

Central United Church

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Sunday September 10th 2023
Fifteenth after Pentecost

We gather....

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Passing of the Peace:

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you

Response: **And also with you**

PSALM 119:33-40 (Responsive)

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.*

**Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**

*Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.*

**Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.**

*Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.*

**Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.**

*Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.*

**See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.**

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Lord's Prayer

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 and ever. Amen.

Offering and Offertory

We hear....

Scripture Lesson: *(Page 802 OT)*

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Epistle Lesson: *(Page 162 NT)*

Romans 13:8-14

Hymn: "Our God Will Go Before Us"

Gospel Lesson: *(Page 20 NT)*

Matthew 18:15-20

Message: "...give me life in your ways"

We respond.....

Hymn: "Our God Will Go Before Us"

Pastoral Prayers

Commissioning and Blessing

Next Week's Bible Readings

*We invite you to read the scriptures in preparation
for next Sunday, Sixteenth after Pentecost:*

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalms 103:8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

Take Note

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