

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

Closing Hymn: Christ Has No Body Now but Yours

MV 171

Blessing and Sending Forth

One: May the Universal Creator renew our vision,

All: and strengthen our faith.

One: May Jesus Christ light the paths to which we are led,

All: by inspiring us to follow his.

One: And may the Holy Spirit invigorate us,

All: to take the rough tilt of a new road.

One: Not resisting in fear,

All: But eager, in faith, for what lies beyond.

Postlude: Love Lifted Me

Traditional

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Guest Worship Leader: Cheryl Stenson, LLWL

Youth Worship Leader: Kerri Schoonhoven

Scripture Reader: Terry Owen

Minute for St. Bart's: Ken Pebesma

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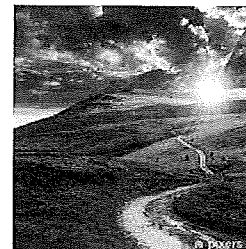
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Joanne Moote Concisom, Emmett Young, Grace Longfield, Jean White,
Isaac Moreithi, Bob White, AnnEva Crane,
Rev. Jeff Bacon, Kathleen (Boss) Matchett, Jean Morris, Betty Ryan
and all those who are dear to us.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S UNITED CHURCH
Sunday, September 18, 2022

Fifteenth After Pentecost



Beyond

Raymond Souster

Ahead of me,
Branching from the path,
A new one begins,
Slender thread climbing steep to curve off among trees.
Everything in me cautions:
Keep straight to the well-worn trail
Which can't lead you too far wrong.
But I find myself shedding all doubts
In the way my back bends
To take the rough tilt
Of the hill, by the way
My muscles strain near the top –
All of me
So eager
For what lies beyond.

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We are a Christian community of faith growing spiritually by serving others and Creation through meaningful worship and music accompanied by compassionate, thoughtful care and outreach.

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Sunday September 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

The Life and Work of the St. Bart's Community

Prelude: O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Hymn Tune: St. Margaret

Lighting the Christ Candle

Announcements

Call to Worship

One: God of Promise, you have brought us into a new year.

All: **Keep us open to your guidance.**

One: God of Compassion, this year has begun with overtones of fear.

All: **Keep us peaceful in hope.**

One: God of Blessings, your gifts surround us.

All: **Keep us mindful in gratitude.**

One: Eternal Power, lead us beyond –

All: **Beyond our sorrows,**

One: Beyond our fears,

All: **Beyond ourselves.**

One: Let us courageously follow the paths before us,

All: **With the strength we find in You.**

Greeting

One: May the peace of Christ be with you

All: **And also with you.** (Greet each other with a sign of peace.)

Opening Hymn: God of the Bible

MV 28

Story

Prayer of Acknowledgment

One: Creator God, we can't see beyond the bend in the road,

All: **and we fear horizons are an end.**

One: Trusting only what we can see,

All: **When our trust belongs in You.**

One: God, you are Perfect Vision.

All: **You are Complete Understanding.**

One: Fear and ego freeze us,

All: **When faith could move us to action... cont'd**

One: We look to build our trust in you,

All: **so that change can be seen,**

One: as opportunity,

All: **and new roads as leading us home.**

Words of Assurance

Youth Time: *"What's Over There?"*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 27-31

"May God's Word be a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path."

Scripture: Revelation 21: 1-7

Reflection: "Beyond"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Hymn: Spirit, Open My Heart

MV 79

The Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Minute for St. Bart's

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Prayer Prelude: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer