



15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

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### Gathering

Welcome, Parish Events and Prayers

Denise Martin

Prelude

Jinhee Lim, piano

\*Opening Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

UMH #103

\*Call to Worship

Katie & Jennie Bepple

**Come out of the darkness of despair into the brightness of God’s transforming love.**

We praise God for God’s presence with us!

**Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God’s mercy and healing.**

We thank God for God’s mercy toward us.

**Come, let us praise and worship God who is always with us.**

Thanks be to God at all times and in all places.

**Amen**

Ministry Matters, Nancy C. Townley

The Lord be with you

**And Also with you**

Let us pray

\*Opening Prayer

**Powerful God, whose ways are far beyond our understanding, help us to continue to learn to trust your judgements so that we may do your will in loving you and one another. As your word is read and preached, pass among your gathered people, opening minds to increase understanding and opening hearts to bind us together in your love. In the name of Jesus we ask it. Amen.**

Feasting on the Word, Year A, Vol. 2, modified

\*The Peace

Special Music "The Lord's Prayer" Albert Malotte  
Chancel Choir

### **The Word**

Scripture Reading Romans 13:8-14  
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Children's Moment Denise Martin  
Children are invited to attend Sunday School or remain with their families in worship.

\*Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" UMH #381

Sermon "Who Is My Neighbor" Craig Lee

### **Response to the Word**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Jinhee Lim, piano

\*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

\*Offertory Prayer Usher

\*The Lord's Prayer

### **Sending Forth**

\*Closing Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH #206

\*Going Forth and Benediction

Postlude Jinhee Lim, piano

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\*Please stand as you are able.

**Thank you** to those who have participated in worship this morning.

**Altar Flowers:** Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by Don Cornwell and Linda Thomsen

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.