

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
September 20, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am via Facebook Live & Youtube Live

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us hear what the Lord will speak to us this day,

That God's way of grace might transform our lives.

OPENING PRAYER

God of the ages, you call us to trust in our righteousness and to put our faith in your holy way. As we worship today, gather us in. Make us your people. Teach us and equip us, that we might know ourselves as your called and beloved children. Amen.

*HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

*Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Terry Hargrave

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we long to serve you faithfully in this life. We seek to follow your commands and to walk in your way. And yet, living as a faithful disciple can feel so difficult. It requires trust and faith, and invites us to live our lives in new and different ways. In spite of ourselves, we often turn our backs on your way and follow the path of comfort. Forgive us, O God. Help us to put our trust in you and to step out, boldly, as your disciples.

Silence is kept for personal prayer

DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

*THE GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 581)

GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 315)

*In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts, O God, that as the scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we might hear anew what you say to us this day. Amen.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20: 1-16

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

Exodus 16: 2-15

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

the Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Holy Manna

*THE DOXOLOGY (HYMN 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord hear us, **Lord Graciously hear us.**

...prayer which Jesus taught us, saying:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

1. *Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.*

3. *The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.*

2. *Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

4. *When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY