent, child, Friends on earth, and friends a - bove;
hands a - bove, Of - f'ring up on ev - 'ry shore
free - ly giv'n; Word In - car - nate, God's de - sign,



O - ver and a - round us lies:
Sun and moon, and stars of light:
Link - ing sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to
For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
Its pure sac - ri - fice of love:
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpont, 1835-1917

Tune: DIX, 7 7 7 7 7; arr. from Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872, by William H. Monk, 1823-1889

Liturgical Greeting

Priest This is the day the Creator has made.
People Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Canticle

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *

O heavens and all waters above the heavens.

Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *

all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, *

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *

drops of dew and flakes of snow.

Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *

O shining light and enfolding dark.

A Song of Creation

Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, *

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *

O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *

and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Collect of the Day

The Creator be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Psalms 119:33-40

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your
law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your
commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is
worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Hymn

God is Love

Hymnal 577

v. 1-2 before the Gospel; v. 3 following

Refrain

God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in his glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

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

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

"The Language of Love"

The Rev. Kyle Carswell

Please stand as you are able.

The 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

In the beginning, **God was.**

Here and now, **God is.**

In the future, **God will be.**

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet. God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially Emily Shea, Larry Shea, Frank Harrison, Christine Rounceville, Judi Yeager, Nancy Swenson, and Stephen Arnold. God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died.

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

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

For those seeking ordination, especially Alex and Kate;

For those in discernment for ministry, especially Joe;

For the Standing Committee and Board of Directors, commissions, task groups, lay leaders, Regional Missioners, and Diocesan Staff in the Diocese of Iowa;

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

For all victims of gun violence;

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

For those this Labor Day weekend who are unemployed, underemployed, or underpaid.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life:

For those celebrating a birthday, especially Dean, Rhonda, Joel, Karen, Kara, Pam, Chuck, Darin, and Luke;

For those to be married, especially Katie & Ben and Abigail & Garth;

For those celebrating an anniversary;

For those anticipating the birth of a child, especially Claire & Robert and Dana & Zach;

For our Ministry of the Month, St. Timothy's Children's & Youth Ministries; and

For our 2nd Offering Partner in September, the Diocese of Nzara.

The Deacon adds a concluding collect.

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation.

Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us.

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them,
and for what we have not done to help them.**

**Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures,
according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Absolution

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

The Peace

Priest Peace with yourself. Peace with creation. Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please share signs of the peace with one another, and if you are seated near someone you don't know, briefly introduce yourself.

Announcements

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

Organ Voluntary

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

Gather 728, v. 4

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

The Great Thanksgiving

written by the Rev. Jen Latham

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

Celebrant

We should always remember to thank you, Creator God, our Root and Source of life. For you brought light and life into the world, you made the wind your messenger, and you commanded the sun. You have created the little blue stem and the blazing star, you made the monarch butterfly and the bald eagle, and you created us to live upon the earth as neighbors to all living things. You yourself lived upon the earth in the person of Christ Jesus, and by becoming one of us, you showed us the way of love. Like the roots of your prairie grasses, in Christ you are deeply dug into the earth to be our foundation and anchor.

For all this we give thanks and praise, joining together with the voices of all your saints who have lived the way of love, as we sing this hymn that proclaims your glory.

Sanctus

Gather 235

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

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

The Celebrant continues

Creator and Source of life, we are grateful that in love you made us part of your creation, but like the branch that separates itself from the vine, we turned away from you. We have forgotten to live the way of love, as neighbors to your people and to the natural world. When the time was right, in faithful love you sent your Son, Jesus, to teach us the way back to you. Just as fire in the prairie restores new life, Jesus baptized us with the fire of the Holy Spirit, offered his own body on the cross and restored all creation to new life in you.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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On the night before he died, Jesus taught his disciples, saying, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” He took bread, broke it, gave thanks, and shared it with them saying, “Take and eat, this is my Body, given for you and for all. Do this to remember me.”

He also taught them saying, “I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.” He took the cup of wine, gave thanks and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and drink, this is my Blood, shed for you and for all. Do this to remember me.”

Together, let us tell of the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain!

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Remembering Jesus' life and death, and celebrating our place in salvation, we offer these gifts of bread and wine, as a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They were made with human hands from the gifts of your creation. We also offer ourselves, a living sacrifice, to be your people.

Send your Spirit on these gifts, to be for us the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Spirit on us, also, that we may be a Sacrament to the world. Strengthen us to be branches of the Vine, bearing fruit as the hands of Christ, healing the earth and all of your people. Give us hope in the promise that you will bring all creation to fulfillment through Jesus Christ our savior.

We ask all of these things through your Son Jesus Christ. Through him and through the Holy Spirit, the breath of all creation, all honor and glory belong to you, Creator God, throughout all time and forever.

AMEN.



A - men, A - men, A -



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

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The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.

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 chalice. 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.

Communion Hymn

Organ Voluntary

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LEVAS 189



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth working to protect God's creation.
People We will with God's help. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Please join us for coffee hour following our Sunday morning worship service!

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Presider/Preacher

The Rev. Kyle Carswell

Music Director

Don Agee

Acolyte

Ashlyn Rounceville

Chalice Bearers

Susan Leonard (5 pm)

Dan Montgomery, Lillie McManus (10:15 am)

Lector/Litanist

Dewayne Johnson (5 pm)

Sandra Marshall, OPEN (10:15 am)

Oblation Bearers

Jennie McKinney (5 pm)

Lucy Luft, OPEN (10:15 am)

Ushers

OPEN (5 pm)

Mark Marshall, Larry Shea (10:15 am)

Altar Guild

Jennie McKinney (5 pm)

Marcy Luft, McB McManus (10:15 am)

Offering Counters

Priscilla Dickinson, OPEN

Livestream Coordinator

Joe Rounceville

Vestry Representative

Randy Pettit



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For the season of Epiphany, we are using the liturgy for the Season of Creation from New Creation Liturgies, <https://newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation/>.

