

Worship for August 15

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

Lord, united in spirit, we lift up our praise to you!

From Psalm 133

OPENING MUSIC – *Prelude in G Major*, J.S. Bach

Michael Parker, piano

SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, the voice of your wisdom rings out in the world, guiding us to place our trust in you. The voice of your wisdom rings out in the world, challenging us to seek the things that matter. Too often, O Lord, we refuse to listen. We place our trust in things that are fleeting. We seek the things that make us comfortable, rather than seeking the way of your peace. Forgive us, O God of grace, and teach us to walk in your ways.

(silent prayers)

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

**HYMN – *We Are One in the Spirit, They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*,
Hymn 300**

Children's Conversation - video from Cindy Lee

SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Cor. 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

SERMON – *Making an Impact: Building Loving Connections* Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee

ANTHEM – *I Don't Feel No-Ways Tired*, H.T. Burleigh André Peele, soloist

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN - *Let All Things Now Living*, Hymn 37

BENEDICTION