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"Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together."

September 6, 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *I Surrender All* Bozard

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Opening Words Psalm 143:8 (NLT)

From the Psalmist to the Lord, "Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for you I entrust my life."

Opening Prayer

Hymn *Morning has broken* #648 (1-2)

"Morning has broken" by Eleanor Farjeon; Martin Shaw
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CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Special Music *Cold and Raw* Old Scottish Tune

Prayer of Repentance and Lament

<https://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship>

You are the God who hears: hear our prayer today for all who lament or repent.

For those among us who face discrimination every day because of our skin color,
We grieve.

For those among us with the white skin who benefit from racist systems sometimes without even realizing it,
We repent.

For those among us who have struggled and waited so long for the Promised Land of freedom and equality,
We grieve.

For those among us who have acted in racist ways and have hurt people of color,
We repent.

For those protesting injustice who face police brutality and a justice system rigged against them,
We grieve.

For those who think racism is someone else's problem, and not a problem for humanity,
We repent.

God of hope, show us how to work for justice together,
Standing up for what is right,
Stepping in when something's wrong,
Shouldering each other's burdens,
Holding each other accountable,
Righting the wrong's we've done,
Speaking truth to power. Now and always. Amen.

(Closing with the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in 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.

Song *People Need the Lord*

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GIVE WITH THANKSGIVING

Thoughts on Giving

Billy Graham said, "If a person gets his attitude toward money right, it will straighten out almost every other area in his life." In our quest for a simpler life, let us support the ministry of West Richmond through our offerings.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson Mark 8:34-38 (NLT)

Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Sermon Spiritual Discipline Series: Submission
"Not Having to Have Our Own Way"

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Closing Hymn *If all you want, Lord* #512

"If all you want, Lord" by Thomas H. Troeger & Carol Doran
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Congregational Commitment (unison) #793

We commit ourselves to follow Jesus Christ,
Through whom God has made friends with the world
and in whose name we share the work of
reconciliation.

We commit ourselves to the way of the cross,
Living a life of simplicity, self denial, and prayer.

We commit ourselves to love each other,
Serving the church,
And sharing our time, talents, and possessions.

We commit ourselves to care for the world,
Bringing good news to the poor,
Setting free the oppressed,
And proclaiming Jesus as Liberator and Lord.

In this commitment we find joy, peace, and new life.

Postlude *I Am Thine, O Lord* Doane

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Worship Leader..... David Brunk
Children's Story..... Haley Myers
Flutist..... Sarah Beers
Pianist..... Bob Phillips
Violinist..... Bill Kinzie
Producer..... Kevin Beers
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