



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

September 21, 2025

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost,
in the Season of Creation
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

--- Everyone is WELCOME here, for everyone is beloved by GOD ---

The Season of Creation is an international and ecumenical celebration of the goodness of God's work in nature, as we commit to being better stewards of it. Creation and faithful stewardship themes run through our Scriptures and music today, even though our Lectionary (schedule of Bible readings) has its own intentions. We continue hearing from a beleaguered prophet Jeremiah, as Jerusalem is threatened by invaders; eavesdrop on advice to Timothy, a young church leader; and are confronted by a puzzling parable by Jesus on the topic of wealth.

Are you new to our church? We'd love to get better acquainted. Please leave your name and email or phone number in one of our guestbooks, located at both entrances of the worship space; or by filling out one of the Welcome cards in the pew.

All persons who desire to receive Holy Communion are served here, no questions asked. We offer gluten-free Bread, which may be dipped into the small bowl of wine; or, consume your bread and sip wine from the chalice that follows. Or neither: just cross your arms over your chest. You may also ask a blessing from the priest.

Hymn # These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

WLP # These hymns are located in the green hymnal books that will be handed out.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude _____

Opening Hymn #450, vs 1-3,6 _____ *All hail the power of Jesus' Name*

Open Acclamation _____ *based on Job ch. 12*

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit;

Response: **And blessed be God's Kingdom, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Presider: In God's hand is the life of every living thing;

Response: **And the breath of every creature comes from God.**

Presider: Ask the animals and they will teach you;

Response: **Ask the birds of the air, and they will tell you.**

Presider: Ask the plants of the earth and they will teach you;

Response: **And the fish of the sea will declare to you.**

Presider: O God, Creation is full of your praise, and we are called to join in with joy.

Response: **May our prayers rise like the dawn and our worship be a song of love.**

Song of Praise: *To God be the Glory* _____ *English Folk Song Mass*

See music insert

Collect of the Day _____

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray, together.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated.

The First Reading _____ *Jeremiah 8:18 – 19:1*

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.
Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:
“Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?”
(“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”)
“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.”
For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.
Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?
Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?
O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 79:1-9*

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.

- 8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

The Second Reading _____ *1 Timothy 2:1-7*

Reader A Reading from Paul's First Letter to Timothy.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -

this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #707 _____ *Take my life and let it be*

The Gospel Reading *Please stand as able* _____ *Luke 16:1-13*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Response **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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. 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.'

"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. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit

down quickly, and make it fifty.' 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.'

"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. 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.

"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. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *Please be seated* _____ *The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams*

Please remain in silence for a moment of reflection following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *Please stand* _____

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People: Season of Creation _____ *Please stand or kneel*

Deacon O Lord, our God, help us to call on you in the communion of your Church, with one heart and one mind, according to your dream for the creation.

Leader We pray for your created world. You generated the universe and all that exists in it. The Earth is filled with your breath of life. You make the grass, plants, and fruit-bearing trees to grow, you feed the birds of the sky, you care for all your creatures on Earth. Out of your love you created human beings, and charged us to be your stewards. Give us strength to faithfully tend and keep the world according to your will. For the sake of Jesus we ask,

Response **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for every nation and community, and the people who live in them. Grant that we may treat our fellow human beings with respect; that we may accept each person in their uniqueness; and that we may support and uphold the human dignity of our neighbors. Give us grateful hearts to see ourselves as part of the great and rich whole of the Earth, from which you created all life. Grant us deeper understanding, responsible thinking, and valuable work to do. For the sake of Jesus we ask,

Response **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church everywhere, that she may be a messenger of life and an agent of your love. Instill courage in the hearts of those who follow Jesus, that we may dare to proclaim hope to those who live in fear, encouragement to those who doubt, and comfort to those who despair. Give your Church the strength of unity to bring your Gospel to them in word and deed, as residents of a world in crisis.

For the sake of Jesus we ask,

Response **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the destitute, the oppressed and the vulnerable. We pray for our fellow human beings, and for all our fellow creatures, affected by war, conflict, genocide, and ecocide. Send justice to those who cry out to you in faith, O God, and also to those who have no ability to speak. We ask for your healing of those on our Prayer List, and others we name aloud: For the sake of Jesus we ask,

Response **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the departed, knowing you hold them in your loving arms. Especially we remember the people we now name... Comfort those who grieve, and inspire us with a vision of your eternity, where there is no more pain and you will wipe away every tear from our eyes. For the sake of Jesus we ask,

Response **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Humble our hearts enough to relate to our fellow creatures in distress, as St Francis named them true brothers and sisters. Give us the courage to act on behalf of those who silently endure injustice, and guide our steps in the way of righteousness and long-lasting peace. Enact in our world your life-giving will, O God, and may peace come to all of nature. For the sake of Jesus we ask,

Response **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider O God, in the course of this busy life, we thank you for times of refreshment and peace. Grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your Creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin, *please stand or kneel* _____

Deacon In order to find healing and peace for the Earth, let us confess the ways we have erred and strayed like lost sheep, from God's good intentions. *Silent prayer*
God of all mercy:

All We confess that we have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We confess that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth.

Deacon Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate, oceans and rivers are polluted. Thriving communities have become places of suffering, and the earth cries out.