2nd OFFERING PARTNER



DIOCESE OF NZARA

Our Second Offering Partner for the month of September is the Diocese of Nzara, one of the three companion dioceses with our own Diocese of Iowa. St. Timothy's has long had a special relationship with this diocese. Many of our members have visited Nzara and hold a special place in their hearts for these wonderful people. Come hear about the work and needs of the Diocese and how we can help!

If you would like to help support this ministry financially, you can do so at:

sttimothyiowa.org/donate

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH FORMATION



In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples, "Let the children come to me" (Matthew 19:14). Teaching our children about Jesus and helping them grow in their spiritual journeys is a crucial part of the church's ministry. When we invest in children and youth, we are helping cultivate faith, build relationships, and pass the story of God's glory from one generation to the next. It can also be among the most rewarding ministries, as teachers of formation classes often find their own faiths enriched by their conversations with the children and youth.

Formation classes are offered for children and youth age 3 through high school on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Children Living the Word is a program aimed at elementary-aged children that provides a kid-focused lesson during the 10:15 service.

Please consider giving your time and talent to help our children grow in their walk with Christ. Teachers and assistant teachers are needed for classes at all levels. Volunteers interested in helping transform our formation classrooms are also needed. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Kelli Ruth at formation@sttimothyiowa.org.

To learn more about Children's and Youth formation, visit sttimothyiowa.org//for-children/

COMING UP

THE COMING WEEK

Monday, September 7

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

5:30 pm Executive Team Meeting
6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, September 9

11:30 am Men's Lunch at Palmer's
7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 10

9:30 am Bible Study
11:30 am Ladies Who Lunch
5 pm YJI

Friday, September 11

10 am BBB

Saturday, September 12

9 am Centering Prayer
5 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 13

PROGRAM YEAR KICK-OFF & PICNIC

9 am Childcare Available
9:15 am Christian Formation
10:15 am Holy Eucharist
10:15 am Children Living the Word
11:30 am Picnic

PROGRAM YEAR KICK-OFF

Sunday, September 13

It's the beginning of our Program Year! All of our Sunday morning formation classes will resume and we'll celebrate with our traditional Parish Picnic following our worship service. We're excited for all this coming year has to offer!

So, get your best potluck salads, sides, and/or dessert recipes ready, and don't forget to bring a healthy appetite!

While we will hold our 5 pm service on Saturday night, we hope that the 5 o'clock crew will also join us for the picnic on Sunday morning!

RSVP and share what you'll bring to our potluck at: bit.ly/3UKg5Pm



D&D RESUMES

Sunday, September 20 | 11:30 am
Gathering Center

Youth between 12-17 are invited to our next gathering at 11:30 am on September 20. Whether you are experienced or a novice, we'd love to have you join us!

All we ask is that you bring a favorite writing tool (pencils preferred) a laptop or phone (if you like), dice (if you have them), something to drink and your imagination! Leaders will provide pizza!

For more information, contact Sarah Bunch at sj.bunch626@gmail.com



CLW TRAINING

Sunday, September 20 | 11:30 am to Noon
CLW Room

Whether you are currently a helper or teacher in our Children Living the Word program or interested in joining our ranks, we ask that you join us for this training.

If you are unable to join us, please contact Kelli at formation@sttimothyiowa.org

YJI

Thursday, September 10



YJI kicks off another season on Thursday, September 10 from 6 pm to 8 pm in our parish hall. St. Tim's opens its arms and doors to provide a safe and nurturing environment for Thursday night Study Tables during the school year. Please consider volunteering to mentor/assist study studies, help in the kitchen to provide home cooked meals, and be present in the lives of the youth. Please contact Scott Andrews with any questions (515.321.3739; scottandrews143@gmail.com).

The Youth Justice Initiative (YJI) in West Des Moines is a restorative justice program that helps reduce repeat juvenile offenses. YJI aims to create a supportive community environment through restorative practices, academic support, family involvement and community service. YJI encourages youth offenders to improve school attendance and performance, enhance family relationships, avoid drug use, reduce criminal activity and engage in their community. YJI aims to foster greater community safety, social harmony and peace for all.

FRESH START MEAL

Tuesday, September 29



Women at the Well's program to provide an evening meal at the Fresh Start Women's Center (1917 Hickman Road, DM) continues to go strong! As a partner church we will host a meal on January 28. We'll prepare the components of the meal, transport it, and serve it to 30-35 resident women. Volunteers can help with food prep the day of the dinner or before, and transportation of and serving of the meal, which happens between 5-6 pm. Interested? Contact Jeanie at either 515-554-3764 or deacon@sttimothyiowa.org

70th ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, October 4 | ONE SERVICE WEEKEND



Celebrate seven decades at St. Timothy's with a party on October 4! The liturgy for the service will follow a form like the ones used in the 50's, pictures of the congregation throughout the years will adorn the Parish Hall, and the festivities after the service will feature activities and foods reminiscent of the carnivals that were once a hallmark of our parish life. We will celebrate in thanksgiving for those who founded this congregation and those whose ministry has sustained our community for 70 years.
