

GATHERING

September 20, 2020
16th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be...all of creation. **Amen.**



Let us confess our sin...Faithful God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries...to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they
fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever
wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy
faithfulness! Morning by morning new
mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand
hath provided; great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (ELW 733)

Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their
courses above join with all nature in
manifold witness to thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide; strength for today and bright hope
for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten
thousand beside! *Refrain*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for

the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen, amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

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and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you

are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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and peace to God's people on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 16: 2-15

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM:

Christ is the vine and we are the branches. Through him we can do anything. Christ is the strength, the source, and the blessing. When we serve him we behold the fruit of the vine.

The Fruit of the Vine, Patterson
Just as the Lord has loved us, so let us love one another. For this is God's command, this is God's command that joy may be full.

SECOND READING: Philipians 1: 21-30

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your Son.. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20: 1-16

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us (ELW 358)

Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made. Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed. We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.

gracious love alone. We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.

We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong, half-free, half-bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along, by powers and systems close confined yet seeking hope for humankind.

Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends. Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your

Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share. Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair, and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

PEACE

remaining in place, turn and offer a word or bow of peace to your neighbor

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your heart. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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BLESSING

Mothering God...the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished
is the foe. Christ without, our safety; Christ
within, our joy; who, if we be faithful, can
our hope destroy?

On Our Way Rejoicing (ELW 537)

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we
bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and
adore, on our way rejoicing now and ever-
more. Refrain

Refrain: On our way rejoicing; as we for-
ward move, hearken to our praises, O blest
God of love!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Pastor:	Alex Martini
Director of Music Ministries:	Karl Segletes
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