A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 25, 2022
8:30 and 11:00 am

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

**GATHERING. . .**

The Prelude

*Quasi Allegretto, Op. 126*

L.V. Beethoven,
arr. Thomas Chesterton

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

(based on Psalm 22)

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God;

**God's face is not hidden from us when we cry to God.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied:

**For dominion belongs to the LORD, and God rules over the nations.**

The Prayer of Praise

**In You, O Lord, do we trust. With long life You satisfy us; You deliver those who love You and protect those who know Your Name. You urge us to buy hope's fields and wrap our hands around God's promises. You put words of praise on our lips and sustain us with the abundance of God's grace and joy. God in community, Holy in One – Gracious Parent, Servant of the Poor, Sheltering Spirit – we worship You. Amen.**

*The Hymn 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name.

The name all victorious of Jesus extol, whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.

Ascended on high, almighty to save, he still remains nigh; his presence we have.

The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!” Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

*The Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You and one another in our thoughts, our words and our actions. There is a brokenness in us that reflects the brokenness of our world—and it is deep and broad. Yet in your mercy and healing grace, You can restore us and empower us to walk in the way of Christ our Lord. In Your mercy and healing grace, You can reform our paths towards love and justice for our neighbors and for the earth. In Your mercy and healing grace, You can make Your Peace—Your Shalom—a reality in our communities and lives. Amen.**

...(time for silent confession)...

*The Assurance of Pardon

God's mercy and healing grace are sure for each and for all. Friends, hear the good of the gospel. in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored. We are set on right paths of love, justice and peace

*The Gloria Patri

**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

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshiping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside your home this week.)
The Prayer for Illumination

O God, send your Spirit to us to open our hearts that we might discern your Word amid the words of scripture we read today, so that in hearing your Word we may be formed in the way of Christ for one another and our world. Amen.

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

The Anthem

Search Me, Lord
Joel Raney

The Hymn 694

Great God of Every Blessing

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

The Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 1: 1-21

The Sermon

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Eat Your Vegetables
Roger Gench

*The Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Alleluia. Amen.

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.

*The Hymn 43

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

REFRAIN: And he will raise you up on eagles’ wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. REFRAIN
You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. REFRAIN
For to his angels he’s given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your food against a stone. REFRAIN
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Announcements for September 21-28

Ordinary Time

There are many ways to mark the passing time. In Genesis 1, it says that God created the sun and moon to mark time and the seasons. We also have clocks, watches, and phones. Seasons change with signs of time passing. Leaves change and fall, days get shorter, allergies act up, kids get out of school, and it starts again. In the church, we mark time a little differently. In Holy Week, Sunday is the first day of the week and the last. We believe in God's time, kairos, which works differently than the time told on your phone. Our seasons are different too. We are currently in Ordinary Time, and a new year will begin at the end of November with Advent. Seasons are marked by Sundays, and each one has a color. On the second floor of the Education Building, there is a beautiful banner that Felicia Hibbeler made for the Children's LIFT classes. It marks the passing of time in the liturgical calendar. I invite you to venture up the stairs (or elevator) and down the hall to see how time moves in the church.

Brittany Harvey

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LIFT Hour, 9:45am (FH)
Worship, 11am (Sanct.)
Youth Group 12pm (FH)
Mon.(9/26) — Keep it Moving:Body and Soul,3:15pm(FH)

Tues. (9/27) — Men’s Breakfast Group, 7:30am (Conf.rm)
Wed. (9/28) — Meditation Group, 6pm (Zoom)
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Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern:  Mary Lowman, Harry Farley, Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Lou Silvey

Birthdays this week Sept. 21-28

21. Shirley Eye, Don Newlin
22. Rim Vining
23. Terri Kunkler
25. David Peterson, Trey Talmadge, Vickie Neely, Ryan Coddington
26. Judy Hansen, Joan Hamb, Drew Spinnanger, Don Nance, Clare Robinson
27. Jedediah Blashford
28. Sally Edwards, James Lucke, Tricia Garner, Emma Rexrode, Mel Gloyd

Faith and Movie Class

On September 25, The Faith and Movies Class will discuss The Railway Man (2014). This movie is available from Amazon (rental or purchase).

LIFT classes Click the link here for the list of classes or check the website. Hope to see you Sunday..
**Sunday Lunch!!**

The kickoff for **Sunday Lunch** starts on October 2, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Come meet our new Interim Pastor, Kim Clayton, and enjoy a provided lunch. There is no cost; donations will be accepted. No reservation needed, simply come as you are! Members and visitors are all welcome!

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**Do you love fellowship, beer, wine, and pondering what Jesus meant when he told stories?**

Come join us for **Pints and Parables** Wednesday, October 5, at 6:00. We will be meeting at 1781 Brewery at Wilderness Run. They close early, so we’re meeting a little earlier. No preparation or expert theological knowledge is needed. Conversation is informal. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

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**New Website Information:**

When filling out a form or selecting **Contact Us** from the website, please make sure you write a message so we can better assist your needs and answer your questions.

**Lizzie Heard**, who is moving in October, is in need of help packing up her belongings. Please contact her at 540-642-4797, if you can help.

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**Come Join us for the Fall Festival**

It’s time to gather at the Copley’s Farm for the Fall Festival. Bring a dish to share, a blanket or chair, and be ready for fellowship, horses, hay rides, and fun. Hot dogs, s’mores, and drinks will be provided. Festivities will begin at 4:00 p.m., October 22. The farm is located at 63 Springfield Lane.