

10:00 a.m. **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost** September 13, 2026

Entering God’s Presence

Welcome, Life in the Community, and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 385 **All People That on Earth Do Dwell** (Psalm 100) OLD HUNDREDTH

*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.
Leader: Know that the Lord is God.
People: It is God that made us, and we are his; we are God’s people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Leader: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
People: Give thanks to God; bless his name!
Leader: For the Lord is good;
People: God’s steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.
Leader: May the Lord be with you. (Psalm 100)
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God’s Forgiveness (unison)
Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sin and ask your forgiveness. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hymn 684 **Faith Begins by Letting Go** LUX PRIMA

Psalm 122 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 540 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem

John 17:20-23 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 105 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon **Who You Are Makes A Difference** The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*Affirmation of Faith and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)
Christ Jesus though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death—even death on a Cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.
(Phil. 2:5-11)

Ministry of Prayer [Text prayer requests to: (843) 437-4239]

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*At the Presentation **Doxology** (No. 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *The Lord’s Prayer*
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 767 **Together We Serve** SAN ANSELMO

*Benediction and Choral Benediction

*Going Out into the World

*Those that are able, please stand.

Who You Are Makes A Difference

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And, of course, we fill that role ourselves. There are those who depend in us, watch us, learn from us, take from us. And we never know. You may never have proof of your importance, but you are more important than you think. There are always those who couldn’t do without you. The rub is that you don’t always know who.”

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