

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Season of Creation

September 21, 2025



**St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Des Plaines, Illinois**

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**Welcome to all who worship with us today.
We are blessed by your presence.**

*In the interest of creating a peaceful and prayerful space for worship,
please refrain from conversation within the sanctuary
10 minutes before and after the service.*

*Please silence your cell phone during the service
as a sign of respect for God and the worshipping community.*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (390)

The people remain standing for the Acclamation.

Celebrant Blessed be the One who creates all things.
People **The Holy One's love is new every [day].**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse
the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through
Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Creator be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Creator God, to put wealth to use in relieving the suffering of others; so that we might hold fast to the love that endures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS (*All sit*)

The First Reading - Jeremiah 8:18--9:1

18My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

19Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

“Is the Lord not in Zion?

Is her King not in her?”

(“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?”)

20“The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved.”

21For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

22Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

9:10 that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God's Creation.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 79:1-9

10 God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

2They have given the bodies of your servants as food
for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the
field.

3They have shed their blood like water on every side of
Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.

4We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5How long will you be angry, O Lord? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not
known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon
your Name.

7For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.

8Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.

9Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your
Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's
sake.

Second Reading – 1 Timothy 2:1-7

1First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers,
intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, 2for

kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. 3This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

6who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.7For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God's Creation.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
(488)**

(All stand)

THE HOLY GOSPEL - Luke 16:1-13

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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<i>People</i>	Glory to you, Lord Christ.
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1Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' 3Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' 5So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive

oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' 7Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' 8And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 9And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

10"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 13No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

After the Gospel, the Celebrant says

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *(Please stand as able.)*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

at the end of each petition...

Leader ...let us pray to the Creator.
People **Creator, renew us.**

The last petition as the prayers conclude is:

Leader In the communion of all creatures, Creation,
 St. Martin and all the saints, let us commend
 ourselves, one another, and all our life, to Christ
 our God.
People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and
God's creation.

[*silence*]

All God of compassion, have mercy on us.
Heal our relationship with all creation.
Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect
of the creatures who share the earth with us.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent
for what we have done to harm them,
and for what we have not done to help them.
Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may care for one another
and for all creatures,
according to your will and in the fullness of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through
the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by
the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

All Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

(The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

Announcements

PRESENTATION HYMN Holy Father, great Creator (368)

DOXOLOGY (*sung – H380 v. 3*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Her above the heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C – expansive language dialogic

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to

fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

People

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

This system contains the first two lines of music. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a common time signature. The melody consists of half notes and rests. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

This system continues the melody. The treble staff features a long note with a fermata over the word 'might,'. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

This system continues the melody. The treble staff has a long note with a fermata over the word 'might,'. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

This system continues the melody. The treble staff has a long note with a fermata over the word 'full,'. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

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san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(The people stand or kneel)

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

People Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

People Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion of the Faithful

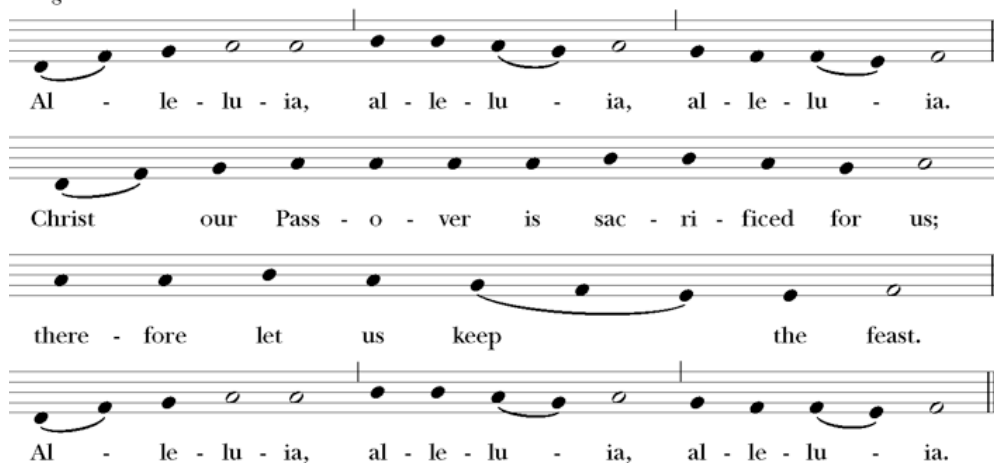
Celebrant Creator God, you fed us from the beginning.
People Happy are all, called to the Supper of Creation.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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etting is not used in Lent.



INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

Instructions for distribution will be given at the announcements; please follow the Usher's prompts. Please hold your hands out to receive the bread. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.

All are welcome!

COMMUNION HYMN There is a Balm in Gilead (676)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

(stand or kneel)

Celebrant
People

Let us pray.

Faithful God

**in the wonder of your wisdom and love
you fed your people in the wilderness
with the bread of angels,
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.
We thank you for feeding us with this bread.**

**May it strengthen us
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may embody your desire
and be renewed for your service
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Birthday/Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray,
on your servant N. as they begin another year. Grant that they
may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in
your goodness all the days of their life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING *(stand or kneel)*

Celebrant ...and the blessing of God...
People **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN **Sing Praise to God who reigns above (408)**
 vs. 1,2

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless our God and all Creation.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Don't forget to stay for the Town Hall immediately
following worship**

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Blessing of the Animals



Saturday

4 October 2025

12:00 pm



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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS:

CELEBRATION OF UNITY COMMUNITY TALENT



Show!

