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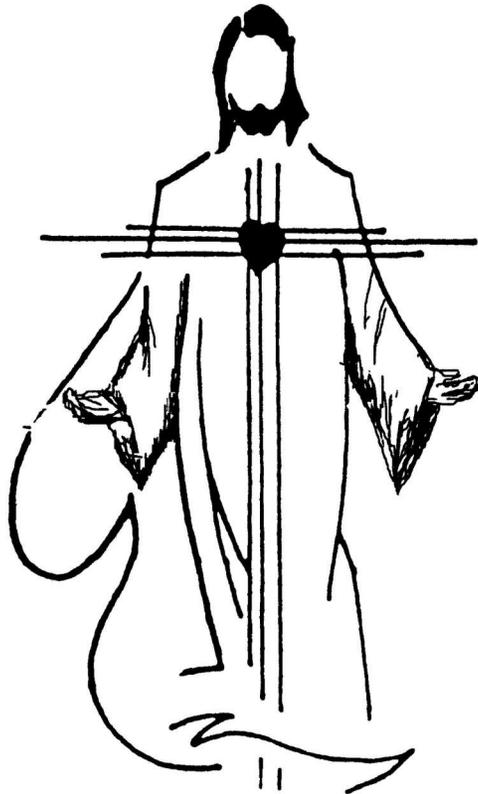
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The Celebration of Worship

September 21, 2025 • 15th Sunday of Pentecost

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Jack Nordman
Pianist:	Wade Tambara
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Aki Kumagai



Centering Prayer for Worship

Here we are Lord!

*We believe in your power to change us;
your creating power making relationships new,
your redeeming power saving us from despair,
your sustaining power giving us courage and strength.
In this time, as we encounter you and pray and listen together,
we open ourselves to your transforming power,
changing our hearts, our lives, and our world. Amen.*

Prelude

Wade Tambara

*Introit

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

** Those who can, please stand*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Jack Nordman

Leader: Almighty God, the seasons turn, but Your love is changeless. As we worship today, give us faithful, thankful hearts.

People: We praise You for brilliant blue sky, crisp breezes blowing, maple leaves dancing, the smell of warm cider, the taste of a perfect apple.

All: We are eager for Your grace to transform our lives. As we offer You our praise, we open ourselves to Your Spirit so we can become more like our Beloved Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth (#473)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies:

Refrain. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:

Refrain.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:

Refrain.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:

Refrain.

*Sending Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness (#276)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been thou forever will be.

Refrain. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand has provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain.

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

*Response: "Shalom"

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. (*Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.*)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. (*Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.*)

Postlude

Wade Tambara

We invite you to remain seated during the Postlude as we enjoy the music and God's presence together. If you need to go, please feel free to do so. Go with God's blessings.

Dozens have touched you!” But Jesus went on asking, looking around to see who had done it. The woman, knowing what had happened, knowing she was the one, stepped up in fear and trembling, knelt before him, and gave him the whole story. Jesus said to her, “Daughter, you took a risk of faith, and now you’re healed and whole. Live well, live blessed! Be healed of your illness.”

Musical Interlude

Wade Tambara

Opportunity To Present Offerings

All: Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because God’s given Jesus Christ, God’s Son. (Repeat) And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich” because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give thanks. Give thanks.

*Doxology

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Jack Nordman

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Congregation

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

Jack Nordman

Leader: When we take an honest look at our lives and admit our mistakes, the pain we cause others, the way we sit around when we could be helping, we trust that God can forgive us. God can help us learn to do what pleases God. Let’s pray to God together.

Prayer of Confession

Jack Nordman

Leader: God of Moses and Mary, we try to live at peace with ourselves and others, but often end up impatient and grumpy. We judge and criticize others, even those closest to us.

People: Forgive us, Genuine Love, hold on to our shaky lives, until we learn to clasp Your goodness to our hearts, so that we can give it away to those around us.

All: Whisper Your grace and hopes to us, polish the rough edges of our self-centeredness, until we become humble and seek Your love and justice for all.

A Time for Contemplation

This time of quiet is offered to encourage you to share your personal thoughts with God as well as listen to God through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Assurance of God’s Grace

Jack Nordman

Leader: Confidence in God’s grace empowers us to live together and work through our differences, knowing that the hope of the world doesn’t rest on our shoulders alone.

People: We trust that God is working in us and in the world, bringing healing and wholeness.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Response to God’s Forgiveness:** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (#582 Glory to God hymnal)

All Sing: Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Jack Nordman

Leader: As the forgiven and redeemed people of God, let us share our peace and joy with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Welcoming a New Member: Maria Mar

***Hymn of Reflection: Be Thou My Vision (#339)**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Unison Prayer of Guidance

All: Now may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading (Japanese)

Aki Kumagai

Hebrews:11:1

Faith is confidence in what we hope for and the certainty of what we do not see.

2nd Scripture Reading

Jack Nordman

Matthew 12:15-21

Jesus, knowing they were out to get him, moved on. A lot of people followed him, and he healed them all. He also cautioned them to keep it quiet, following guidelines set down by Isaiah: Behold, my Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I've placed my Spirit on him;

he'll decree justice to the nations.

But he won't yell, won't raise his voice;

there'll be no commotion in the streets.

A bruised reed He will not break and a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice.

The mere sound of his name will signal hope, even among far-off unbelievers.

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

The Next Conversation Series: "Jesus and Two Daughters"

Mark 5:21-34

After Jesus crossed over by boat, a large crowd met him at the seaside. One of the synagogue leaders named Jairus came. When he saw Jesus, he fell to his knees, beside himself as he begged, "My dear daughter is at death's door. Come and lay hands on her so she will get well and live." Jesus went with him, the whole crowd tagging along, pushing and jostling him.

A woman who had suffered a condition of hemorrhaging for twelve years—a long succession of physicians had treated her, and treated her badly, taking all her money and leaving her worse off than before—had heard about Jesus. She slipped in from behind and touched his robe. She was thinking to herself, "If I can put a finger on his robe, I can get well." The moment she did it, the flow of blood dried up. She could feel the change and knew her plague was over and done with. At the same moment, Jesus felt energy discharging from him. He turned around to the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?" His disciples said, "What are you talking about? With this crowd pushing and jostling you, you're asking, 'Who touched me?'"