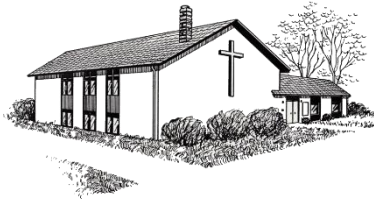


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*Our Mission...*

*to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.*

*We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.*

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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*\*The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able, and the double asterisk \*\* indicates when to be seated;  
**Bold** print indicates a congregational response.*

## **WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY**

### WELCOME

### LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

### THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE ~Doris Quinn

### PRELUDE:      *Improvisation*

~Michael McKay

### CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 92: 1-2, 4)

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, **O Most High;**  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness at night.*

*For you have made us glad, O Lord, in all you have done,  
**And we will sing for joy  
at the works of your hands.***

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Eternal God,**  
**in whom we live and move and have our being:**  
**You have made us for yourself,**  
**so that our hearts are restless**  
**until they rest in you.**  
**Give us purity of heart**  
**and strength of purpose,**  
**that no selfish passion**  
**may hinder us from knowing your will,**  
**no weakness keep us from doing it;**

**that in your light we may see light,  
and in your service find perfect freedom  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: #VU 218 – “We Praise You, O God”**

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- 1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**
- 2 We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,  
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.**
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **LEARNING TIME**

#### **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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **PRAYER for ILLUMINATION**

*(Brother Roger of Taizé)*

**O Christ,  
tirelessly you seek out those who are looking for you  
and who think that you are far away;  
teach us, at every moment,  
to place our spirits in your hands.  
While we are still looking for you,  
already you have found us.**

**However poor our prayer,  
you hear us far more than we can imagine or believe. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: *Marie Leskovjan*

The Gospel:       **Mark 8: 27-38**

*Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.*

*Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'*

*He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'*

RESPONSE:       *This is the Word of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON:        ~Rev. Don Johnson

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

### **AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God the Father who made the world.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, His son, who redeemed humankind.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God.**

### **THE PRESENTATION of our OFFERINGS**

Offertory Verse #541 VU "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;**

**give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Receive our gifts, O God.  
May they be used to show forth to the world  
the greatness of your love.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ  
your perfect gift and our Saviour. Amen**

PRAYERS of THANKSGIVING and CONCERN

*...Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.*

**\*Hymn: # VU 333 – “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

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- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.**
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**
- 3 Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

THE BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

**May the Lord go with you,  
let him take your hand.**

**Keep his love within you,  
until we meet again.**

**Amen.**

POSTLUDE:     *Improvisation*

*~Michael McKay*