

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2019

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude *Voluntary 1* John Stanley

Greeting and Announcements **Opening Sentences**

Choral Introit “All Glory Be to God on High” No. 133

Prayer of Praise

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord, O people!

Leader: Let us praise the Lord as long as we live.

People: Let us sing praises to our God!

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn** “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” No. 145

***Call to Confession**

Leader: It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil.

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

You create life and call it good. Forgive us when we cannot see the goodness. You call us to serve you and our neighbor. Forgive us when we serve power, money, or status. You are sovereign and worthy of our praise. Forgive us when we are too weak to trust, too afraid to doubt, or too tired to try. Hear us, God of Jacob. Meet us in our confession, and move us deeper into life.

A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise**-all to sing “Gloria Patri” No. 579
*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.*

***We Share God’s Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You are invited to share God’s peace as you greet those around you.)

Minute for Mission Julia Schwomeyer

SHARING IN OFFERING FOR THE WORD

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music *Adoro Te Devote* Thomas Aquinas

***Doxology no. 592**-all to sing

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**

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Anthem “The Perfect Wisdom of Our God” arr. Larry Shackley

The perfect wisdom of our God revealed in all the universe;

All things created by His hand and held together at His command.

He knows the mysteries of the seas; the secrets of the stars are His.

He guides the planets on their way and turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His way that marks the path of righteousness;

His words a lamp unto my feet, His Spirit teaching and guiding me.

*And O, the mystery of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost
so that the fool might shame the wise and all the glory might go to Christ.*

O grant me wisdom from above to pray for peace and cling to love.

And teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of Your sovereignty.

Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace.

*So through the trials I choose to say, "Your perfect will in Your perfect way."
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Old Testament Reading Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Hymn (seated) "Jesus Loves Me" No. 304
*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;
 Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
 Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Children's Message The Rodden Family
(Children ages K-5th grade may be dismissed to Sunday School)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading Luke 16:19-31

Sermon "A Great Chasm" The Rev. Rex Espiritu

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors')

Choral Response "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us" No. 574

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn** "Lead On, O King Eternal" No. 447

***Charge and Benediction**

(Please be seated for the Choral Benediction & Postlude)

Choral Benediction "Amen" No. 586

Postlude *March* G. Williams

***Indicates that those who are able may stand.**

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request.

Please remember to sign the attendance pad then pass it to your neighbor.

Serving Today

Liturgist Eric Byrum
Ushers Stacy Lingo, Carolyn Scott, and Jenny Stout
Sound Technician Eric Byrum
Acolyte Morgan Trinidad
Childcare During Worship (infant-PreK) Carol Knight

Church Calendar: September 29-October 6, 2019

TODAY 9:00am Worship
 10:05am Fellowship
 10:15am Sunday School

MONDAY **Bread of Life Dinner**

THURSDAY 5:30pm Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY *World Communion Sunday*
Peace & Global Witness Offering Collected
Food Pantry Collection Sunday
 9:00am Worship/Communion
 10:05am Fellowship
 10:15am Sunday School

Lectionary readings for October 6, 2019

Lamentations 1:1-6; Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137;
 II Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Last Sunday's Attendance: 48

Last Sunday's Offering: \$251.00