

# 15th SUNDAY after PENTECOST

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## AS WE GATHER

Today we celebrate Labor Day, a federal holiday set aside to honor the working people of this nation. The first Labor Day was celebrated on Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City. It was made a national holiday in 1894. While the holiday was originally designed to recognize organized labor, it has become a holiday for all workers. For many, it marks the end of summer and begins the activities of the fall season. It is somewhat interesting that a day designated as Labor Day is celebrated with a day taken off from laboring. Today will also be a Labor Day of a different sort. For a faithful Christian every day is a day to work and serve the Lord. Each day should be spent working in the kingdom of God. There is work for each of us to do on an individual basis, and there is work for the church to do collectively. As long as we walk faithfully “in Christ,” every day is a Labor Day.

**OPENING PRAISE SONG:** “Lion and the Lamb” Big Daddy Weave

### Verse 1

He’s coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop The Lord almighty

### Chorus

Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah  
He’s roaring with power And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

### Verse 2

So open up the gates Make way before the King of Kings  
Our God who comes to save Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord almighty

### Chorus

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### Bridge

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord?

### Chorus

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**WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## GREET ONE ANOTHER

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## PRAYER of CONFESSION

Pastor: Beloved, Jesus said, “Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.” Let us empty ourselves of our fears and failures, confessing our sins and asking God to fill us with His peace.

**People: Far be it, O Lord, that I should not deny myself, take up my cross, and follow You. By Your cross and resurrection give to me Your forgiveness and assurance of new life by Your grace. Sin consumes me, for I am sinful from birth. Take away my selfish desires and fill me with Your love. Help me proclaim Your love in loving service to others. Amen.**

Pastor: Thus says the Lord, “If you return, I will restore you.” Upon this your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## PRAISE SONG: “In Christ Alone”

### Verse 1

In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

### Verse 2

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

### Verse 3

There in the ground, His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

### Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the pow’r of Christ in me  
From life’s first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
‘Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand

## Children’s Bible Reading: Page 216

### **The First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15–21**

Lord, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart’s delight, for I bear your name, Lord God Almighty. I never sat in the company of revelers, never

made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me, and you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails. Therefore, this is what the Lord says: “If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you,” declares the Lord. “I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel.”

Here ends the Reading.

**The Second Reading: Romans 12:9–21**

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

Here ends the Reading.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21–28**

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Here ends the Reading.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING | TREASURE BOX**

**OFFERING SONG:** “10,000 Reasons” Matt Redman

**Chorus**

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name Sing like never before  
O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

**Chorus**

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name Sing like never before  
O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

**Chorus**

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name Sing like never before  
O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

**Chorus**

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name Sing like never before  
O my soul I'll worship Your holy name  
**(Repeat Chorus)**

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes life and work and purpose.

Pastor: Almighty God, when you formed us lovingly out of the dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life and gave us work and purpose for living.

**People: You placed Adam in the garden of Eden to till and keep it.**

Pastor: Through our work, you made us co-creators with you, shaping the world in which we live.

**People: You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us.**

Pastor: By our labor, you enrich the world.

**People: By our labor, we enjoy the fruits of creation.**

Pastor: By our labor, we find direction and purpose.

**People: By our labor, our families are made secure.**

Pastor: For providing varieties of work and for blessing us by our labor:

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Pastor: For those who plow the field and those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists; for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth:

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Pastor: For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians; for those who keep notes and those who transcribe:

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Pastor: For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Pastor: For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers; for those who market products and for those who move them:

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Pastor: For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants and religious servants; those who help the poor and those who work with our children:

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Pastor: For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness; for janitors and sanitary workers, for drycleaners and maids; for those who produce cleaning products and those who use them:

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Pastor: For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies; for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep-sea divers; for those who chart and those who navigate:

**People: We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Pastor: You bless us all with skills and gifts for labor.

**People: You provide us opportunities to use them, for the benefit of others as well as ourselves.**

Pastor: Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

**People: Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.**

Pastor: Look kindly upon the unemployed and the disabled.

**People: Give health to the sick, hope to the bereaved.**

Pastor: Keep us from laboring only for greed.

**People: Make us loving and responsible in all that we do.**

Pastor: Creator Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and purpose, you are the blessing of those who labor. Be with us in our labor to guide and govern our world. Give all men and women work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who 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 and ever. Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

#### CLOSING SONG: "Because He Lives" Matt Maher

##### Verse 1

I believe in the Son I believe in the risen One  
I believe I overcome By the power of His blood

##### Chorus

Amen, Amen I'm alive, I'm alive  
Because He lives Amen, Amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends Because He lives

##### Verse 2

I was dead in the grave I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name He rolled the stone away

##### Chorus

Amen, Amen I'm alive, I'm alive  
Because He lives Amen, Amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends Because He lives

**Bridge**

I can face tomorrow Because He lives  
Every fear is gone I know He holds my life my future in His hands

**End Chorus**

Amen, Amen I'm alive, I'm alive  
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Let my song join the one that never ends

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**All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!**