

**Welcome to Church of Christ - August 30, 2026**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*We are honored to worship God with you today!*

**Welcome**

*Please put away your phones so that we may be truly present. Thank you!*

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

~Gary Boucher

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;  
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

**People: I sought the Lord,  
and God answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Leader: Look to God, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**People: This poor soul cried, was heard by the Lord,  
and was saved from every trouble.**

Leader: The angel of the Lord encamps around those  
who adore God and delivers them.

**People: O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in God.**

**Hymn 569**     *God of Grace and God of Glory*     (Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power' crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Vs 2 Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us - free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Vs 3 Heal your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control; shame and wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Vs 4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

**Moment of Silent Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/debts)**

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 (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (our debtors). And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Scripture**      Romans 12:9-21

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Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in afflictions, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Sermon**      "The Change We Wish to Be"**Hymn**      *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Please remain seated:

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my love, my God, I pour at the feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.*

**Light of Service**      *Journey North*

~Ayreslea Denny

(Monarch Joint Venture's Community Science Program)

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**Offertory**

**Doxology** (two versions are offered) Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen. OR: 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.

**Prayer of Dedication**

Annattie P., Eric, Jo, Kim (Sue Allen), Susannah, Katie B., Kelly W. (Sue Allen), Nell, Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte), Jay Atkinson, Ray Beyers & Misty Carbone, Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge), Edie

Bruckner, Ron and Rev. Karen Burger (Gary Boucher), Leigh Cappabianca (Missionary in Turkey), Jan Caudle (Nels White's sister), Elana Chafetz (Tina Olsen), Hope Childs, Bob Cranz (Emily King), Lisa Dedon, Carol Emerson (Nancy Herzig), John Funchion, Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen), Godshall family (Liz Allyn), Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son), Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin), Pat Lowell, Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte), the Martin family (Linda Deloy), David McAlister (Heather Thomson), Patty Minton (Maresi Brown's mother), Lynn and Rich Reifsnyder, Abby Rockwood (Olsen family friend), Bobbi Sue & Ira Root, Laura Smith (Missionary in Venezuela), Ryan Sterba, Barbara Storrs (Debbie Storrs), Rob Thew, Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister), Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock), Judi Welch, Keegan Zygmunt

**Those who are grieving: the families of:**

Ernest Dibble, George Green, Judy Green, Jackie Hamad, Harold King, Karen Linden, Will Minton, John Murphy, Avery Nelson, Elizabeth Norman, Bill Patrick, Sally Quale, Constance Rotondo, Thatcher Rupert, Mary Sager, Dottie Satherlie, Carrie Stetson, Chris Williams, and the Cornwall UCC

**In the wider community**

The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Venezuela, Syria, Iran, Africa, Jewish synagogues and communities under attack, all enduring ongoing violence, the people of Jamaica struggling to rebuild after Hurricane Melissa, our Canadian neighbors who have been impacted by wildfires, all women and men serving in the armed forces, Journey North (Monarch Joint Venture's Community Science Program)