

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost~ Proper 18

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Dalles September 5, 2010

Deacon: The Reverend Stephen Schafroth

Celebrant: The Reverend Janet Fullmer

The Word of God

The Opening Hymn

Come thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

The Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

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**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant **G**rant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 139:1-5, 13-17

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- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; * your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! * how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed

might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Let there be peace on earth

Gather 529

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To teach each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

The Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them,

"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

Silence

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; for Nedi, our Bishop; for Janet, our Rector and Stephen, our Deacon; we pray for the retired clergy of this parish, for John, Lewis, Norman, Robert, and Rustin. We pray for St. Thomas, Canyon City, Oregon. We pray for all who serve in your church;

That we may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for this country; for our president, Barak Obama, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for all members of this parish, and ask your blessings upon them as they minister in their work, play and with friends and family. In our congregational cycle of prayer, we pray for Sharon Paz, Laurel Kirby, Jim Shinn, Rule Beasley and Myrna Kinner; we pray for all who serve this country, and for all who go forth to serve others in your name. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We give you thanks for all those who serve in ministries that enrich and bless the lives of others;

Silence as the People add their own petitions either silently or aloud

We give thanks for the work you have given us to do, and seek your strength to serve you faithfully.

That your love may be known throughout the earth.

Bless and hold all our neighbors who are in need, especially those affected by disasters, war, and poverty;

Silence as the People add their own petitions, either silently or aloud

Have compassion on all who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for Chuck, Jack, our own needs, and those of others.

Silence as the People add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Thanksgivings, Blessings and Celebrations of Life

Thank Offerings this quarter will be used to supply books for St. Paul's library at L'Ecole d'Spirit, Cap Haitien.

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer A

The Offertory

The Doxology

Hymnal 380

**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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem 8:00: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:00: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; S 154**

therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are encouraged and welcome to receive communion, either in the bread and wine, or a blessing. The Bread and the Cup are given with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

The Communion Hymn

Make me a channel of your peace

Gather 524

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn

I have decided to follow Jesus

LEVAS 136

I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back!

Though no one join me, still I will follow,
No turning back, no turning back!

The world behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, no turning back!

I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back!

Deacon
People

Dismissal
Thanks be to God!

Servers This Morning:

Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;

Acolyte: Jerry Frazier; Worship Leader: Ron Fullmer; Eucharist Minister: Diane Walworth; Lector: Diane Adams;

Prayers of the People: Jim Shinn, Rosemary Ross; Altar Guild: Anne Frazier, Kim McCullough;

Pianist: Rule Beasley; Altar Bread: Barbee Hodgkins; Greeter: Janeal Booren.

Today's flowers are given by Ron and Janet Fullmer in thanksgiving for St. Paul's and for all God's laborers throughout the whole world!

PLEASE PRAY:

For friends and family: Chuck Hartmann, Jack Howe, Doris Abrams, Jane Schafroth, Marcine, Kelsey, Keely, Jeremy, Tracie, Patrick, Caroline, Dale, Mark Nelson, Robert Pierre, Anthony Joseph, Angela Delores, Piper, Leslie, Cathy Dahl, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Blake Gallagher, and Bonnie Myatt.

For our Vestry: Andrea Booren; Dewanda Clark, Clerk; Monte Dickinson, Senior Warden; Jill Durow; Pat Fowler; Jerry Frazier, Treasurer; Ava Sue Kerr; Laurance Kerr, Junior Warden; Robert Kirby; Amy McIlvenna; Julie Reynolds; Marilyn Roth; Diane Walworth.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Albert South, Mathew Ketchum, Jordan, Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

CALENDAR:

Monday	Labor Day	Closed	<i>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:</i> <i>Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-5, 13-17</i> <i>Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-</i>
	AA "open" meeting	7:00 pm Tayler Hall	
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00 pm Mill Creek	
Wednesday	Eucharist Service	Noon, Diocesan Chapel, 601 Union St.	
Thursday	Healing Service	Noon	
	AA Meeting	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	
Friday	AI-anon Meeting	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	
Saturday	AA Potluck	6-9 pm Tayler Hall	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Blessings to you this Labor Day Weekend~ may all that you do bring refreshment of body and spirit!

COMING UP: NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12: RALLY/WELCOME BACK SUNDAY and THE CHILDREN'S ROOM MURAL IN TAYLER HALL!

Anya Ballinger Kawka will lead the children~ and all of us~ in discovering our artistic and creative talents, as we begin the painting project! ALSO: At the 10:00 service, we'll commission the Sunday School teachers and Anya and the mural painters. Then, after the 10:00 service, we will have potluck with grilling in Tayler Hall. There will information about various groups and projects and ministries, and lots of opportunity to find out what's going on, and to sign up to join the groups that sound interesting to you. So come prepared for a full and fun day!

NEWSLETTERS, PAMPHLETS, NEWS, EPISCOPAL MINUTE SUMMARIES AND VARIOUS AND SUNDRY OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST: Available in the Narthex- please peruse and pick up any items of interest—the answer to the question you never thought to ask may be waiting for you!

THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION will be in Hood River, October 1-3. Materials are on the kiosk. Since the convention is so close, this is a rare opportunity for anyone who wants to attend—it's open- only delegates can vote, but all can listen and be part of the joy of gathering with our fellow Episcopalians from around the diocese. Sunday Eucharist will be a festive occasion, and all are invited. We will have Morning Prayer here at St. Paul's for both the 8:00 and 10:00 services, but since Monday October 4 is St. Francis Day, Sunday afternoon at 5:00 we will have a casual evening Eucharist and Blessing of the Animals. So, please plan to participate if you are able!

Millenium Development Goal (MDG) #1: *Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger*, is the focus of the convention: if you have suggestions about which of our parish projects you think illustrates our response to MDG #1, please pass it on and it will be included.

Also, the theme of the convention is "**Being Christ's Hands in the World...[No Excuses]**" Hands...they're looking for photos of our hands- at work, play and prayer. Be ready to have your hands photographed, and if you take a photo, please pass it on to the office or a vestry member, and we'll get them sent off together.

BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS meets at Mill Creek Point at 1000 Vey Way.

Please come and join in scripture study that is interesting, provocative, fun, frequently inspiring, and always a help to hearing the lessons on Sunday. You are warmly invited to come and share time with this great group!

REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD

*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles;

*Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex: the proceeds support ERD.

*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

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