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Service for the Lord's Day

September 13, 2026 10:30am

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

GATHERING HYMN

The Iona Community

Cantor: Be still and know that I am God *ALL:* and there is none be - side me.

still and know that I am God and there is none be - side me.

Cantor:
I am the One who calls you my friends,
I am the One whose love never fails,
I am the One who says, "Follow me,"
Be still and know that I am God,

All:
And there is none beside me. Be still...
And there is none...
And there is none...
And there is none...

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 103:1-4)

Gary McCall, *liturgist*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

singing (Taizé tune): **Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.**

God forgives. God heals. God transforms with steadfast love.

singing: **Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

The Church's One Foundation

No. 321

*You are invited to stand.

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

Hymn numbers correspond to the pages in the red or purple hymn book in the pew rack in front of you, *Glory to God the Presbyterian Hymnal*. All music used with permission. CCLI # 21252663; One License # A-740905.

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Prayer of Confession

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen.

Sung Response

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy

No. 437

Assurance of Pardon

**Sung Response*

Glory Be to the Father

No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to share greetings and signs of Christ's peace with those seated around you.

During this time the young (and young at heart!) are invited to come forward to sit in the front row of chairs by the piano in preparation for the Time with Children.

PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION

Jesus, We Are Here (*stanzas 1, 3, 4*)

No. 392

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 14: 1-12

NRSVue

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Thou Shalt Not Despise

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

RESPOND

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Let Us Build a House (*stanzas 1, 3, 5*)

No. 301

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Book of Common Worship

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

You are invited to make a financial contribution to LPC. You may do so by placing cash or a check (payable to “LPC”) in the offering plate, or give by credit card by using the QR code to be directed to our online giving page. (Note - this QR code does NOT work in Venmo/Paypal or any other third party app.) You are also encouraged to be in prayer about how you can use your time and talents to serve God and neighbor this week.



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, 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 debts¹ 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.

¹ When saying the Lord’s Prayer, some prefer to use the words “forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us” or “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Please pray as you feel led.

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*SENDING HYMN

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

No. 753

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Following worship, all are invited to share refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall!

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

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while spreading the love of Jesus Christ  
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