

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

The Opening of the Scriptures and Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Welcome to Worship Tripp Martin

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... PRAISING

The Call to Praise Lee McInnis

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me

Bless God's holy name!

Bless the Lord, who forgives all iniquity.

Bless the Lord who heals!

The Lord works for justice for the oppressed.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Bless the Lord, who is full of grace!

Hymn 349 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

The Invocation Lee McInnis

The Scripture Reading *Exodus 14:19-31* Morris Driggers

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Instrumental Interlude

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... SHARING

Prayer Concerns of Our Church and World Tripp Martin

The Preparation for Prayer 409 CONVERSE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

The Ministry of Silence

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Tripp Martin

Our Father, which 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, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... PROCLAIMING

Hymn 264 *Where Charity and Love Prevail* RESIGNATION

The Children's Period Tripp Martin

Preparation for Scripture 280 *Speak, O Lord* Getty & Townend

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness;
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes for Your glory.**

The Scripture Reading *Matthew 18:21-35* Lee McInnis

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Vocal Worship *I Then Shall Live* arr. Larson

Ben Shell

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am His child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another;
the law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion;
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving, too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me,
your power and glory, let them shine through me;
your hallowed name, oh, may I bear with honor,
and may your living kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honor,
and may you feed a hungry world through me. Amen.

The Sermon Tripp Martin

People of the Way

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... RESPONDING

Hymn of Commitment 270 CASSELL

Christian Hearts in Love United

This hymn affords all of us a chance to consider the steps
God would have us take in response to today's worship.

The Offertory Prayer Morris Driggers

The Offertory *Fanfare on LYONS ("O Worship the King")* arr. Haan

Bryan King, organist

The Spoken Benediction Tripp Martin

The Sung Benediction *Compassion Hymn* Getty & Townend

**What boundless love, what fathomless grace
You have shown us, O God of compassion!
Each day we live an offering of praise
as we show to the world Your compassion.**

* standing as able

ushers will seat worshippers

The **Lay Worship Leader** for September is Lee McInnis. Born and raised in South Alabama, Lee has been a resident of Lee County since 2003. A 2006 graduate of Auburn University with a degree in Civil Engineering, Lee worked as a consultant for 12 years, managing roadway construction projects for the Alabama Department of Transportation, and also for several counties and municipalities. In March 2019 he began working with the City of Opelika's Engineering Department. Married in 2011, Lee and Felicia began attending Auburn First Baptist in 2018. They have two children, Arianna and Jensen. Lee serves on the AFBC Missions Committee, and also serves on the Board of Directors for Auburn-Opelika Habitat for Humanity.

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