



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

September 13, 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost



OPENING

Gathering Songs

Lion and the Lamb
Stand in Your Love
Defender

Invocation

WORD

Children's Message *Children stay in pews*

Announcements

Bible Reading John 11:32-44

Sermon

Pastor Bob Stelter

What to Say (and What Not to Say) to Someone Who's Grieving

1. It's not about you. 2. There is no bright side. 3. Be careful with religion. 4. Let them feel.

Sermon Song *O Come to the Altar*

Sharing of God's Peace *Please do not shake hands or hug during the health crisis.*

THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution / Lord's Prayer / Holy Communion

Communion Blessing *stand*

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you
and keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING

The Charge

Pastor: What does the Lord require of us?

Congregation: To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8)

P: Go forth in the world to serve God with gladness, be of good courage, hold fast
to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted,
support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people rejoicing in the power
of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. +

C: Amen.

Sending Song *Greater*

Dismissal

Praise Band: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

*Upon the conclusion of worship, please leave safely, observing social distance.
Please take your communion wrappers and any other items to the trash cans in the narthex.
Please take worship bulletin with you for your weekly prayers, including all those in the prayer concerns.*

Flowers on the altar are given by Debbie & Anthony Ragucci.

Usher— Christina Landau

OUR VISION
To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

BIBLE READING

Even Jesus grieves, as seen in this story of Him raising Lazarus to life.

GOSPEL LESSON John 11:32-44

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."