## Order of Worship **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

### Welcome and Congregational Updates

Carol Hargis

# The Church Gathers for Worship

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! Robert A. Hobby **Prelude** 

Greg Nunn, organist

\*Responsive Call to Worship (from Psalm 50) Carol Hargis

"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by One:

sacrifice!"

The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the only

judge. Selah

"Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. One:

I am God, your God. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go

offerings are continually before me.

"Mark this, then, you who forget God, or I will tear you apart, and Manv:

there will be no one to deliver.

the right way I will show the salvation of God."

When in Our Music God Is Glorified \*Opening Hymn 7 **ENGELBERG** 

### \*Unison Invocation

One:

Congregation

Spirit of justice, show us the challenge of your truth.

Teach us how to worship. Equip our voices for praise and our hands for the just work of your kin-dom.

Take away our false perceptions. Focus us, that our sacrifice of presence and prayer might be acceptable and authentic so that we gather with full joy and reverence at your table. Let your welcome table not be at the end of worship, but at the beginning of the endless feast that is promised through Jesus Christ who teaches us to pray saying:

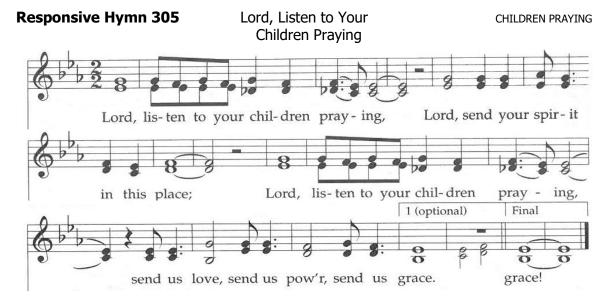
# \*The Lord's Praver

Congregation

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

\*Please rise in either body or spirit.

Children are invited to join children's leaders at the back of the Sanctuary for church school at this time. They are also welcome to remain with their parents.



# **Prayers of the People**

Rev. John O'Neal

This bidding prayer form is modeled on Resolution 1521 (2015) from the General Board (DOC) on Gun Violence.

After each bid, "In Christ's mercy" will be spoken and the congregation is invited to respond, "Renew us and bring us hope."

#### Hymn God of Mercy, You Have Shown Us BEACH SPRING

God of mercy, you have shown us ways of living that are good: Work for justice, treasure kindness, humbly journey with the Lord. Yet your people here are grieving, hurt by weapons that destroy. Help us turn to you, believing in your way that brings us joy.

On a street where neighbors gather, shots are heard; a young girl dies. On a campus, students scatter as the violence claims more lives. In a family filled with anger, tempers flare and shots resound. God of love, we weep and wonder at the violence all around.

God, we pray for those who suffer when this world seems so unfair; May your church be guick to offer loving comfort, gentle care. And we pray: Amid the violence, may we speak your truth, O Lord! Give us strength to break the silence, saying, "This can be no more!"

Biblical References: Micah 6:8; Luke 1:79; Romans 12:15; 1 John 4:16-21; Matthew 5:9

Tune: The Sacred Harp, 1844; attributed to Benjamin Franklin White ("God Whose Giving Knows No Ending") (MIDI)

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Scripture Reading Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Clayton Cunningham

**Anthem** Offertory John Ness Beck

MHCC Choir

**Gospel Reading** Luke 12:32-40 Clayton Cunningham

**Sermon** "Fear. Fight or Flight" Rev. John O'Neal

# The Church Responds to the Word of God

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**Offertory** Dolcezza Percy W. Whitlock

Greg Nunn, organist

\*Response Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

5 Praise God from whomall bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be-low; praise

God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: Cre a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost.

### \*Blessing of the Offering

Carol Hargis

### \*The Passing of the Peace

As a sign of reconciliation with God and others, you are invited to greet those around you by offering the peace of Christ.

### The Church Is Restored in Jesus Christ

**Communion Hymn 410** Now We Come ST. PAUL'S Before God's Presence

The Institution of the Table

Don Manworren

Gluten-free crackers are available for communion in the white cups.

**Prayer of Blessing** Kathy Corporon

**Communion Meditation** Rockingham C. Hubert H. Parry

Greg Nunn, organist

# The Church Goes into the World

Charge to Discipleship Don Manworren

\*Closing Hymn 422 We Are Walking (3 verses) SIYAHAMBA

We are Walking in the Light of God... We are Marching in the Light of God... We are Singing in the Light of God...

\*The Sending Rev. John O'Neal

**Postlude** When in Our Music God is Glorified Robert A. Hobby

Greg Nunn, organist