

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

Eleven O'clock

WELCOME INTO GOD'S HOUSE (responsive)

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me . . .

Congregation: **Let us go into the house of the Lord!**

Leader: We come into this house to meet the Lord, for it is God who redeems, restores, revives, and returns. Let us rejoice and sing, as God fills our hearts with gladness!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Prelude in C Major" J.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT "We're So Glad You Came" Don Wyrzten

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 72

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds!
And blessed be God's glorious name forever!
May all the earth be filled with the glory of the Lord..
Amen and Amen.

HYMN 363 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"
Ten Cents a Meal Hunger Offering - please bring gifts forward during the hymn

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)
God of the ages, you call the church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom which your Spirit bestows, that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word, and complete the work that you have set before us; through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR ANTHEM "Lead Me" arr. By Don Hart

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE STORY OF ELIJAH II Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14
When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 825 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

SERMON *The Mantle Of Elijah*

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERTORY "A Prayer of Need" Penny Rodriguez
Offerings for God's work through Paw Creek Church are gratefully received in the baskets by the entrance and exits to the sanctuary, or by mail to the church office.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Leader: Blessed are you, God of all creation.
Congregation: **Through your goodness we have good gifts to share.**
Leader: Accept and use our offerings for your glory.
Congregation: **And for the service of your kingdom.**
All: **Amen.**

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Leader: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
When invited:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**
The Lord's Prayer

HYMN 384 "Soon and Very Soon"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Barbara Boertje

Please remain seated so that all worshippers, in the sanctuary and online, may enjoy the blessing of the music.

UPCOMING SERMON TITLES & SCRIPTURES

Sunday, September 12
16th Sunday after Pentecost / Rally Day
2 Kings 5: 1-14
"High and Mighty"