



... the steadfast
love of the Lord
is from
everlasting to
everlasting ...

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Order of Worship

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Where you see an asterisk (), please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

GREETINGS / NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

GATHERING WORDS

QUARTET — “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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WE CONFESS OUR SINS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Love, forgive us when we lose our grounding in love and act in ways that separate us from you and from one another. Forgive us when hatred and enmity take root and weaken the love you have planted within us. Reclaim the foundation of our lives, God of love, that we may grow in faith and strength from the root of love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE GLORIA (Quartet)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT — Jim & Jane Owen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 103:1-18

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Ephesians 3:14-19

SERMON — “Isn’t It Grand?” — Sandra Brown

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

QUARTET — “O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song”

Peter Aston, Hinshaw Music Inc., RSCM 509

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION — “The Journey Is Our Home”

Allen Pote, Hinshaw Music Inc., HMC-446

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POSTLUDE — “For the Beauty of the Earth” — Flor Peters

Participating Today: Sandra Brown
Liturgist: Richard Harmon
Quartet: Jessica Crowder, soprano
Elizabeth Cochrane, alto
Lucero Padilla, tenor
Elliot Lauxman, bass
Organist: Cynthia Neufeld Smith
Audio/Video: Rod Brown, Dan Pauls, Sean Zears

MINISTERS: All the Members of the Congregation
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Patrick Yancey, *Commissioned Associate Pastor*
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