IN CELEBRATION OF
DES PLAINES THEATRE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 21 | 1PM

FREE ADMISSION!



Fall Craft Fair ~ Volunteers Needed

As the weather is cooling and thoughts turn to Fall, I wanted to get the word out early about volunteering for the craft show on October 11th. We will need coverage for the raffle table from 10 am to 4 pm, 1 to 2 floaters for any crafter issues, and a general for the day. Sign-up sheets will be up starting Sunday. Currently we have 4 indoor tables left and up to 4 outdoor canopy spaces available. Amanda Vandervort

Craft Show



WHAT YOU'LL FIND:

- Jewelry, Home, Kids, Stationery, Etc.
- EXTENSIVE Raffle List
- Handmade Jewelry including hat banding and color wrapped charms
- Candles
- Aged and Shaded
- Pottery, Trays and so much more!

WHY YOU SHOULD COME:

- Support the mission of the church
- Give to - Home - Office - Food - Crafted - Kids - Etc.
- Specialty - Home Decor - Candles - and more items - and find inspiration!

EXTRA:

- Drawing to select the winning items
- Raffle - Home - Kids - Etc. - More!
- Free Buffet Food and Refreshments all day long including a special Fall, Kids and Toddler Box!

10AM - 4PM
OCTOBER 11,
2025



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Designer Bag Bingo

An afternoon of fun and friendship

Saturday, October 25

Doors open at noon, program 1 pm to 4 pm

B I N G O					
3	29	45	56	68	
1	19	43	50	72	
11	25	FREE SPACE	49	61	
9	23	31	58	63	
4	27	42	54	71	

- *Play bingo to win fabulous designer handbags!
- *Spend a fall afternoon with friends
- *Door prizes
- *Enticing Silent Auction Items
- *Snacks and beverages will be provided (chili, hot dogs, Vegetarian option and corn bread)

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FREE Admission - suggested donation \$30



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*Invitation to Worship Service on the 78th CSI Anniversary –
Special Visit of The Most Rev. Dr. Reuben Mark*

Dear Rev. M. E. Eccles,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you very much for your understanding, timely support, and continued fellowship. We are truly grateful for your graciousness and the spirit of partnership you extend to us.

It is with great joy that I share this news. The Most Rev. Dr. Reuben Mark, Moderator of the Church of South India, will be making a pastoral visit to us here in Chicago on Saturday, September 27, 2025- a date of deep significance, marking the 78th anniversary of the formation of the Church of South India.

In honor of this occasion and his presence among us, we are organizing a special worship service [CSI day Service] from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, followed by a time of refreshment and fellowship. We also hope to have our Episcopal Bishop join us for this meaningful time, should her schedule allow.

Though the Moderator is primarily visiting the city to lead a family conference with another congregation, we are truly blessed to have a small window of his time to gather for this worship service.

We would be deeply honored by your presence and warmly invite you and your congregation [St. Martin's Church] to join us in this worship and fellowship. It would be a blessing to celebrate this historic day together with you all.

*With Prayerful Regards,
In His Service,*

*Vicar, Rev. Joe Varghese Malayil
CSI Christ Church of Chicago*

Volunteers Needed for Convention Planning and On-site Support

With this year's new two-part format, we're looking for dedicated volunteers to support both pre-event planning and on-site logistics in Rockford. Pre-convention roles are more involved than in past years, and your time and talents will be key to creating a smooth, meaningful experience for all.

If you're ready to lend a hand,

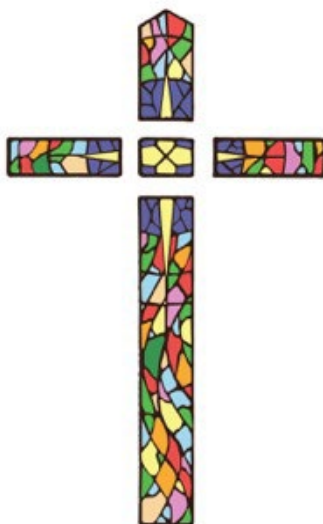
[Please complete our online form to indicate your interest](#) and contact [Crystal Plummer](#) with questions.

Mark your Calendar

**September 21 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Holy Eucharist
5:30 pm ~ Q3 Townhall
September 28 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Evening Prayer**

**October 4 ~ 12:00 pm ~ Blessing of the Animals
October 5 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Holy Eucharist & Healing Corners
October 11 ~ 12:00 pm ~ Fall Craft Fair
October 12 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Evening Prayer
October 19 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Service
October 25 ~ 12:00 pm ~ Designer Bag Bingo
October 26 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Service
October 28 ~ 6:30 pm ~ Vestry**

**November 2 ~ 4:00 pm ~ All Saints Day Festive Eucharist
& Healing Corners
November 9 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Evening Prayer
November 16 ~ 4:00 pm ~ St. Martin's Day Eucharist
November 18 ~ Hybrid Diocesan Convention (Zoom)
November 22 ~ Hybrid Diocesan Convention (In Person)
November 23 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Evening Prayer
November 30 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Evening Prayer**



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All are welcome
and fed with the love of God
pets too!

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