



The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

People: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Whether we are long-timers or late-comers in the life of faith,

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Leader: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

People: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

We praise God's name forever and ever!

Hymn #469

Morning Has Broken

Prayer of Confession

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often wish punishment or exclusion on others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own.

Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us. Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity. Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you. May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another?

(silent meditation)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving,
grace beyond our ability to earn it.

**People: God has granted us the gift of believing in Christ;
therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people!
Thanks be to God!**

Sharing Christ's Peace

Leader: Friends, we continue to practice “social distancing” as we gather together, knowing that Christ's Peace is present in a wave, a bow or the tip of the head. Let us take a moment to acknowledge those around us this morning. We also encourage you to reach out to friends and neighbors to share Christ's Peace in appropriate ways after worship. The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Let us share that Peace with one another.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Music for Reflection and Thanksgiving

Bell Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 20: 1-16

Sermon

Rev. Aaron D. Frank

TO RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn #276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Offering of Our Gifts

Our morning collection was taken at the doors of the sanctuary, and we give thanks for your continued support of our ministry. For those of you who are at home, I would ask that you to contribute to the ministry of the church by using the online giving portal on our website, or by sending a check to the church office. Your support continues the work of our congregations as we seek to serve the needs of our community, sharing God's love far and wide.

Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)

God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom you have called, graced to have been given your work to do, blessed to receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgivings and offerings. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People 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 debts, 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.

Benediction

Now, May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Today and Every Day. Amen.

Postlude