



*“But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea,
the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.”*

- Exodus 14:29

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

September 13, 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Exodus 15

Leader: The Lord is our refuge and strength; God is our salvation;

People: This is our God, whom we praise; the God of our ancestors, whom we glorify.

Leader: The wind of your breath held back the waters, you piled them up in a heap.

People: Pharaoh's army sank in the sea, yet your people crossed over on dry ground.

HYMN

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"- #126 Charles Dickerson

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,

The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:

To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,

An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,

As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:

To God all praise and glory.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: God of mercy, hear our prayer today as we bring our lives before you. We want to welcome each new day with joy and hope. But often the events of the world weigh us down. We fail to trust in your steadfast love. We forget your compassion and care. We feel trapped by circumstances, beyond our control, or which we have created ourselves. Free us, O God, so that we might walk in your ways, and live in the light of your love. This we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

David Dexter

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM *“Swimming to the Other Side”* 3rd service ensemble

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION April Herron

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY Althea Waites

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.**

SCRIPTURE

- Exodus 14:19-31 The people of Israel pass through the sea David Dexter

SERMON

“Crossing Over” Jonathan Chute

HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation” - #529

Charles Dickerson

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**When through the deep waters, I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

BENEDICTION

Jonathan Chute

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

Althea Waites

3rd service ensemble:

Paula Kuno – guitar/mandolin/vocals, *Teresa James* – piano/flute/vocals

Michael Starr – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals, *Zach Provost* – piano/vocals

Cory Tramontelli – bass/vocals, *Jack Sollecito* – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus

Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director

Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse

Megan Pelc, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director

Debra DeLuca, Children’s Ministry Director

Kristin Reksc, Youth Ministry Director

Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor

Charles Dickerson, III, Music Director

Althea Waites, Organist

Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music

John Fitzgerald, Treasurer

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