

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 10, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude Improvisation on *In the Morning, When I Rise*
(*Give Me Jesus*)

*Call to Worship

LEADER: Something awakened us this morning - perhaps day's dawning, the smell of brewing coffee, the sound of the alarm on the shelf or a newspaper thudding at the door.

PEOPLE: And now we gather with awakened spirits to worship with others the Creator of this day.

LEADER: Something moved us this morning - we left behind a sufficiency of sleep or a restless night, we engaged in feeding and dressing, we left our homes for here.

PEOPLE: And now we gather in this place to worship the Christ who moves among us and to follow the Spirit which leads us into deeds of love.

ALL: May ours be a faith that is both awake and moving as we serve our God.

*Opening Hymn #181 *Ye Servants of God*

*Affirmation of Faith #881 The Apostles' Creed

*Gloria Patri #70

*Centering Prayer

Each time we meet you, Father, we come with expectations for what it will be like. The truth is that we are always surprised by what you do in this precious time. Surprise us again today. Show us more of yourself for we want none but you. We want to see you, to hear you, to touch you. Help us to catch a glimpse of your holiness and to be changed because we've been in your presence. May your name be made great and your glory shown today. Amen.

Children's Message

Ministry of the Word *Matthew 14:22-33 (CEV)*

Leader: "The Word of God for the People of God."

People: "Thanks be to God."

*Hymn of Preparation #529

How Firm a Foundation

Sermon Text

Romans 10:5-15 (CEV)

Sermon "A Beautiful Precious Treasure" Rev. Bates

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer #895

Offering & Offertory *Behold the Potter and the Clay*

*Behold the pot - ter and the clay,
He forms his vessels as he please:
Such is our God, and such are we,
The subjects of his high decrees.
What if he means to show his grace,
And his electing love employs
To mark out some of mortal race,
And form them fit for heav'nly joys?
But, O my soul! if truths so bright
Should dazzle and confound thy sight,
Yet still his written will obey,
And wait the great decisive day.
Then shall he make his justice known,
And the whole world before his throne
With joy or terror shall confess
The glory of his righteousness.*

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*Doxology #94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give our gifts in love and thanksgiving for all that we have been given. Help us give with hearts and minds open to the possibilities of what we can do to heal the brokenness of our world. Let our love travel where we do not, making pathways of peace where there are none, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #568

Christ for the World We Sing

*Benediction

***Postlude** *He Has Made Me Glad* by Leona Von Brethorst

**For those who are able, please stand*