

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame,
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!**

**Angels, teach us adoration;
you behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!**

Call to Confession

We are not here to pass judgement on each other: all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Therefore, let us go before God as we offer our confession. *Let us first pause in silence for reflection and personal confession.*

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us, but we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us, but we have not forgiven others. You have loved us, but we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

Call for the Offering

God is unfailing in blessing and love. With thankful hearts, let us offer up to God a portion of what God has given us. *There are many ways to give of your time, talent and treasure: through the micro-pantry, Kumler collections, Hope in Action activities, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You may mail checks directly to the Church Office for all offerings and pledges. Let us receive this morning's offering and give thanks to God.*

Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)

O God, we thank you for these gifts. Multiply them, and enable the work of love and the righteousness of your kingdom in the world. We thank you and praise you. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Time with the Children

Anthem "Gaudeamus Hodie" Natalie Sleeth

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Romans 14:1-12 NT p. 198

Lessons Matthew 18:21-35 NT p. 24

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "As YOU Have Been Forgiven" Rev. Chuck Goodman

We Respond to the Word

- * Hymn #450 v 1, 2 "Be Thou My Vision"
**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;**

**thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

Moment for Mission

Hope Sows – Carol Finley
Peace & Global Witness Offering – Ginny Self

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who is in Heaven, Holy is Your name. May Your
kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our
sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us away
from temptation, and deliver us from evil. For Yours are the
kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

We Are Sent Forth to Serve

* Hymn #515 "I Come with Joy"

v 1, 4, 5

**I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here, alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.**

* Benediction

Postlude

"If You Trust in God"

J S Bach

* *Those who are able please stand.*

Numbers listed in the bulletin correspond to songs in the purple hymnal, **Glory to God**, which contains words and music for congregational singing. All are encouraged to make a joyful noise!

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TODAY

Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

Please join us right after worship for coffee and conversation, hosted by Cathy and Jim Allen.

Sunday School (Adults AND children): 10:45

Book Study of "Traveling Light", Ch. 18 & Conclusion: 4:00

Films and Faith: 5:00

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

(Since Wednesday, 9/13/2023)

Copies of the Wednesday Prayer List are available in the sanctuary hallway.

- o No updates have been reported.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept 25 HPC Book Group, 7:00

Sept 28 Hope Sows, 10 - 2

Sept 30 Celebration of Life of Mindy Becker (morning & lunch)

Oct. 1 CROP Walk

Nov 4-5 Hope for the Holidays

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*... the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:8