

**Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost**  
**September 13, 2020**  
**9:00 AM**

**We Gather as the Church**

Welcome Rev. Sue Frost

Music as We Gather

Opening Prayer Judy Strate

**Loving God, we give you thanks for sending us your son, Jesus Christ, to show us how to live in community as your people. Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, that we may experience and offer life-giving connections. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" *Purple Hymnal #474*

**We Hear the Word of God**

Scripture Lesson Colossians 3:12-17

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Ministry of Music

Message for Today "A Leading Cause of Life: Connections"

**We Respond to God's Word**

Call to Prayer "Beautiful Things"

**All this earth, could all that is lost ever be found**

**Could a garden come up from this ground at all**

**You make beautiful things**

**You make beautiful things out of the dust**

**You make beautiful things**

**You make beautiful things out of us**

Pastor's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass**

**against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response "Beautiful Things"

**All around, hope is springing up from this old ground**

**Out of chaos life is being found in You**

**You make beautiful things**

**You make beautiful things out of the dust**

**You make beautiful things**

**You make beautiful things out of us**

Invitation to Give and to Serve God

**We Scatter to Serve**

Hymn "Together We Serve" *Black Hymnal #2175*

A Blessing

Music as We Leave "As We Go" *Green Hymnal #3183*

**As we go may your Spirit go before us.**

**As we go may we follow where you lead.**

**May we live what we have learned,**

**Share the message we have heard,**

**And be a light unto the world as we go.**

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## Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

## Together We Serve

Together we serve, united by love  
Inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,  
Extending your love to the last and the least.

We seek to be come a beacon of hope,  
A lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine though  
Until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,  
The busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come,  
Our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

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