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**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
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**Conversation Sunday**

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## The Call

PRELUDE

WELCOME

\*PRAISE..... *Two Selections from the Congregation*

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND LIFE ..... *during the first Praise song*

## The Conversation

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ..... ~re:Worship

**Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE ..... *Ecclesiastes 3:1-15, Matthew 20:1-16*

CHILDREN'S HYMN..... *One verse of a congregational selection*

CHILDREN'S TIME..... *Working for a Surprise*

A TIME OF CONVERSATION

*This morning, we heard read a parable from Jesus describing "what the kingdom of God is like..."*

- How do you respond to the parable?
- How does the parable change as you think of yourself as different workers in the story?
- Does your understanding of the parable change if you think of the differences between equality, equity, and justice? How?
- How is it with your soul?

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE..... *One selection from the congregation*

## The Community

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God 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. Amen**

THE OFFERING

\*SUNG RESPONSE ..... **"Give Thanks"** .....#2036 FWS

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son. (Repeat)  
And now, let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give Thanks.**

\*CLOSING HYMN ..... *One selection from the Congregation*

\*BENEDICTION..... ~Andy Langford (edited)

The Living Word, by whom all things are created,  
bless you who work daily in home, field, and marketplace;  
bless you who have worked, bless you who will work;  
bless you with whom and for whom work is done.  
And may God labor with you until the re-creation of the heaven and earth.  
In Jesus' name we pray. **AMEN.**

\*POSTLUDE



**EQUALITY**

**EQUITY**

**JUSTICE**