

**16th Sunday After Pentecost  
September 25, 2022 Worship Bulletin**

**Gathering for God's Word**

Prelude

\*Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Song of Praise

#519, "You are My All in All"

You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down You pick me up  
When I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name  
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Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

**Preparing for God's Word**

\*Call to Worship

[inspired by Psalm 42:1-2, Psalm 63:1-2, Isaiah 55:1-5, John 4:13-15, John 7:37-39, Revelation 21:6]

Leader: We've come together to worship God, who makes streams flow from rock,

**People: Who turns the parched earth into springs of water,**

Leader: Who sends the rain from heaven and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

**People: As the deer thirsts for flowing streams, so we thirst for You, O God.**

Leader: Come, let us worship our mighty God and King, who pours out living water on all who thirst.

## \*Hymn of Adoration

#268, "Crown Him with Many Crowns" vs. 1-3

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified;  
no angels in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,  
Whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end,  
And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

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## Prayer of Confession

*Time of personal silent prayers of confession*

Leader: Let us continue in prayer.

**People: Merciful God, in you we are promised forgiveness and new life. You make us part of the body of Christ. But we confess that it is too easy for us to remain preoccupied with ourselves and to separate ourselves from our sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and too often are reluctant to care for those in our lives who are the most difficult to love. Too often we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Rain down your hope, peace,**

love, and joy in our lives so that we may rise to new life in your grace.

Assurance of Pardon

## Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."  
After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

Hymn of Preparation

#626, "As the Deer"

As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after you  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you

You alone are my strength, my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you

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New Testament Responsive Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Leader: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,"

**People: "For theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

Leader: "Blessed are those who mourn,"

**People: "For they will be comforted."**

Leader: "Blessed are the meek,"

**People: "For they will inherit the earth."**

Leader: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,"

**People: "For they will be filled."**

Leader: "Blessed are the merciful,"

**People: "For they will receive mercy."**

Leader: "Blessed are the pure in heart,"

**People: "For they will see God."**

Leader: "Blessed are the peacemakers,"

**People: "For they will be called children of God."**

Leader: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

**People: "For theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

Leader: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,

**People: "For in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."**

New Testament Reading: John 19: 28-29

28 Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." 29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

Sermon

"The Beatitudes... I Thirst"

## Responding to God's Word

Prayer of Faith

\*Affirmation of Faith

[The Apostles Creed]

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Response

#475, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come Thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I've come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

O, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

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## Offering

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

"Come all who Thirst," SE Choir

\*Response

#606, The Doxology, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above the Heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen

Text: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

#2015, "Bless His Holy Name," Sing the Faith Hymnal

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
Bless his holy name!

He has done great things,  
He has done great things,  
He has done great things,  
Bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And all that is within m  
Bless his holy name!

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\*Postlude

\*Please Stand if Able