

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
September 4, 2016

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

The Inescapable God

Leader: O Lord, you have searched us and known us

People: You know when we sit down and when we rise up; You discern our thoughts from far away.

Leader: You search out our path and our lying down, and You are acquainted with all our ways.

People: Even before a word is on our tongues, O Lord, you know it completely.

Leader: You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is so high that we cannot attain it.

Leader: We praise you, Great Creator, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

People: Wonderful are your works, O Lord; that we know very well. Lead us in the ancient way of everlasting.

— Psalm 139:1-6, 14, and 24 (NRSV)

***Opening Song**

“This Is The Day”

Hymn 652

***Invocation Prayer**

Song of Faith

“The Potter’s Hand”

Hymn 343

“Have Thine Own Way” (s. 1,2,4) Hymn 486

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalm 1:1-6

The Two Ways

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

But their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Epistle Reading

Philemon 1:1-21

Responsorial **“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” Hymn 344**

Children’s Message

(Children dismissed to Junior Church)

Community and Congregational 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

Invitation to Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Special

***Scripture and Prayer of Illumination:**

Luke 14:25-33

Message **“Discipleship: Being a Fully Devoted Follower”**
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Lord's Table – West Side Baptist Church practices *open communion*. This memorial meal is offered to all persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the elements. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

Communion Song “A Place at the Table” Hymn 617

The Lord's Supper – Breaking of Bread & Passing of the Cup

Agape Offering for the Poor and Persons in Need

RESPONDING IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be baptized, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come to Jesus during this song.

***Song** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Hymn 393

***Closing Prayer & Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Please stand, if able*



VISION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ

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IN THE POTTER'S HANDS...



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