

Old Presbyterian Meeting House



SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost
September 24, 2017
8:30 and 11 a.m.

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God!

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE *Allegro* (Concerto in G) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
after Johann Ernst (1696-1715)

INTROIT Skinner Chávez-Melo (1944-92)
All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering: here, in truth, we will be fed.
All who hunger, sing together, seeker, be a welcome guest.
You that yearn for days of fullness, with abundance keep the feast!
—text by Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-93), alt.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of justice, you shower us with your many gifts.

Yet we complain and grumble and turn them away.

You are always more willing to give than we imagine or deserve.

Let us say *Yes!* to your offerings and abundance! Let us worship you!

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, and the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength. Amen.

Please turn off all cell phones. We ask that no photos be taken during the service.

▲ *Stand as you are able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Ann Herlin

God of mercy, we know we lack wonder in the face of your deep mysteries. You surround us with love, yet we become mired down in the routine. You show us signs of your presence, yet we wonder if you are there. You nourish us even in our wilderness experiences, yet we cry out for more. Forgive us when we drift away from you. Draw us back to you, nearer to you, so that everyone we encounter will recognize us as Jesus' disciples, building up your kingdom in love and joy. Hear now the prayers we bring to you in silence...

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 578

Kyrie Eleison

Oré poriajú verekó

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ ACT OF PRAISE 583

Glory to God

Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

▲ PASSING THE PEACE

Stand, as you are able, and greet your neighbors saying:

“The peace of Christ be with you.”

Respond by saying: **“And also with you.”**

GOD'S WORD TO US

ANTHEM

William H. Harris (1883-1973)

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:
and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand:
and filleth all things living with plenteousness.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways:
and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him:
yea all such as call upon him faithfully.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him:
he also will hear their cry and will help them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love him:
all them that love him.

—Psalm 145:15-20a

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Mathew 20:1-16

Pew Bible, p. 20

Exodus 16:2-15

Pew Bible, p. 60

Dana Chipman, Lay Reader

TIME WITH CHILDREN *11 a.m.*

Following the children's time, children age 5 through 3rd grade are invited to attend Bridges to Worship.

Leader And as our children depart for Bridges to Worship, we say...

Congregation **May God be with you there.**

Leader And the children say...

Children **May God be with you here.**

▲ HYMN OF PREPARATION 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Holy Manna

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Hunger Games

Rev. Katherine A. Stanford

Today's sermon title was chosen by Tom Moser, the winning bidder at our Family to Family silent auction last spring.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the *Iona Community*, Scotland, 2001

We believe that God is present, in the darkness before dawn, in the waiting and uncertainty, where fear and courage join hands. We believe in God with us, who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line, to stand with those on the edge, to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

MOMENT FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP

Chuck Jones

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Dutch Tune

King Jesus hath a garden, full of diverse flowers,
where I go culling posies gay, all times and hours.
*There naught is heard but Paradise bird, harp, dulcimer, lute,
with cymbal, trump and tymbal, and the tender, soothing flute.*

The Lily, white in blossom there, is Chastity:
the Violet, with sweet perfume, Humility.

The bonny Damask-rose is known as Patience:
the blithe and thrifty Marygold, Obedience.

The Crown Imperial bloometh too in yonder place,
'tis Charity, of stock divine, the flower of grace.

Yet, 'mid the brave, the bravest prize of all may claim
the Star of Bethlem—Jesus—blessed be his Name!

Ah! Jesu Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete,
make thou my heart thy garden—plot, fair, trim, and neat.

That I may hear this musick clear: harp, dulcimer, lute,
with cymbal, trump and tymbal, and the tender, soothing flute.

—poem by George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934);

music harmonized by Charles Wood (1866-1926)

▲ DOXOLOGY 609

Lasst uns erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 8:30 *a.m.*

The ushers will invite you to come to the table. Receive the elements by intinction (take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup). Return to your pew by a side aisle. If you wish to receive communion in your pew, please let an usher know. All Communion bread is gluten-free.

Liturgy:

The Lord 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.

Sanctus 552 (sung):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

▲ HYMN OF DEDICATION 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

▲ POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

André Campra (1660-1744)

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