

September 18, 2022
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Gathering: *Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (MV 18)*

Inviting the Light

As we light this candle, let the light remind us of the sacred fire that dwells within our hearts and connects us with God, with our families, with our communities and with our universal family. May the flame of Christ's Eternal Light find and welcome every Spirit.

Call to Worship

God's Spirit calls to us, **inviting us to worship, inviting us into love.** God's Spirit calls to our spirit, **calling us by name, calling us to grow in faith, calling us to be made new, calling us to be a community of faith.**

Opening Prayer

O God, faithful in everything, you call us to the joy of worship, Sunday by Sunday. You call us to friendships which are healthy and sustaining. You call us to use our resources compassionately and justly. You call us to build up our faith communities with kindness and the values of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn VU 661 Come to My Heart Lord Jesus

Prayers for Grace and Transformation

Into our troubled hearts and mind, breathe your

peace O God. We will find the courage to make changes and bridge the gap between rich and poor so that your peace may be our peace. Amen

The Peace

Intro to Scripture

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

Psalm 79:1—9 VU 793

Luke 16:1—13

Reflection

Hymn: MV 135 Called by Earth and Sky

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology (VU 541)

Offertory Prayer

As we offer our gifts of money and time, may we also find new meaning in our responsibility to care for all your gifts to us.

Announcements

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

**Listen in the silence...*

Extinguish the Candle

Blessing

Hymn: VU 577 I've Got Peace Like a River

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“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’”

Luke 16: 3-4