

15th Sunday After Pentecost

September 21, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit arr. Schrader
Men's Ensemble

*Call to Worship

Leader: We are here, together, as one to worship!

People: We are brothers and sisters, sons and daughters in the family of God.

Leader: Let us lift our voices as one voice.

People: Let us worship, not as separate beings, but as one body, the body of Christ.

Leader: Let us rejoice that he has given us each other and celebrate the gift of living as one church.

People: May we be unified in our words and songs and prayers.

All: Come now, together, as one to worship!

*Opening Hymn #547

O Church of God, United

*Affirmation of Faith #881

The Apostles' Creed

*Gloria Patri #70

*Centering Prayer

Holy Creator, we greet you with joy as we gather for worship, grateful to be in your presence and in fellowship with one another. We assemble as your covenant people to cast before you our adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication. We lift up our voices in praise, we desire to know you in truth, and we open ourselves to the work of your Holy Spirit in us and in our common life. You alone are worthy of our worship, for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory and the majesty. Amen.

Children's Message

Special Music

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall by Mark A. Miller
Sanctuary Choir

Ministry of the Word 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 (The Message)

*Hymn of Preparation #592

When the Church of Jesus

Sermon Text

Ephesians 4:1-16 (New Living Translation)

Sermon

"A Disciple's Path: An Open Book"

Rev. Bates

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer #895

Offering & Offertory

*Doxology #94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Help us to give with generous hearts, O God, and not out of a sense of duty but desire. Let us give, not because we feel we have to, but because we want to. Let us not feel imprisoned by rules of giving or what others give, but rather free us to see the potential good that comes of our gifts. Out of our bounty, and in gratitude, we give to others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #68

When In Our Music God is Glorified

*Benediction

*Postlude

**For those who are able, please stand*