

NEVADA CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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Prelude
Greetings & Welcome
Announcements

George Husaruk
Pastor Dave Niu
Eleanor Kenitzer

***Call to Worship**

Pastor Dave Niu

One: Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!

**Many: Sing praise to God who walks with us on
all our journeys!**

One: Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on
paths of peace.

**Many: Even though we stray, God finds us and
brings us back to lives of hope.**

One: Thanks be to God, whose love is continually
with us.

**Many: Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us
all. AMEN.**

***Opening Hymn There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

121 David Lynn

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty,

There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!

There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

Psalter Psalm 103:1-12 Bob Zuelsdorf

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

² **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget
all his benefits—**

³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your
diseases,

⁴ **who redeems your life from the Pit, who
crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ **The Lord works vindication and justice for all
who are oppressed.**

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people
of Israel.

⁸ **The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to
anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger
forever.

¹⁰ **He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is
his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹² **as far as the east is from the west, so far he
removes our transgressions from us.**

Gospel Lesson Matthew 18:21-35 Cindy Loper

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Children's Time

As A Child

**Come to the Lord as a child;
Jesus said, "Let them come unto me,
and do not hinder them, for I love them."
If you would come to God,
accepting and trusting Jesus' love,
the kingdom belongs to you,
so come, come as a child.**

THE PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN'S BIBLES

Recipients:

Ashton Buttacavoli
Sawyer Brush
Vance Hendrix
Axel Seimray
Alexander Stone

Luke 2:41 – 52

Eleanor Kenitzer

Pastor:

Receive the Word of God.
Learn its stories and study its words.
Its stories belong to us all,
and these words speak to us all.
They tell us who we are.
They tell us that we belong to one another,
for we are the people of God.

Children respond:

Mary DeWitt-Van Zant

**We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts,
And our minds. Thank you. We will read and study
the Bible together.**

Congregation to children:

Eleanor Kenitzer

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.

We pray God will guide you, your family, and us *Page 4*

