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**Celebration of Worship**  
September 17, 2017  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Gathering**

**Prelude**

**\*Gathering Song**

***Be Thou My Vision***

**\*The Means of Grace**

**Welcome**

Elder Steve Galbraith

**Call to Worship**

Elder Elaine Valente

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God.  
Let us remember God's marvelous works.

**Surely God has saved us in difficult times.  
How can we forget God's guiding hand?**

When evil surrounds us and we have been wronged,  
God helps us turn the evil to good.

**We need not be afraid whatever happens.  
We are in God's care wherever we go.**

Sing the praises of God, our strength.  
Know that God is majestic and holy.

CCLI #1708350  
One License # A-727249  
GG – Glory to God Hymnal  
PH – Presbyterian Hymnal  
LUYH – Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal  
SP&P—Sing! Prayer and Praise  
STF –Sing the Faith Hymnal  
W & S –Worship & Song Hymnal

How great is God's mercy for all who worship!  
We sense God's kindness and patience among us.

Congregation Singing      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

We bow before Your judgment seat, O God. We have ranked our sisters and brothers by the faulty standards of our society to decide who is worthy of our attention. We have rejected those whom we dislike and have been harsh with those we think do not measure up. We have been quite willing to overlook our own faults as we look down on other people. O God, You have shown us a better way. Save us from the pain we inflict and help us to discover the blessing of forgiveness.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. gretchen Sausville

Response    **Thanks be to God.**

\*Congregation Singing

*Earth and All Stars!*

\*Passing of the Peace

Proclaiming

Children's Moment

Rev. gretchen Sausville

Anthem

*For the Beauty of the Earth*    -Rutter  
Voice of the Spirit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Teach us Your way, O Lord, and lead us on a level path. Teach us, O Lord, to follow Your decrees; then we will keep them to the end. Give us understanding, and we will keep Your law and obey it with all our hearts. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalms 98:1-5

OT 551

This is the Word of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**THE FIRST THREE NOTES**

Rev. gretchen Sausville

Responding

\*Hymn

*O That I Had a Thousand Voices*

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music

Prayer Requests Collected

\*Response

*The Doxology*    PH 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\*Parting Hymn

***Come! Live in the Light!***

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

\*Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.

**BOLD signifies congregational participation.**