

# THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 21, 2025

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I



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Services: Sunday at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM

**Our Sunday 10:00 AM service is livestreamed**

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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

**A gentle Reminder:** Please enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.



Virtual Worship Bulletins

# GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please remain seated.*

## ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as able.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All* **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy Spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray... 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated.*

### THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

*Lector* *The First Reading is taken from Jeremiah chapters 8 and 9...*

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:

"Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 79:1-9

*Lector* *We will read responsively from Psalm 79...*

*Lector* O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
they have profaned your holy temple;  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

*People* **They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.**

*Lector* They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem,  
and there was no one to bury them.

*People* **We have become a reproach to our neighbors,  
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**

*Lector* How long will you be angry, O Lord? will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

*People* **Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you and  
upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.**

*Lector* For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin.

*People* **Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us;  
for we have been brought very low.**

*Lector* Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name;  
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

## THE SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

*Lector* *The Second Reading is taken from 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy chapter 2...*

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

*Please stand as able.*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*Celebrant* Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**SERMON** *Please be seated.* The Rev. Whitney Burton

## **NICENE CREED**

*Please stand as able.*

*People* **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**

*Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*Lector* Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Whitney, our Rector; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to the Retired clergy of the Diocese of Southwest Florida; Episcopal Charities of Southwest Florida; Episcopal Schools in the Diocese of Southwest Florida, and the seminarians of the Diocese of Southwest Florida; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our elected leaders, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. *(Pause.)* God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for the flowers given for the glory of God, and for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthday this coming week of Sharon Ozburn; and the anniversary of Reverend Whitney Burton and Steven Smith. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. *(Pause.)* We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*People* **AMEN.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

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

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*Please stand as able.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Please be seated.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Celebrant says a proper preface*

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*People* **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or stand, as you choose.*

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the

New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People*           **AMEN.**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Celebrant*       And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People*           **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.**

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant*       Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People*           **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant*       The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you. If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.*



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*Please stand as able.*

*Celebrant announces the blessing.*

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Choir will be returning to the 10:00 service beginning Sunday, October 5. Our first rehearsal of the season will be Thursday, October 2 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Realizing that it is unlikely that by reading this, you will be convinced to make a commitment to join us each Thursday and Sunday--but please know that if you do, you will be welcomed warmly, receive great blessings, learn more about your faith, sing praises to God, form deep friendships with others, and have fun doing it!

Talk to Tom Huffman or any current choir member if you have questions.

### **SERVING US TODAY**

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Crucifer/Chalicerist	Laura McGary
Lector	London Bates
Prayers of the People	Laura McGary
Ushers	Joe and Betty Lombardo



### **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR**

Dona, Mary Ann W, Sean S, Conner E. and his parents, Sharon W, Butch, Ed S and family, Maureen B, David Q, Adam R, Elaine H, Liz N, Pat B, Allison W, David B, Sarah R, Helen Marie, Michelle S, Bonnie S, Gloria S, Bill G, Priscilla B, Indra E, Donna C, the people of Ukraine, Jim T, Eleni, Mark and Maryellen, Gail G, Kam M, Brad S, Sue S, Bob S, Mandeville P, Mavis S, and Christopher H.



### **CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:**

**Birthday** –Sharon Ozburn

**Anniversary** - Reverend Whitney Burton and Steven Smith

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome visitors** – we welcome the Daughters of the American Revolution in their visit to promote Constitution Week.

**Daughters of the King** – meeting on Sunday, September 28th at 11:30 AM to 1 PM in the lounge.

**Youth Group** – will meet on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the Youth Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor). All students in grades 6 – 12 are invited. Lunch is provided, please RSVP to Carey Cherivtch.

**140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Anthem** – Thanks to your generous donations, we have met our goal in funding the commissioned anthem. Any donations going forward will go to support other ways of celebrating our 140th anniversary. Thank you!

**Cursillo Meeting** - will meet after both services today. If you would like to drop off any letters or gifts for the upcoming Cursillo this weekend, please bring them. See Rev. Kathleen Walter for more information.

**Rector's Discretionary Fund** – loose cash from the collection plate next Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> will go toward this fund to support those in need in our community.

**Blessing of the Animals** – will be Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM in the courtyard between the Patio Room and Kirk Hall.

**Quilters and Crafters Sale** – will be on Saturday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 3 PM, and Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 2 PM. Support Pack-A-Sack and find a beautiful memento or gift.

**Dunedin Cares Collection** – Today is our donation day. Our next collection of non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products will be going out on October 19<sup>th</sup> (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday).

**Book Club** – will meet on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the Patio Room and the book will be *the Spiral Staircase* by Karen Armstrong.

**Game Night** – will be on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Patio Room. RSVP to Cheryl Sharpe and Robyn Harker as a light supper is provided.