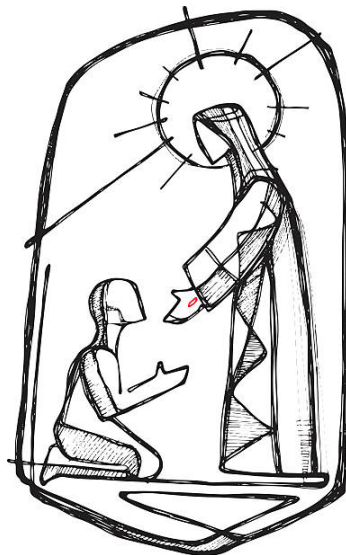


**The Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**
September 9, 2018
10:00 AM Service
Holy Communion



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

If you are new to our congregation, please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome enter or in the pew rack in front of you.

Childcare is available: During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors by the elevator.

We have **gluten-free wafers** available: Please make your request known at the altar rail.

Restrooms are located to the right as you go through the arch off the breezeway.

Following the service we welcome everyone for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, located on the first floor. Turn right after passing through the arch off the passageway between the buildings.

A gentle reminder: As a courtesy during the church service, please be sure to turn your **cell phone off** or put it on the vibrate setting.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

PRELUDE

Reflections

Joseph Martin

[Please stand when the chimes sound.]

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader, **All** Everyone.

GATHERING HYMN

Here in This Place

C *Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please be seated.]

MISSION MOMENT

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
C **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

P Let us pray together...

G **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

556, vs. 1,2,4

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.**

Refrain **Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

**With all the angel choirs, with all the saints of earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth.** Refrain

**Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.** Refrain

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray... Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

G **Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Isaiah 35:4–7a • Psalm 22:22–27 • James 2:1–10, 14–17 • Mark 7:24–37
[Please be seated.]

The First Reading:

L *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah, chapter 35...*

Say to those who are panicking: "Be strong! Don't fear! Here's your God, coming with vengeance; with divine retribution God will come to save you."

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be cleared. Then the lame will leap like the deer, and the tongue of the speechless will sing. Waters will spring up in the desert, and streams in the wilderness.

The burning sand will become a pool, and the thirsty ground, fountains of water. The jackals' habitat, a pasture.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Metrical Psalm 22: [Tune: *All People That On Earth*]

***I will declare your Name, O God, To my companions who are true;
And in the congregation's midst, With love will I sing praise to you.***

***O you that fear the Lord, give praise; O Israel's offspring, stand in awe.
All you who are of Jacob's line, Give glory always to the Lord.***

***The poor shall eat and have their fill; Those seeking God shall offer praise.
The nations far and wide shall come And bow before God's throne always.***

The Second Reading:

📖 *The Second Reading is taken from James, chapter 2...*

My brothers and sisters, when you show favoritism you deny the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been resurrected in glory. Imagine two people coming into your meeting. One has a gold ring and fine clothes, while the other is poor, dressed in filthy rags. Then suppose that you were to take special notice of the one wearing fine clothes, saying, "Here's an excellent place. Sit here." But to the poor person you say, "Stand over there"; or, "Here, sit at my feet." Wouldn't you have shown favoritism among yourselves and become evil-minded judges?

My dear brothers and sisters, listen! Hasn't God chosen those who are poor by worldly standards to be rich in terms of faith? Hasn't God chosen the poor as heirs of the kingdom he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Don't the wealthy make life difficult for you? Aren't they the ones who drag you into court? Aren't they the ones who insult the good name spoken over you at your baptism?

You do well when you really fulfill the royal law found in scripture, Love your neighbor as yourself. But when you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, and by that same law you are exposed as a lawbreaker. Anyone who tries to keep all of the Law but fails at one point is guilty of failing to keep all of it.

My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🗣️ **Thanks be to God.**

[Please stand.]

A1 **O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

**The Church from our dear Master received the word divine,
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.**

The Gospel:

D The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

C **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

D Jesus left that place and went into the region of Tyre. He didn't want anyone to know that he had entered a house, but he couldn't hide. In fact, a woman whose young daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard about him right away. She came and fell at his feet. The woman was Greek, Syrophenician by birth. She begged Jesus to throw the demon out of her daughter. He responded, "The children have to be fed first. It isn't right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

But she answered, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

"Good answer!" he said. "Go on home. The demon has already left your daughter." When she returned to her house, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

After leaving the region of Tyre, Jesus went through Sidon toward the Galilee Sea through the region of the Ten Cities. Some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly speak, and they begged him to place his hand on the man for healing. Jesus took him away from the crowd by himself and put his fingers in the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. Looking into heaven, Jesus sighed deeply and said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Open up." At once, his ears opened, his twisted tongue was released, and he began to speak clearly.

