The liturgical color is green, signifying life and growth in the Christian Church, it is the fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRE	LU	DE	

"Canon in D" Amy Bender, organ

WELCOME

Ben Chiappone, Liturgist

Pachelbel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are north and south. We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.

C: We are from this city and from others far away.

L: We are from big families, and dinners made for one. We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

C: We are from hot summers and cold winters.

- L: We are from kitchens with passed-down recipes, and front porches with old, familiar swings.
- C: We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.

L: We are from a lot of places, and I've been meaning to ask...

C: Where are you from?

*OPENING HYMN

"A Covenant of Grace"

We all come from the dusty earth And from the places of our birth Ancestral stories, who we'll be We bring it all to "come and see"

We all have wounds that no one sees Oppression, trauma, and disease When we bear witness to the pain It can begin to heal again We all need people who will be with us in solidarity No explanation, no defense Just ministry of their presence

Surprised by God's unboundless love From many walks of life we come To build a covenant of grace And in our differences embrace

OPENING PRAYER

When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth, they asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" We confess, God of beginnings, that we have asked the same question. Can anything good come front that side of town? Those poor test scores? A criminal history? The opposite political party? A history of addiction? Holy God, forgive us for doubting that you are in all of us regardless of our backgrounds. Open our eyes to see your goodness. Allow us to see and offer the kind of grace you offer us. This we pray, Amen.

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

ANTHEM	9:00	"Simplicity" Canticle Bells	Matthew Compton
	11:00	"Hallelujah! Thine the Glory" Chancel Choir	Mary McDonald
SCRIPTURE	READING		Genesis 2:4b-9, 15 NRSV
SERVING &	GIVING EN	NPHASIS	
OFFERTOR	Y 9:00	"Morning Has Broken"	Sondra K. Tucker
	11:00	"Let Me Listen"	Dan Forrest
*DOXOLOG Praise G Praise G Praise G Praise J Praise t	od, from w od, all crea od, the sou	hom all blessings flow; itures here below; Alleluia! All rce of all our gifts! whose power uplifts! bly Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! All	leluia! eluia!
*PRAYER OI		DN	
PASTORAL	PRAYER		
HYMN OF C	ENTERING	"Near to the Heart of God"	UMH #472

SCRIPTURE John 1:43-51 NRSV

MESSAGE	l've Been N	eaning to Ask: Where Are You From?	Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith
*HYMN OF M	ISSION	"Many Gifts, One Spirit"	UMH #114

***FAITH IN ACTION**

*BENEDICTION

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Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

"Prelude in F"

J. S Bach

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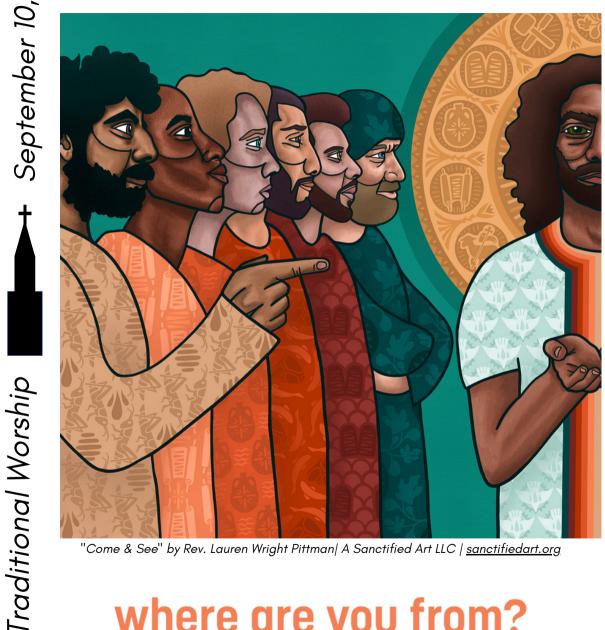
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