

Worship Script
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 5, 2021 8:15 AM

WELCOME and GREETING

INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG “I Fix My Eyes on You”

I fix my eyes on You,
the author of my faith,
casting aside ev’ry sin
and ev’ry weight;

I fix my eyes on You,
I lay my burdens
down, letting the
cares of this world
now fade away.

One thing I ask,
this one thing I seek,
that I may dwell
in Your house,
O Lord, my King;

All the days of my life,
I want to gaze upon
Your beauty and
seek You in this
holy place.

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Words and Music by Tommy Walker
and Bob Wilson CCLI# 549168

CONFESSION AND GOD’S FORGIVENESS (Psalm 146)

P: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live.

P: Blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD;

C: The LORD sets the prisoners free.

P: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
C: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

P: The LORD upholds the widow and the fatherless.
C: The LORD will reign forever!

P: Yes, the Lord reigns over every nation and tribe and language. He loves all the people of this world. Yet we have not loved all people as Christ has loved us. The fruit of our faith is not always evident. But our Lord is gracious and merciful, and he offers his forgiveness to all who repent and turn to him in faith.

P: Heavenly Father,
C: We have failed to love others as You love them. We have failed to reflect Your grace to the world in service and sacrifice. We have failed in our actions and in our unwillingness to act. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may follow You in joy.

P: Almighty God in his mercy sent Jesus Christ into our world to serve and save all people, showing no partiality or favoritism. By his death, he forgives all our sins. By his resurrection, he destroys death forever and offers us eternal life. As Christ's representative speaking his words to you, I declare that your sins are all forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Praise the LORD! All the chains are broken! We are set free to love and serve our neighbors as we live in his presence now and forever!

SONG "On My Lips"

All the chains
are broken,
I have been
set free;

Ev'ry word
You've spoken
is watching
over me;

So how can I
say silent,
when I hear
You call my name;

Living in
Your presence,

I'll never
be the same;

I've been
found in You,
and now I'll sing
out Your truth.

On my lips
there's a shout
of praise;

Now I'm gonna
dance for all
my days,

because I've seen

the wonder of
Your loving ways;

So much joy here
in Your embrace,
makes me wanna
sing and celebrate,

because I've seen
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FIRST LESSON Isaiah 35:4-7a *(Our God comes to save. Be strong in faith.)*

4 Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." **5** Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. **6** Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. **7** The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 7:31-37 *(With just one word Jesus transforms a man's life.)*

31 Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. **32** There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. **33** After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the

man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. **34** He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). **35** At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. **36** Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. **37** People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "With Jesus We See the SAVIOR, the SIGHING, and the SUCCESS"

Mark 7:31-37

(Sermon outline on the back of today's bulletin)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING *(As joyful givers, we clap for the offering)*

MUSICAL OFFERING "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

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To see You high
and lifted up,
Shining in the light
of Your glory;

Lord, pour out Your
pow'r and love
As we sing, "Holy,
holy, holy."

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HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Lord, I lift Your
name on high;
Lord, I love to
sing Your praises.

I'm so glad
You're in my life;
I'm so glad You
came to save us.

You came from
heaven to earth
to show the way;
From the earth
to the cross,
my debt to pay.

From the cross
to the grave,
From the grave
to the sky;
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