Jesus gave the people strict orders not to tell anyone. But the more he tried to silence them, the more eagerly they shared the news. People were overcome with wonder, saying, "He does everything well! He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who can't speak."

D The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light

[Please stand.]

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.**

Refrain **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.** Refrain

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.** Refrain

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.** Refrain

THE NICENE CREED

AI We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you choose.]

D Let us pray to God, who is made known in Jesus Christ:

L Father of all, let all the world be saved through your Son. Let our president, and all rulers and authorities, seek and see your kingdom so that peace may reign in our time.

C **As your Son taught us, we pray for our enemies.**

- Ⓘ God of the Prophets, we thank you for calling all people to be righteous, justifying us with the free gift of your grace. Let this parish be a place where your testimony is received, where guests find a welcome, and where all are born anew of the Spirit.
- ☩ **Give strength to your church as together, trusting in you and supporting each other, we proclaim your kingdom with our lives.**

- Ⓘ Restoring God, there are many who may feel lost or even condemned as they endure trouble and illness. We ask for your healing to lift up and comfort [*names in notebook*] and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts [*leave time ...*], as well as all others who suffer.
- ☩ **God of Light and Life, help us to be the answer to the prayers of those who cry out to you.**

- Ⓘ Lord God, we give you thanks for the blessings we received from your hand each day, especially... [*read items from notebook*] and for the flowers given today. Let us rejoice in the knowledge that all good gifts around us come from your loving hand.
- ☩ **We ask for one more thing, Holy God: give us grateful hearts.**

- Ⓘ Lord of Eternal Life, we ask your mercy on all those who have died, especially ... [*names in notebook*] and those on our hearts this morning that we bring to you, silently or aloud [*leave time*]. Let your grace and power give life to the dead and call into existence the things that do not exist.
- ☩ **We ask also that your comfort and strength surround all who grieve, whether their loss is new and raw, or has been a painful reality for many years.**

- Ⓘ Bless us to be a blessing.
- Ⓐ **Holy Spirit, fill our hearts this day and every day so that we live our lives in ways that honor your image in us, our baptism in you, and our connection with each other. Amen.**

CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION

[Please stand or kneel.]

- Ⓘ Let us confess our sins to God. [*Silence is kept.*] God of all mercy...
- ☩ **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**
- Ⓐ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
- ☩ **Amen.**

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

[Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions may receive an individual blessing.]

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand.]

- Ⓐ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- Ⓑ **And also with you.** (*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- Ⓐ O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. Bring your tithes, gifts and offerings with hearts full of thanksgiving.

OFFERTORY

[Please be seated.]

PRESENTATION

[Please stand when the plates are given to the Deacon.]

- Ⓐ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving

***Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living,
you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.***

***God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor
we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.***

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER [Prayer C, adapted]

- Ⓐ The Lord be with you.
- Ⓑ **And also with you.**
- Ⓐ Lift up your hearts.
- Ⓑ **We lift them to the Lord.**
- Ⓐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Ⓑ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- Ⓐ It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
- Ⓑ **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

- Ⓐ At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being. From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.
- Ⓑ **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

P But still we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

C **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

P Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Al ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

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[Please stand or kneel.]

P Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

C **Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.**

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised;

P Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, creator of all.

Al **AMEN.**

P And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A1 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

C We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

FRACTION

We Come Expecting Jesus

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major and 7/8 time. The lyrics are: "We come ex-pec-ting Je - sus to meet us in this place. We come ex-pec-ting to re - ceive his mer - cy and his grace. When we eat the bread and drink the wine, it's a ho - ly mo-ment in time. We come ex-pec-ting Je - sus to meet us in this place."

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

- Ⓐ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, a loved one, or anything else on your heart.

CHANT *Eat This Bread*
[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

- Ⓒ **“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- Ⓐ Let us pray...
Ⓐ **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

THE BLESSING
[Please stand.]

- Ⓐ The Abba of the Christ, the Beloved of the Father, and the Comforter sent from Heaven: the one and only Eternal God, embraces you, walks with you, and gives you life. Go from this place blessed in the name of the Lord Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Ⓒ **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues* 493, vs. 1–3

- Ⓐ **O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.**

**Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner’s ears, 'tis life and health and peace.**

THE DISMISSAL

- Ⓐ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Ⓒ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Postlude in D* Healey Willan

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