# ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2018

10:30 AM

\* Stand if you are able

**Bold:** Said by all

All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.

Musical Prelude

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

# **Call to Worship** (responsive):

One: Who may abide in the presence of God? All: Who may live on God's holy mountain?

One: All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

All: All those who speak truth from their heart.

\*Gathering Hymn: "As The Deer" (#27)

Prayer of Approach:

**Prayer of Confession** 

**Assurance of Pardon:** 

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:** 

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Choir Anthem:

\*Children's Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" (#382)

Children's Story

(Grade 6 & under leave for Sunday School)

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Amen.

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#### **S**CRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15 James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## **SERMON**

Silent Reflection

## **OUR RESPONSE**

\* Hymn of Response: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (#648)

\* Declaration of Faith: FROM THE LIVING FAITH, CHAPTER 8

Disciples of Christ are called to obedience.

Jesus said: "If you love me, keep my commandments."
Obedience involves us totally.

Yet as we give ourselves to him we discover that his service alone brings true freedom.

Life in Christ is formed in a believing community, and expressed in daily living.

We are to bring Christ's healing presence to the world for which he died, his peace to its pain and anguish.

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The Holy Spirit helps us and gives us power to grow in Christ. While we are far from perfect yet our lives can be pleasing to God and helpful to others.

We live in Christ as in freedom we observe Sunday as the weekly festival of the resurrection, for the worship of our Lord, rest from our work, and the enjoyment of God's world.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory:

\* Doxology (#79)

Prayer of Dedication Prayers of the People Lord's Prayer

# SENDING

\* Parting Hymn: "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" (#482)

\* Benediction:

\* "Go Now in Peace"

\* Exit of the Word Musical Postlude