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Order of Worship

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Where you see an asterisk (), please rise in body or spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (10:30) — “Fantasy on ‘Holy, Holy, Holy’” — Piet Post

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRELUDE (8:30) — “Holy, Holy, Holy” — Linda Smith

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(10:30) — “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee” — Max Reger

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all you who carry heavy burdens, and Christ will give you rest.

People: For he is gentle and humble in heart: in him we find rest for our souls.

*OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN #611 — “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (8:30 vv. 1 and 3)**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess to you and to each other that we are tired and weighed down by the mistakes we have made, even in our closest relationships with our friends, our children, and our partners. We give this burden to you, mindful of Jesus' promise that he will give us rest. We trust in you.

SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #575

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA #583**

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

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

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30 only)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 145:8-14 — p. 581 in OT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Romans 7:15-25a — p. 157 in NT

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 11:25-30 — p. 12 in NT

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE — “Finding Rest”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #183 — “Come to Me, O Weary Traveler” (10:30 only)**

GREETINGS FROM OUR MISSIONARY VISITORS

OFFERING

Offertory (8:30) — “Be Still, My Soul” — Marilyn Ham

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(10:30) — “Pie Jesu” — Marcy Pyrtle, arr. Jay Althouse

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***Doxology — #607**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise triune God whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Hymn #562 — Holy, Holy, Holy (seated)

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN #182 — “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”** (8:30; vv. 1 and 3)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #824—“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”** (10:30 only; v. 1)

***POSTLUDE (8:30) — “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”** — Linda Smith

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(10:30) — “Toccata in Seven” — John Rutter

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Ministers: All the Members of the Congregation

Pastors:

The Rev. Sandra Stogsdill Nichols, *Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. Neil Weatherhogg, *Pastor Emeritus*

Liturgists: Lee Cook (8:30)

Norma Pettijohn (10:30)

Music Staff:

Dr. Kevin Kellim, *Director of Music*

Dr. Dina Pannabecker Evans, *Organist*

Dr. Cynthia Neufeld Smith, *Assistant Organist*

Norma Pettijohn, *Organist Emeritus*

Guest Musician: Jacoby Brown

Fellowship Hosts: Birthday Sunday

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