All **Forgive us for betraying your trust. Forgive us for our greed and arrogance. Forgive us for what we have done to your Earth. Forgive us for what we have done to your lakes and oceans. Forgive us for what we have done to your creatures — on the land, in the sky, and in the depths. God of Life, have mercy on us and heal your wounded Earth.**

Deacon Empower us to choose the road that leads to life, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. We long to experience your Shalom in the land and in the waters.

All **All this we ask in the name of the One who came that we may have life in abundance — your Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Absolution *is pronounced by the priest* _____

Presider Almighty God, have mercy upon you and forgive you; heal your heart and guide your mind; and enable you to live in peace with all God’s creatures and the Earth our common home. **Amen.**

The Peace *Please stand* _____

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Milestones and Announcements _____

Stump the Priest! _____ *Answering your questions*

The Offertory, *following an invitation to generosity from the priest*

If you wish to give online, point your phone’s camera at the QR code to the right and tap the webpage that pops up. It will take you to the St. Jude’s online giving form.



Offertory _____ *For the Beauty of the Earth*

The Doxology *Please stand & join in singing* _____ “Old 100th”

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.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Supplemental Eucharistic Prayer 2 _____ EOW1

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” _____ *English Folk Song Mass*
Found in the Music Insert, back page

The people remain standing or may kneel. The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave

thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts + that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, + the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Jude, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread, *silence follows* _____

Priest The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand, and fill all things living with plenteousness.

People **With grateful hearts we celebrate the goodness of God.**

Invitation to Communion _____

Deacon These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

The Communion

*Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to come forward, or let them know if you would like Communion brought to you in the pew. **All are welcome** but no one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive Communion, please cross your arms across your chest indicating you would like to receive a blessing instead. Today we are blessing gluten-free bread. The wine may be sipped from the chalice, or wait to intinct (dip your bread) into the small bowl of blessed wine. Please do not intinct into the chalice.*

Communion Music

Hymn #676 _____ *There is a balm in Gilead*

Creation Hymn: As the Wind Song _____ *See music insert*

Prayer after Communion *Please stand as able* _____

Priest Let us pray.

People God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing _____ *Celtic tradition*

Priest Bless to us, O God, the moon that is above us, the earth that is beneath us,
the friends who are around us, your image deep within us; O Triune God:
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

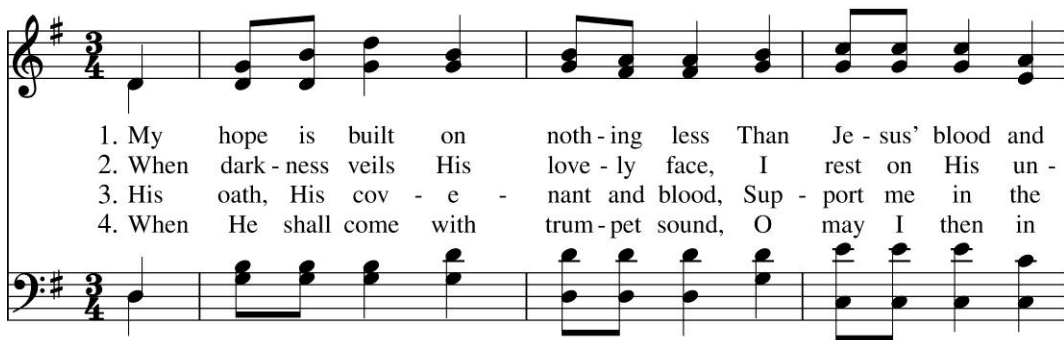
The Sending Out

Sending Out Hymn: LEVAS #99 _____ *My hope is built on nothing less*
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Sending Out _____

The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:

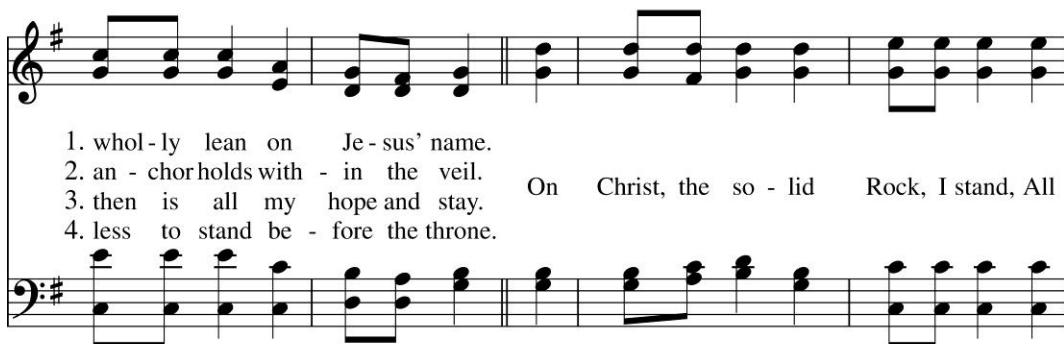
Thanks be to God!



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood, Sup - port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in



1. right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But
 2. chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, My
 3. whelm - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, he
 4. Him be found; Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -



1. whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 2. an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the so - lid Rock, I stand, All
 3. then is all my hope and stay.
 4. less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.