

Worship Service ~ September 25, 2022, 9:00

16th Sunday of Pentecost

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Broadcast is sponsored by Mary Sargeant Buck
in honor of daughter Savannah Sophia's Birthday.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG ELW #532 *GATHER US IN* stz 1, 4

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy
Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this
world as Jesus does.

~Silence for reflection~

L: God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed
your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us
the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the
journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

L: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, O God,

C: rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC *"The Lone Wild Bird"* arr. Jessica Nelson; Faith Choir; Alan Ball, piano; Milinda Nitti, flute

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #174 *CELTIC ALLELUIA*

R: A Gospel reading from the 16th chapter of Luke.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'

³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #715 *CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT* stz 1, 5
Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

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

MUSICAL OFFERING *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* arr. by
Kevin McChesney; Bells of Faith, Dean Jensen, director

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG ELW #723 *CANTICLE OF THE TURNING* stz 1, 2

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.

You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.

Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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