17th Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 2015 ◆ 11:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

***Greeting in the Name of Christ**

Prelude *Is There Room for a Sinner* Choplin

Sanctuary Choir

Kirsten Ralls, Pete Davis, soloists; Breanna Gromicko, instrumentalist

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Our good works are done with gentleness.
People: Bitterness only leads to anguish.
Leader: God seeks peace and hope for all God's people.
People: But if our hearts are filled with anger, we reject God's mercy.
Leader: Open our hearts, O Lord, and help us to listen.
People: Open our lives, O Lord, and prepare us to serve. AMEN.

***Hymn FWS #2004** (vss. 1&2) *Praise the Source of Faith & Learning*

Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
All: Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. AMEN.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Old Testament Lesson – Proverbs 31:10-31

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Psalter** – Psalm 1:1-6 Hymnal, Page 738, Response #2

***Gloria Patri #70**

Epistle Lesson – James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn #354** *I Surrender All*

***Gospel Lesson** – Mark 9:30-37

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem *If I Were a Butterfly*

Carol Choir

Sermon – "Wisdom and Action" Pastor Alan

***Affirmation of Faith #881** – The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:
Leader: Lord in your mercy
People: Hear our Prayer.

***The Lord's Prayer** (#895)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering and Offertory

***Doxology #95**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn FWS #2158** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**For those who are able, please stand*