

16th Sunday After Pentecost
MUSIC AND SACRED ARTS DEDICATION
ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Seasonal Color: Green

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(With the gift of music, let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.)

PRELUDE: “Maria zart”

Arnolt Schlick

(Please stand in body or spirit and let us join together in the Call to Worship)

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Psalms 150

Praise the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary. Praise Him in the mighty heavens.

Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness.

Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre,

Praise Him with tambourine and dancing, praise Him with the strings and flute,

Praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord,

Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN: “When the Morning Starts Together” (see insert)

arr. John Ferguson

(Robin Wood and Taylor Rhinehart – Handbells)

Verse 1: Choir only

Verse 2: Congregation and Choir

Verse 3: Choir only

Verse 4: Congregation and Choir

WE ARE RENEWED IN GRACE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Like our ancestors before us, we complain when things do not go our own way. We want abundance of everything rather than what is sufficient to sustain us. We would rather be elsewhere than where we are at the moment. When things do not go our way we ask, where are you? We would rather you serve us than be accountable ourselves. You gave manna and quail to those before us, yet we still doubt you will be there for us. Forgive our lack of trust in your goodness and grant us forgiveness, we humbly pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

GTG #59

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning,
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.**

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Laura Sparks

LESSON 1: Creation Sings
Genesis 1: 20 – 25

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*HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (arr. Michael Burkhardt)
(Sam Choate and Taylor Rhinehart – Trumpets)

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LESSON 2: Early Christian Church and Music
Colossians 3:16

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HYMN: "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

GTG #108

Men of choir only: Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega; he the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

**All: Christ, to thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!**

LESSON 3: The Protestant Reformation
Psalm 46: 1 – 7
Psalm 100: 1 – 3

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HYMN: "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" (vs 1 & 3)

GTG #385

**All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.**

HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (vs 1 & 4)
(Sam Choate, Trumpet)

GTG #275

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.**

LESSON 4: Early American Hymnody
Psalm 95: 1-3, 6-7

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HYMN: "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship" (vs -1 & 4)

GTG #396

**Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.**

HYMN: "What Wondrous Love Is This" (vs-1 & 4)

GTG #215

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And through eternity, I'll sing on.**

LESSON 5: O Sing a New Song to the Lord
Psalm 96: 1-3

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HYMN: "Awesome God"

GTG #616

Ray Rhinehart will sing verses
Congregation join in singing the chorus with the A.W.E. Group

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

DEDICATION OF MUSIC AND SACRED ARTS MINISTRY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR MUSIC AND SACRED ARTS MINISTRY

Loving God, creator of music and creator of us all, bless the Music and Sacred Arts Ministry of our church this day and in the days to come. May all those who participate in this ministry as choir members, instrumentalists, and with other art forms realize the special significance of their responsibilities as ministers in the church. Bless them, their families who support them and our congregation in this year of service. Help us to realize more fully the magnificence of music and art which point through Christ to your own glory. In Jesus' 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.

OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Don Hustad

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

GTG #606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

LESSON 6: A Reading by Susan Palo Cherwien

"Vibration" *(From Glory Into Glory – Reflections for Worship)*

Susan Palo Cherwien

*CLOSING HYMN: "When In Our Music God is Glorified"
(Sam Choate, Trumpet)

(arr. Dr. Brandon Burns)

GTG #641

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Carillon de Westminster"

Louis Vierne

Elder on Call this week is Randy Miller.

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