

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Theme: The Heritage of Faith: Courage

Sunday, September 21, 2025



“In God whom we trust, we shall take courage
and not be afraid.” Psalm 56:3

GATHERING

Prelude: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Old Hundredth, arr. T. McKibben

Call to Worship

Leader: When we are surrounded on every side, wondering which way is up and
which way is down...

People: Help us, God, for the glory of your name.

Leader: When we question which way to go and how to follow God’s path for us...

People: Show us, God, the direction we need to go for the glory of Your name.

Leader: When we find our assurance in God and long for others to know the same
peace...

People: Lead us, God, to share willingly the comfort we have found.

Leader: Today, we gather for worship ready to listen and discern the ways God meets
us right where we are.

**People: Help us, God, to extend your help with courage to our friends and
neighbors, even to strangers You place in our path, to the glory of Your
name.**

*Hymn: #385 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

*Prayer of the Day

Loving and Gracious God—Holy one of Israel—tender one to all who call
upon Your name with repentant and believing hearts: bless us, we pray, with
your presence this day. Regardless our age, motivate us to continue to learn Your
ways. Inspire us to seek your wisdom, energize those of us who are exhausted,
comfort those of us who grieve, and strengthen those of us who are weak.
Indeed, O God, fill all of our hearts with courage that can only come from You.
Lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come. We
ask it in Jesus' name. AMEN

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Psalm 113:1-6 Give Praise to God On High

Joshua 1:1-9 God Gives Courage

Sermon: “Strength in the Face of...”

*Hymn: #467 “Give Us Light” (*adding give us ‘courage’*)

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Unshakable and merciful God, You meet us in the ruins just as surely as in
times when all is together. When all feels lost, You find us and give us courage.
When we stumble for answers, You remain our refuge. Receive our gifts

given not from abundance alone but from hearts that dare to trust. Let our service be a sign of Your presence in the broken places around us and tools of healing in a hurting world. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #829 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (*Sung in loving memory of Keo*)

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Go now, in the blessing of God who covers and protects us.

People: We go, giving thanks for a God who gives us courage, helping us along whatever we face.

ALL: That we may continue on a faithful and faith-filled path. AMEN

Silent Prayer (*be seated*)

Postlude: “Shout to the North” M. Smith
“Shout to the North and the South, sing to the East and the West;
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.”

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Stephan Englehart

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