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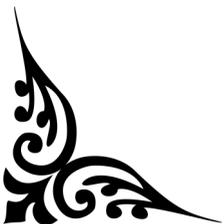
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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE

Heavenly Father, I Appreciate You

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

#583 You Are My All in All

EXCHANGE OF PEACE †

CALL TO WORSHIP †

One: Remember, O people, the needs of the poor and the suffering of the downtrodden, and hold to account all who are in high positions, ...

All: for God our Savior desires everyone to know the truth that they are loved.

One: God will raise the poor from the dust and make them sit with princes.

All: So let us offer supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings for everyone, ...

One: for the Lord is high above all nations, yet nothing is below God's notice.

All: There is one God; and in Christ Jesus one mediator between God and humankind, who gave himself a ransom for all. Praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN †

#11 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

† Please stand in body or in spirit



We Renew Our Relationship With God



PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we are too concerned with our own peace. We seek the comfort of silence and ignore the cries of the oppressed. We are inwardly focused, missing your call to serve the world in justice and love. Forgive us, O God. Equip us to fulfill your will for a world in which all know dignity and all are treated with equity, as your beloved children.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God

MINOR DOXOLOGY

#813 Glory Be To The Father

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

ANTHEN-CHANCEL CHOIR

You Are My Song

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

He Is Exalted

DOXOLOGY†

#815 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER & HYMN OF DEDICATION†

#817 Bless The Gifts



God Speaks to Us



SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:1-13 (NRSVue)

¹ Then 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.

² 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.’

³ 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.

⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’

⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’

⁷ 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.’

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ “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.

¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

¹³ 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.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

"Street-Smart for the Kingdom"

God Sends Us Into the World

CLOSING HYMN†

#429 They'll Know We Are Christians

COMMISSION & BLESSING†

SENDING HYMN†

The Lord Now Send Us Forth

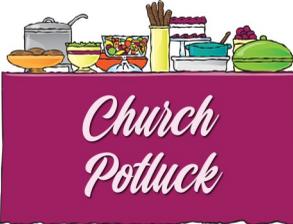
We thank Mrs. Sue McConochie for serving as our Liturgist today.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us today at 3 p.m. to watch
Comedian & Magician Blake Krabseth
\$10 Adults, Children under 12 FREE



Join us for a **Potluck dinner**
Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 5 p.m.

Sign-up sheet is on the back table.
Rides provided for people
who do not drive after dark.



Join us every **Tuesday** for
Season 5 of
The Chosen at 6 PM
We will enjoy popcorn and drinks.



Prayer Group Wednesdays at 12 noon
Join us in a spiritual communion with God
as we pray with Thanksgiving,
adoration and confession.



You're incapable of taking your wealth with you
to the afterlife, but you can indeed have it great
you when you arrive.

September Blessing Tree

Please help us collect pet items for the
Animal Welfare League
of Charlotte County.

PRAYER LIST

Adams Family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Cathy & Rick Armstrong	-	<i>health needs</i>
Bernadine & Tom Allesee's Family	-	<i>safety & health</i>
Susan Bailey	-	<i>health needs</i>
Ray & Eric Bittinger	-	<i>health & strength</i>
Hazel & Jerry Brown	-	<i>health needs</i>
Carolyn & Charlie Brox	-	<i>health needs</i>
Heather Degroot & family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Barbara Edwards	-	<i>health needs</i>
Jean Heim	-	<i>health needs</i>
Marjorie Hill	-	<i>health needs</i>
Carolanne Hoehle	-	<i>health needs</i>
Senior Lee	-	<i>health needs</i>
Dottie Leege	-	<i>health needs</i>
Sue Littrell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Violet Logan/Green	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Loren Livengood family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Richard Lund	-	<i>health needs</i>
Courtenay Mason	-	<i>health needs</i>
Brad Messick	-	<i>health needs</i>
Louis Miceli	-	<i>health needs</i>
George Mothershed	-	<i>health needs</i>
Julie Nunez	-	<i>health needs</i>
Valciana Officer	-	<i>health needs</i>
Ray Omar	-	<i>health needs</i>
Holly Parkin	-	<i>health needs</i>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health & comfort</i>
Samantha & Derrick Reams family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Amy Rupert	-	<i>health needs</i>
Olin Scott	-	<i>housing needs</i>
Danny Webb	-	<i>strength needs</i>
Donna Young	-	<i>health needs</i>

FPCPC FAMILY -

If you know of any shut-ins or anyone who may need our prayers,
please call the church office at 941-625-5045.



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ELDERS

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Cathy Asaro	Amy Rupert	Sandy Asaro
Joan Hawkins	Nancy Sharpless	Toni Madej
Alzie Lee	Donna Young	Claudette McLennon

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Hazel Mason	Carol Dunkak-Dunekirchen	Holly Parkin
Carolyn Brox	Carol McLennon	Patricia Bevens
—	Norma Campbell	Veronica Walters



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