



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023
10:30am

GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 136

Regan England

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
God's steadfast love endures forever,
 who made the heavens and spread the earth out over the waters.
God's steadfast love endures forever,
 who brought Israel out from Egypt and parted the Red Sea.
God's steadfast love endures forever,
 who led Israel through the wilderness and made water flow from the rock.
God's steadfast love endures forever,
 who gave Israel as their inheritance the land of great kings.
God's steadfast love endures forever,
 who rescues us from our foes and gives food to all things living.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
 O give thanks to the God of heaven!
God's steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

No. 475

*You are invited to stand.

*Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold**.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the people, your servant Ruth showed great love, faith, and courage when she clung to Naomi. In times of trouble, we confess that we trust primarily ourselves. We reach out on behalf of others only when it seems convenient or advantageous for us. We feel brave enough to fight to secure the safety and wellbeing of our family and tribe, but we slip away or shrug our shoulders at the plight of the foreigner or the "other." Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to be brave, to show great compassion, and to turn to you when we are in need. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE TO PARDON

Celtic Alleluia

No. 587

Refrain

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Baptized in Water *verse 3*

No.482

During the song of preparation, children are invited to come forward and sit on the front row of chairs, next to the piano.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.

PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE

First Reading

Ruth 1:1-17

NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ruth 4:13-17

NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Water is Thicker than Blood

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE

For All the Faithful Women

No. 324

Tune: LANCASHIRE ("Lead On O King Eternal," No. 269)

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING FOR YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from Ephesians 2:17-22

Christ came and proclaimed peace to peoples who were far off and peace to peoples who were near. Through Christ, all have access in one Spirit to the Father. Therefore, we are no longer strangers and aliens, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. This house is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple; a spiritual dwelling place for God.

RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Christ Be Beside Me

No. 702

*DOXOLOGY

No. 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.**

*We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us.
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in a welcoming atmosphere of worship, prayer, and fellowship,
while spreading the love of Jesus Christ
through Christian education and outreach, wherein all are welcome.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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*SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

No. 547

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Worship may be over, but our service has just begun.