

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

GATHERING

*GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

P: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

L: In the name of Christ,

P: we accept the invitation to discipleship.

L: In the name of Christ,

P: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

L: Amid despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

P: we proclaim the God of Hope.

L: During indifference and apathy,

P: we proclaim the God of Love.

L: So then, let us now worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE *"Freedom Is Here"*

*SONG OF PRAISE *"Only King Forever"*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OBSERVE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

With an outstretched hand, and an open heart, I invite you to greet one another at a distance saying to each other, "The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**"

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8 NLT

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 5:1-11 NLT

WITNESS TO THE WORD *Celebrating Our Work* Rev. Jim Rogers

"Go Where It Is Deeper"

EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME VIDEO

OFFERTORY *please consider giving a special donation to the Annual Epworth "Work Day" Offering, or to our General Fund for LUMC.

*SONG OF PRAISE *"Holy Spirit"*

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

THE INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON (RESPONSIVE):

L: Saving God, like Israel and the many generations before us,

P: We are filled with joy when you call us by name and deliver us from captivity.

L: Yet, we are less trusting when you lead us into the desert:

P: the long way, the unknown path, the journey of trial, trust, and refining.

L: Forgive us for questioning the path you have chosen for us.

P: Forgive our complaining along the way.

L: Forgive the times we've stumbled

P: when the journey was long and the work was hard.

L: Deliver us from our Egypts. Lead us on our unexpected journeys.

P: Sustain us in our deserts and deeds. Bring us to our promised lands.

– (please take a moment to offer prayers of confession to God in silence) –

Words of Assurance:

L: Hear the good news: The same God who delivered Israel from slavery is the God who delivers us from our slavery to sin and death. God has made a way to freedom through the blood of Jesus Christ. The same Jesus who called Peter to fish out into the deep and caught many fish is the same Jesus who calls and sends us out to fish for people.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Let us follow and fish with joy! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (SEE INSERT)

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE *"Jesus Paid It All"*

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

***Please stand as you are able**