

Remembering in Prayer

Praise and Thanksgiving: *(Lord, hear our praise):* The students, faculty, and staff at EOU as they begin a new term.

Ministry of the Church in the Community: Neighbors Together

Healing and Encouragement (Lord, hear our prayer):

Homebound: Ernie, Wayne, Connie S, Shirley

For those seeking healing and comfort: Russ B., Dan's friend Ethel, Sam's friend Debbie, John's cousin Jacob, Ross, Corban, Dan, Katelyn, Dave S and Christine S, Karley, and Ukraine.

For Our Nation: The end of political violence.

Psalm of Encouragement:

*Do not remember us against the iniquities of our ancestors;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us.*

Psalm 79:8

Fifteenth Sunday Of Pentecost

September 21, 2025

9:30 am

*"Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ!"*

We welcome you to worship today!

If you are visiting today, please fill out a Visitor's Card and introduce yourself to the Pastors and to those around you. Thank you.

We welcome children in worship! We have activity bags so they may stay with their families during worship. Parents are welcome to take advantage of the staffed nursery upstairs.

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Dan Gassoway, Pianist

Connie Ingerson, Pianist

Graham Hicks, Pianist

Lois Rieke, Worship Leader

***Rooted and Growing in Christ's Love
to Nourish a Hungry World***

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of the Day

Remembering our Baptism

Remember your baptism **and be thankful.**

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* Arr: Linda McKechnie
with *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J. S. Bach

*Call to Worship

Come with your questions, come with your awe!

For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.

Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

**For the God who breathes new life into the dust
meets us in this place.**

Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.

***Hymn of Praise** *Fairest Lord Jesus* #306

Laying our Burdens Before Christ

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a people of faith,
but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we
should speak, and useless when we could be useful. You call us to
new life, but we like the comfort this world provides. Forgive us and
give us a life of active faith that can move mountains in your name.
Amen.

Prayer Song Cares Chorus STF #2215

*I cast all my cares upon you,
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.*

*Proclamation of the Gospel

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were
called as members of a single body.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also in you.

Let us share signs of Christ's peace and grace with one another.

***The Gloria Patri** #277

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Prayer for God's Wisdom

Scripture Reading Gen 1:1-2:4

Message God is on the Move

***Hymn of Response** *God the Sculptor of the Mountains* STF2060

Prayers of the Community and Lord's Prayer page 16 in the hymnal

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory *The Mountains Shall Sing* Arr: Dale Wood
(The mountains and hills shall break forth into singing Isaiah 55:12)

***Doxology** #592
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here
below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Benediction

Postlude *Let All Together Praise Our God* Arr: J. S. Bach

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