

We give thanks and praise to you O God for all your works. You created the world and called us to be your people. Through the centuries you have spoken through the prophets and gave us your son, Jesus the Christ. You made a covenant with us, and even in our sin you loved us still and remained faithful to us. Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May these elements you have given us strengthen us in love and help us to serve you and each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. ***Amen.***

* **CLOSING HYMN** - ***"Christ Be Beside Me"*** - #702

* **BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - ***"Go In Grace and Make Disciples"*** #296
(verse 1)

***Go in grace and make disciples. Baptize in God's holy name.
Tell of death and resurrection; Easter's victory now proclaim.
Christ's commission sends us forth to the nations of the earth.
Go in grace and make disciples, midwives for the world's rebirth.***

* **POSTLUDE** - ***"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*** - Pethel



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Order of Worship

16th Sunday of Pentecost

September 17, 2023

At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE ***"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*** - Kendrick

GREETING This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - *"Surely the Presence"*
***Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.***

* **CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)**

All people rise up and praise God for God is kind and full of mercy;
Our gracious God is ever faithful, and God's love knows no bounds!
Let us always turn to the Lord's love for us and may gratitude always fill our hearts;
We praise the grace and love of God for God is always faithful and loving!
Dear God, keep thanksgiving and praise for you always on our lips;
Let all praise and glory be yours forever and ever dear and gracious God!

* **OPENING HYMN - *"One Bread, One Body"*** #530

* **THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

***Dear and gracious Lord, you call us to be your faithful and obedient disciples.
But we do not always heed your call, and we do not always obey. We turn from
the holy life you call us to live, and we sin against you and our neighbors.***

We fail to speak up for the powerless, we fall short in helping our brothers and sisters when they are in need. Powerful and loving God, forgive us, your imperfect disciples, give us the strength and inspiration to be the people you know we can be, each and every day. Amen.

~ Let us take a few minutes for silent reflection. ~

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. ***Thanks be to God.***

*** GLORIA PATRI - Traditional**

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 (responsively)**

Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - *"We Gather Together"* arr. Albert Zabel - Tone Chimes Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Dear God, open our ears, hearts, and minds to hear your Word today and always. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – 1 Kings 19:19-21

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Matthew 28:16-20

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON "What Does the Bible Say About . . . Discipleship?"

*** OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD** "The Apostles 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 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

John and Marne Gulde

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - *"This Sacred Hour"* - Martin

*** DOXOLOGY** - Traditional

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.