

**CHILMARK COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost                      September 1, 2024**

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**MEDITATION**

*“Let us not look back in anger, nor forward in fear,  
but around in awareness.” - James Thurber*

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Quiet

Introit (seated)                      *This Is the Day (x2)*                      #657

\*Call to Worship    (\*please stand as you are able)

One: To know Jesus is to know Jesus’ way. And so to know his way is to know the way of his followers.

**All: Like the blind man that Jesus healed in stages, we are always in the process of seeing Jesus more clearly, knowing Jesus more truly, coming to know what Jesus’ way means extending before us.**

One: Two ways diverge before us always, and we consistently face our choice.

**All: To know Jesus is to know Jesus’ way. God be with us as we seek to walk in that integrity. Let us worship together. Amen.**

\*Hymn                      *For the Beauty of the Earth*                      #92

Unison Prayer of Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer (seated):  
**If we know you, God, then we know what’s to come. If we’re on the way behind you, walking in your path, then we see what lies ahead. We won’t be surprised at adversity. We won’t be surprised to find ourselves aligned against so many of the ways of the world. We won’t be ashamed to identify ourselves with you. We celebrate you up ahead of us, calling us on, and we follow in your path with joy. Be with us this morning as we pray together:**

*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 forever. Amen.*

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Scriptures                      Psalm 15 (responsive p. 747)  
James 1:17-27

Reflection                      Every Good & Perfect Gift                      Rev. Dr. Wright

Interlude (seated)                      *It is Well with My Soul*                      Spafford  
The Chilmark Church Choir

Pastoral and Silent Prayer  
Prayer Response

**THANKSGIVING**

The Offering  
\*Doxology                      #95  
\*Unison Prayer of Dedication  
**This is a time set aside for the giving of gifts to you, our God, tangible gifts intended to manifest our love for you, our commitment to you. Accept the gifts we bring, that we might be a part of what we hope for and work toward as your people in this place. Amen.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

\*Hymn                      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*                      #140  
Benediction (seated)  
Postlude                      *Breaking Bread*                      Cash

*Please join us for Fellowship and Coffee  
in the Parish Hall after the service*  
Rev. Dr. Charlotte Wright, Pastor  
Sean McMahon, Music Minister