



Court Street United Methodist Church

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10 A.M. Worship Service

September 13, 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost

OPEN HEARTS...OPEN MINDS...OPEN DOORS



WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell - Please use this to begin focusing for worship.

Prelude

“Sonata in C, BWV 103”

J. S. Bach

Movements 1 & 2

Performed by Jacques Saint-Cyr, Flute

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us examine ourselves to see if we rest in faith.

***People:* May Christ’s power rest upon us.**

Leader: We do not boast of our week’s conquests, but we boast rather of the things that reveal our weakness.

***People:* May Christ’s power rest upon us.**

Leader: Do you not know the stirrings of divine power laid beneath the hardships of everyday life?

***People:* May Christ’s power rest upon us.**

Leader: Cultivated by humility to be released as a fragrance of new life ...

***All:* Is the power of the living Christ.**

Opening Hymn UMH #315, vs. 1-3

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

Leader: This is the Word of God for The People of God.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Hymn UMH #657

“This Is the Day”

Children's Message

James L. Crow

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

New Testament Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Desperate But Not Desolate!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Musical Witness

"Offertoire, Op 12"

J. Bonjon

Performed by Jacques Saint-Cyr, Flute

Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #402, vs. 1-4

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Benediction

Pardoned by God's abounding grace, empowered by God's constant love and protected by God's peace, let us go forth to serve God and others, always humbly aware of our own shortcomings, but always encouraged by the faithful and loving presence of God in Christ Jesus, to whom be glory and power, now and forever. Amen.

Postlude

"Gaudeamus Pariter"

Robert Buckley Farlee