

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 6, 2026



The Narrative Lectionary: Year 3



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September 6, 2026, 10:00 AM
Welcome to Worship!

**Indicates standing in body or in spirit.*

Prelude *Brahms Intermezzo Op. 116 No. 4* **Jared Yoakem**

Welcome **Pastor Alex**

*** Call to Worship** (*bold in unison*) **Mary Lynn Farivari**

In the beginning, God formed us from the dust of the earth. We belong to God, our Creator, who gives us life.

God placed us in creation and calls upon us to tend it with gratitude and care.

Even though we sometimes choose our own way instead of God's way, God always seeks after us with grace and love.

We come to worship the God who created us and leads us into new life!

*** Hymn of Praise** *Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee* **#89**

*** Passing of the Peace**

Meditative Hymn *Spirit of the Living God* **#393**

Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Hymn *On Eagle's Wings* **#143**

Children's Message

Prayer for the Illumination of Scripture (*in unison*)

O Spirit of life, help us to see your wisdom and better understand your ways. Illuminate that which we cannot see without your guidance. Amen.

Sermon

The Beginning

Pastor Alex

Offertory Prayer (*in unison*)

Reconciling God, you created us with love and you gather us into a people shaped by grace. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your saving power and our commitment to your work of healing and restoration. Use what we offer to mend what is broken and build a community of grace and hope. Amen.

*** Doxology**

#94

HOLY COMMUNION**Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

7

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

8

Pardon**The Great Thanksgiving**

19-20

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

We use gluten-free bread and grape juice. All are welcome!

Closing Prayer (*in unison*)**Call to Engage in Ministry***** Hymn of Sending Forth***This is My Father's World*

#144

*** Benediction****Postlude***All Creatures of Our God and King***Jared Yoakem**

We invite you to stay seated for the playing of the Postlude.

Today's altar arrangement is provided by Barbara de Boinville in honor of the Labor Day holiday for American workers and with prayers for those searching for employment.

The CSA office will be closed tomorrow, September 7.

Happy Labor Day!

All are welcome for an enhanced Fellowship Hour (with lunch!) on **Sunday, September 20** as we brainstorm ideas for ministry with Dr. Bessie Hamilton, a Church Vitality Specialist of our Baltimore-Washington Conference!



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