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Service for the Lord's Day

September 12, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Whether you are visiting just for today or seeking a church home, we are glad you are here!
We invite all worshipers to record your presence with us by signing the blue folders found in the pews.*

Gathering in Prayer

PRELUDE "Come into His Presence" Lynn Baird
Donna Jarman

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE MORNING

God of mercy: Help us to forgive, as you have forgiven us. Help us to trust you, even when hope is failing. Help us to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Around the Word

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "Children of the Heavenly Father" Verses 1 & 4 insert
Karen Thomasy

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asked,
People: and Peter answered, "The Messiah."
Leader: Let us worship the One who is our savior
All: and follow in Christ's path of love.

+PRAYER OF ADORATION

+HYMN OF ADORATION "Open My Eyes That I May See" #451

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you have called us to take up our cross and follow you: to carry the truth of your justice like a banner and bear the yoke of life as your servant. We are hesitant, O God, to serve anyone but ourselves. We draw away from the imagery of the cross, forgetting that, in you, it has become a source of glory. Forgive us, O God, and call us once more to set aside our selfishness and follow in your way. Amen.

(A moment of silent prayer for personal confessions.)

+KYRIE ELEISON **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

+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, Amen.**

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

“Come, Follow Me”

Dana Mengel

PSALM READING

Psalm 116:1-9

Leader: I love the LORD, because the LORD has heard the voice of my supplication and inclined an ear to me whenever I cried out.

People: The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.

Leader: Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “ O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

People: Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

Leader: The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought very low, and the LORD helped me.

People: Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the LORD has treated you well.

Leader: For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

All: I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 50:4-9
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

THE EPISTLE James 3:1-12
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

MEDITATION "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" BB McKinney

THE GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON "Taming the Tongue" Rev. Clint Schofield

Responding to the Word

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was well pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND 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.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us,
And grant us thy peace. Amen.***

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

+HYMN "Though I May Speak" #335

+COMMISSIONING

Leader: Let your words this week proclaim God's love.
May your hearts' meditations be acceptable to God.

**People: We seek to let God guide our tongues.
We want to speak without arrogance or false pride.**

Leader: Listen for the wisdom God wants you to know.
Seek God's counsel and reproof each day.

**People: We will look for God in the midst of creation.
We will seek God's face in the people around us.**

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.
God's hand is outstretched to touch and heal you.

**All: How good it is to sense God's guidance!
How exciting it is to follow where Christ leads!**

BENEDICTION

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Lift High the Cross" Verse 1&4 # 371
Donna Jarman

POSTLUDE "His Name is Wonderful" Audrey Mieir
Donna Jarman

+Please stand, if you are able

Great
are the
works
of the
Lord.

*Grant, O Lord,
that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*