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Sunday Worship

September 21, 2014 – 10:00 AM

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Word of God

Welcome & Quiet Time (↑ indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Prelude

↑Gathering Song: The Father's Song

I have heard so many songs, listened to a thousand tongues, but there is one that sounds above them all. The Father's song, the Father's love. You sung it over me and for eternity it's written on my heart.

(Chorus:) Heaven's perfect melody, the Creator's symphony. You are singing over me the Father's song. Heaven's perfect mystery. The King of love has sent for me and now you're singing over me, the Father's song.

Priest: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be His kingdom now and forever. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

↑Song of Praise: The King of Love (Hymn #645)

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

↑**All:** Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from Philippians

(1:21-30)

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

↑Gradual Song: I Stand In Awe

You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words, too wonderful for comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard. Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom, who can fathom the depth of Your love? You are beautiful beyond description, Majesty enthroned above.

(Chorus:) And I stand, I stand in awe of You. I stand, I stand in awe of You. Holy God, to whom all praise is due, I stand in awe of You.

You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words, too wonderful for comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard. Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom, who can fathom the depth of Your love? You are beautiful beyond description, Majesty enthroned above. *(Chorus)*

↑The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

(20: 1-16)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Discussion Groups: In place of the sermon today, there will be small group discussion around questions concerning our core values. Please see insert.

↑**Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

↑ Prayers of the People

Leader: On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

Through Christ, who ever lives to make intercession for us; let us pray to the Lord:
All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let all peoples acknowledge your kingdom and grant on earth the blessing of peace; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power from on high; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that we may vanquish injustice and wrong; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation and grant us the needful gifts of your grace; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Pak Mail, David Fitzsimmons, owner, that business would increase, and items shipped would arrive safely and intact to their destinations; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the congregations and clergy of Emmanuel, Harrisonburg, Emmanuel, Greenwood, and McIlhany Parish, Albemarle that each would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, Vicar, and for St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velea-Rivera, Vicar, that they may prosper in every ministry to which You have called them; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all universities, colleges, seminaries, trade, technical, graduate, and professional schools; for students, faculty, and staff of these institutions; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That leaders whose calling is to bring the gospel to whole families with young children may be added to our fellowship; let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead, to the mercy and protection of God. Amen.

Leader: We pray to You also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

↑Exchange of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: Be My Guide

Be my guide God of Abraham. Lead me by your hand. You are strong and wise. I want to trust in You and in all I do bring You honor and praise.

(Chorus:) How I love You, great and mighty King. You are faithful through the ages. You never change.

Be my guide in the dark of night. Set all fear to flight. You are hope and truth. I want to trust in You and in all I do bring You honor and praise. *(Chorus)*

Be my guide for the road ahead. And should I feel misled. You are just and good. I want to trust in You and in all I do bring You honor and praise. *(Chorus)*

↑ **Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

↑ **Eucharistic Prayer A**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift your hearts.

People: Where Christ in glory reigns.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All (Sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of his glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever, you drink it do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Priest: And we offer our sacrifice to praise and thanksgiving to you, O lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]

Communion Song: Amazing Love

My Lord what love is this that pays so dearly that I, the guilty one, may go free!

(Chorus:) Amazing love, O what sacrifice the son of God given for me. My debt He pays and my death He dies, that I might live, that I might live.

And so they watched Him die despised, rejected but Oh, the blood He shed flowed for me! *(Chorus)*

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers; Come wash your guilt away, live again! *(Chorus)*

↑**Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

↑**Blessing**

↑**Song of Dismissal:** Jesus Messiah

He became sin, Who knew no sin. That we might become His Righteousness. He humbled himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

(Chorus:) Jesus Messiah, Name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from Heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body, the bread. His blood, the wine. Broken and poured out all for love. The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn. Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

(Chorus:) Jesus Messiah, Name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from Heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You. All the glory to You, God, the light of the world.

(Chorus:) Jesus Messiah, Name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from Heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. The Lord of all, the Lord of all.

↑**Announcements, Prayer Requests, and Dismissal**

Priest: Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Remember in your prayers:

Valerie and Kyle
Christian Families in the Middle East
Craig and John MacNaughton

Martha Dickinson
Jane, Brian, and Andrew Hahn
Nina and Sophie

Amy Williams
Nola

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin
Other Members: Larry Kidd
Register: Marian Elam

Junior Warden: Bill Weatherford
Richard Walker
Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers, and chalice bearers. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible, and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise, you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalice Bearers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
21-Sep	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
28-Sep	Larry Kidd	Jack Martin	Jack Martin, Susan Kidd	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
5-Oct	Richard Walker	Kathy Gammon	Richard Walker, Kathy Gammon	John and Libby Clark

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday, September 24	Dance Performance by Aspire Dance Academy	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 27	Work day for yard and building cleanup	St. Francis	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 28	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 1	Mid-Week Worship	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 4	Blessing of the Animals	Manakin Market	10:00–12:30
Sunday, October 5	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Mid-Week Services continue at 6:00 p.m. with a discussion series led by Carol Maher: More with Jesus in Matthew

October 1	Matthew 10:1-10
October 15	Matthew 12:1-14
November 5	Matthew 14:25-32

Financial Update - If you have any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	Operating Funds		Net Gain
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
2014			
1st Quarter	\$21,208.00	\$23,425.59	(\$2,217.59)
2nd Quarter	\$22,568.00	\$20,086.30	\$2,481.70
July	\$6,440.50	\$7,497.91	(\$1,057.41)
August	\$6,713.00	\$6,572.20	\$140.80
September	<u>\$835.00</u>	<u>\$1,032.41</u>	(\$197.41)
3rd Quarter	\$13,988.50	\$15,102.52	(\$1,114.02)
2014 Year-To-Date	\$57,764.50	\$58,614.41	(\$849.91)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2014	\$32,916.73	\$32,066.82	(\$849.91)

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