

September 20, 2020 • 10:00am

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SOME NOTES ON TODAY'S WORSHIP

SAFETY- While we are outside, we still ask that everyone **practices social distancing** (minimum of 6 feet between other family units) and wear **masks** (especially when moving). We want to do our part to keep everyone safe and comfortable.

COMMUNION - We will have pre-wrapped Communion elements, that are to be picked up upon arrival. You may prepare (unwrap) the Communion elements at any time before Communion. After the communion liturgy, the pastor will speak the words, "the body of Christ, given for you," and we will all receive Communion together.

(Wine, Grape Juice, and Gluten Free are available)

RADIO FREQUENCY— FM90.3 to listen from your car.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING SONG

Come, Let Us Worship God

Vocal Leader *Congregation*

1	Come,	let	us	wor - ship	God ...	Come,	let	us	wor - ship	God ...
2	Rest	for	the	wea -	ry ...	Rest	for	the	wea -	ry ...
3	Food	for	the	hun -	gry ...	Food	for	the	hun -	gry ...
4	Hope	for	the	chil -	dren ...	Hope	for	the	chil -	dren ...

Come,	let	us	wor - ship	God ...	Come,	let	us	wor - ship	God ...
Rest	for	the	wea -	ry ...	Rest	for	the	wea -	ry ...
Food	for	the	hun -	gry ...	Food	for	the	hun -	gry ...
Hope	for	the	chil -	dren ...	Hope	for	the	chil -	dren ...

Wel -	come	ev -	'ry -	one ...	Wel -	come	ev -	'ry -	one ...
Wel -	come	ev -	'ry -	one ...	Wel -	come	ev -	'ry -	one ...
Wel -	come	ev -	'ry -	one ...	Wel -	come	ev -	'ry -	one ...
Wel -	come	ev -	'ry -	one ...	Wel -	come	ev -	'ry -	one ...

To the	love	of	God ...	To the	love	of	God ...
To the	love	of	God ...	To the	love	of	God ...
To the	love	of	God ...	To the	love	of	God ...
To the	love	of	God ...	To the	love	of	God ...

GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC

Everyone Arise with Praise Him, Praise Him

arr. Dave Williamson

A READING FROM EXODUS 16:2-15

Faced with hunger in the wilderness, the Israelites longed for life back in Egypt and wished they had never left. Then God miraculously and graciously gave them quails and manna to eat.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning

you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:1-8

Read Responsively; Congregation Bold Verses

¹I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

²**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

⁴**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

⁶**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with

one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Emily Harrow

A READING FROM MATTHEW 20:1-16

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this

last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SONG OF THE DAY

Great is Thy Faithfulness

#733



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

P: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE *(from a distance)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING PRAYER

- P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
C: **You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
- P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prepare the Communion elements by unwrapping them and holding or placing them in front of you. When the Pastor says, "the body of Christ, given for you," we will receive together. (You may also serve communion to others in your family if you wish.) Then the same practice for the wine/juice.

DISTRIBUTION SONG

For Everyone Born



Vocal Leader For ev - ery - one - born a place at the ta - ble
Vocal Leader For wom - an and man a place at the ta - ble
All For young and for old a place at the ta - ble
All For just and un - just a place at the ta - ble
All For ev - ery - one born a place at the ta - ble



for ev - ery-one born clean wa - ter and bread
 re - vis - ing the roles de - sid - ing the share
 a voice to be heard a part in the song
 a - bus - er a - bused with need to for - give
 to live with-out fear and sim - ply to be



a shel - ter a space a safe place for grow - ing
 with wis - dom and grace di - vid - ing the pow - er
 the hads of a child in hands that are wrin - kled
 in an - ger in hurt a mind - set of mer - cy
 to work to speak out to wit - ness and wor - ship



for ev - ery-one born a star o - ver - head and
 for wom - an and man a sys - tem that's fair
 for young and for old the right to be - long
 for just and un - just a new way to live
 for ev - ery-one born the right to be free



All God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus-tice and joy com-



pas-sion and peace yes God will de-light when we are cre - a tors - of jus-tice



jus-tice and joy

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

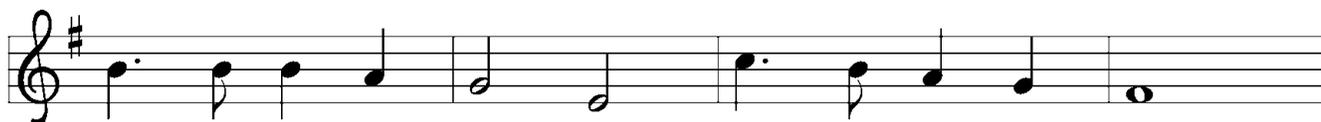
P: We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

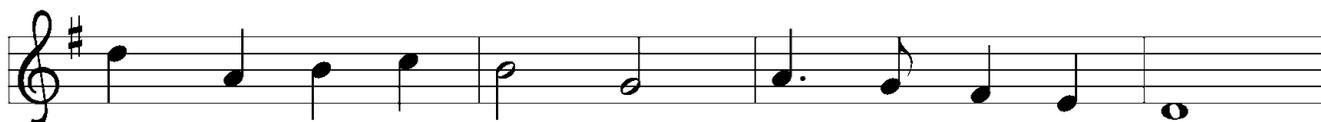
BENEDICTION

P: May you experience the comfort, refuge, and strength of God, the Father.
May the faithfulness of Jesus dispel your fear and bring calm to your storms.
And may the + Holy Spirit stir up faith and hope in you, reminding you that you are never alone.

C: **Amen.**



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

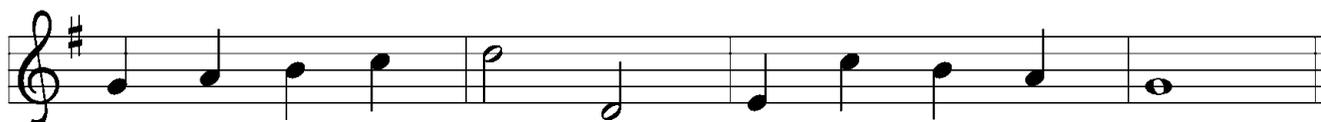


who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

Vocal Leader: *Jamie De Geer*

Vocal Group: *Judy Leach, Nancy Stelmachowicz, Kim Sherwood, Laura McCommis*

Accompanist: *Marcus De Geer*

Keyboard: *Gail Brecht & Keith Kolander*

Guitars: *Jim McCommis & Christian Saia*

Reader: *Steve Donaubauer*

Audio: *Andrew Leach*

Video: *Brandon Wade*

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