

WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Blest Are They* Arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* UNISON INTROIT (Hymn 297, v. 4)
Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow;
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

* OPENING SENTENCES Susan Crane
Come among us, Lord, you who cast planets into space and cradle birds in their nests.
Come, Creator God, and meet with us here.
Come among us, Lord, you who bless the poor and stand by the sad and broken.
Come, Compassionate God, and meet with us here.
Come among us, Lord, you who inspire and empower the faithful.
Come, Trinity of love and power, and meet with us here.

* HYMN 619 “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven” LAUDA ANIMA

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Beloved in Christ: God is with us!
We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION
Generous God, when we store up treasures for ourselves and grasp for more, set us free to long for you and serve others. When our eyes cannot see beyond the things we accumulate and rarely use, set us free to see and help people who lack even the basic necessities of life. Forgive us Lord, and help us to follow Jesus as we obey the two greatest commandments—to love you above all else, and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 701)
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you. (repeat once)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON I Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.210)

SOLO *It Is Well with My Soul* Philip P. Bliss
Dylan Emerson, trombone

* GOSPEL LESSON Luke 16:19-31 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.79)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING
‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word.
O to rest upon his promise, and to now “Thus says the Lord.”
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him. How his light guides o’er and o’er.
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus. O for grace to trust him more.

SERMON “On the Wrong Side of Eternity” Dr. Butler
“Father Abraham said to the rich man in Hades; ‘Between us is a great chasm...’”

* HYMN (see insert) “God Whose Purpose is to Kindle” HOLY MANNA

WE PRAY AND GIVE THANKS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERTORY *Journeys* Nancy R. Chegus

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN 282 “Come Down, O Love Divine” DOWN AMPNEY

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DEPARTING MUSIC *Toccata in d minor* Franz Xaver Murschhauser
The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship,
service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 28, 2025
10 a.m.
