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September 13, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gloria Merriam – Liturgist

Frank and Shirley Halligan – Musicians

MUSIC TO GATHER US IN “The Old Country Church” Halligans

PASTORAL WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG “Just A Closer Walk With Thee” #553

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 103:1-13*

Leader: Bless GOD, O friends: with all our strength, bless the holy name.

Bless GOD, O friends, and never forget God’s gifts—

People: Bless GOD, O friends: with all our strength, bless the holy name. Bless GOD, O friends, and never forget God’s gifts--

Leader: Forgiveness flowing into healing, Tireless goodness and joy: Strength and youth of the Eagle’s flight.

People: Bless GOD, O friends: with all our strength, bless the holy name. Bless GOD, O friends, and never forget God’s gifts--

Leader: Vindication, justice for all those oppressed; Liberation from bondage, and guidance for the way; Unending mercy, steadfast love.

People: Bless GOD, O friends: with all our strength, bless the holy name. Bless GOD, O friends, and never forget God’s gifts--

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is GOD’s love toward those who are faithful; As a parent has compassion for children, so our GOD has compassion for us.

People: Bless GOD, O friends: with all our strength, bless the holy name. Bless GOD, O friends, and never forget God’s gifts.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

FAITH LAB

SONG “I Know Who Holds Tomorrow” #437

SCRIPTURE Matthew 18: 21-35

²¹ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?” ²² **Jesus said, “Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times.** ²³ Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold. ²⁵ Because the servant didn’t have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. ²⁶ But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ ²⁷ The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan. ²⁸ “When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins. He grabbed him around the throat and said, ‘Pay me back what you owe me.’ ²⁹ “Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ ³⁰ But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt. ³¹ “When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. ³² His master called the first servant and said, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. ³³ Shouldn’t you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt. ³⁵ **“My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don’t forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”**

SERMON “To Hold On Or Let Go: The Spirit Of Forgiveness”

SPECIAL MUSIC “God On The Mountain” Halligans

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD’S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC “How Long Has It Been” Halligans

MEDITATION ON COMMUNITY LIFE Romans 14: 1-12

CLOSING HYMN “God Will Take Care Of You” #368

*BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG “Rounded Up In Glory” Halligans

Last Week's Attendance:

	Aug 24 – Sept 6, 2020
Weekly Offerings (2 Sunday's)	\$ 3,731.00
TOTAL GENERAL GIVING	<u>\$ 3,731.00</u>
Weekly receipts needed to meet budget	<u>\$ 2,985.48</u>
Love fund	\$ 50.00
Memorials	180.00
Scholarship fund	75.00
TOTAL SPECIAL GIVING	<u>\$ 305.00</u>
General fund receipts Year-to-Date	<u>\$ 118,358.33</u>
General fund expenses paid Year-to-Date	<u>\$ 97,131.77</u>
Budgeted Expenses Year-to-Date	<u>\$ 108,750.16</u>



Lectionary
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 14:19-31 and Psalms 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21
Genesis 50:15-21 and Psalms 103:(1-7), 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35



Happy 50th Anniversary
Patti and Keith Jennings
September 12, 2020
Thanks for the cupcakes!



Celebration of Life service for Maxine Williams was held graveside Saturday, September 12, 2020 at the Scotty Philips Cemetery, Ft. Pierre. The Williams family were members of the church years ago. They owned and lived on a ranch north of Murdo, SD. Maxine passed away in Scottsdale, AZ on January 4, 2019. Condolences may be sent to Clay Williams, PO Box 425, Gillette, WY 82717-0425.

Lord, you guided Israel with fire and cloud; I see your direction for me too: through prayer, wise friends and here in worship. Thank you!



Week of September 13, 2020

Sunday, September 13	10:00 am	Worship @ Lily Park Halligan Music
Monday, September 14	5:30 pm	Christian Ed. Meeting
Friday, September 18	4:00 pm	Kitchen Ribbon Cutting
	4:30-7:00 pm	Kitchen Open House
Saturday, September 19	11:00-2:00pm	Kitchen Open House
Sunday, September 20	10:00 am	Worship @ Lily Park Baptism New Member Reception



The family of Yvonne Fischer, Pastor Emily's grandmother
 The family of Maxine Williams
 Bill Van Camp, Sr.
 Dana Petersen
 Robert and Bev Huckins
 Shirley Hinzman
 The family of Robert (Bob) Nystrom
 All our church members especially those over 65
 All our many health care providers
 Those in essential businesses
 Kim Thomsen Bill and Diane Engberg
 Nancy and Mike Baker Lloyd Kannegieter
 Mickey Thomsen Dee and Ben D. Anderson
 Kay Swenson Joseph Merriam
 Blair Krueger Glenn Kietzmann
 Our many friends with cancer
 Farmers and Ranchers
 The Homeless
 Our State and Nation, Legislators
 Men & Women of the Military
 Everyone around the world being persecuted for their faith

Please write out prayers, joys and concerns and place in the offering or in the office. Thank you.

Welcome to Fischer's Lily Park. We will continue worship here at the park through the month of September. Next week will be new member reception and baptism, and the following Sunday Confirmation.