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## The Church Gathers for Worship

Sunday, September 1, 2024, 10:30 am

~ *15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost* ~

\*Please stand, as you are able

Prelude Graham Howes

Welcome

A Celebration of Our Life and Work Together

\*Call to Worship

\*Gathering Hymn: *Amazing Grace vv. 1-3, 6* 670

Opening Prayer

Responsive Prayer (Based on Philippians 2):

Leader: Be concerned for each other's interests, not only for your own. Let your attitude be that of Christ Jesus.

**People: The divine nature was his, but he did not grasp at equality with God.**

Leader: No, he poured himself out, taking the form of a servant and bore human likeness. A likeness that you and I share too.

**People: And he was obedient in love to the point of death: even death on a cross.**

Leader: Therefore, God raised him to the highest place, and conferred on him the name which ranks above every name.

**People: So that, at the name of Jesus every knee might bend—Including beings in heaven, on earth and beneath and every tongue confess, “Jesus Christ is Lord”, To the glory of God, who is Abba to Jesus and to us as well. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Mark 15: 33-41

Children's Moment

Solo: *I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry* Graham Howes

Sermon: **'...why have you forsaken me?'**  
Rev. Dr. Scott Kindred-Barnes

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music: *You've got a friend* hazel Walker

Offering of our Gifts Rev. Ruth Tonn

\*Offertory: *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Prayer for the Offering

\*Communion Hymn: *Let Us Break Bread Together* 548

The Deacons extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to *Ian Hiltz*

Holy Communion Rev. Ruth Tonn  
Prayer for the Bread Rev. Dr. Helen Chan  
Prayer for the Cup Lic. Luke Steeves

\*Closing Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU 232

Benediction

Postlude

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A warm welcome and appreciation is extended to Graham Howes who is our guest organist this week while Heather is on vacation; and to hazel Walker for sharing her gift of music with us.