

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2023—9:45am**



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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

"We Shall Overcome" *arr. by Albert Mendoza*

+ Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the + triune God, who loves us into being, calls us to community, and inspires us to love. **Amen.**

Confronted by the law and called to life in the gospel, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of love and community, **we confess that we have not loved as God has loved us. We look to ourselves to fulfill your law. We seek to satisfy our own desires. We turn away from our neighbors and live for ourselves alone. Teach us again your statutes and help us to love your will, that in and through us your beloved community is made known.**

Beloved of God, love is the fulfillment of the law, and in + Jesus, God's love for you is made known. Through Jesus your sins are forgiven, and you are drawn into God's love and life. Live fully, knowing that God loves you. **Amen.**

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land *Go Down, Moses*



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,
 2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
 3 The pillar of cloud shall clear the way,
 4 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side,



op - pressed so hard they could not stand,
 to lead the childr'n of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
 a fire by night, a shade by day,
 at God's com-mand it did di - vide,



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,



tell old Pha - raoh: Let my peo - ple go!

5 When they had reached the other shore,
 let my people go;
 they sang the song of triumph o'er,
 let my people go. *Refrain*

6 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
 let my people go;
 and let us all in Christ be free,
 let my people go. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: TUBMAN, African American spiritual

+Word+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading	Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149	ELW #149
+ Gospel Acclamation	ELW p.151
+ Gospel Reading	Matthew 18:15-20
Young at Heart Message & Sermon	The Rev. Leslie D. Weber
+ Song of the Day	ELW# 370
+ Apostles' Creed	ELW p.105
+ Prayers of Intercession	God, we pray, open our hands in love.
+ Peace	

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!

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+ Offering Prayer	
+ Great Thanksgiving	ELW p.152
+ Proper Preface	
+ Sanctus	ELW p.153
+ Thanksgiving at the Table	
...we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.	
...we plead with all creation: Come, Lord Jesus.	
...Again, we beg: Come, Holy Spirit.	
...now and forever. Amen.	
+ Lord's Prayer (sins)	ELW p.154

+ Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

ELW p.154

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.

If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Distribution Song

ELW #493

+ Sending +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

ACS# 1000 (see next page)

+ Dismissal

We are called to proclaim the good news: **God is at work!**

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

God is at work in the world still today!

In us and through us, God is glorified in our work.

When we offer a helping hand, God is praised.

When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

God is at work in us!

In our service today, and in our daily lives, let us live out what God has called us to in baptism. **God is at work through our hands!**

Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world! **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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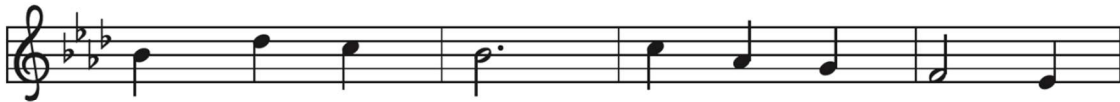
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



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Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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