TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
October 16, 2016

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

Prelude "Wonderful Words of Life" Arranged by Faye Lopez

***Call to Worship The Glories of God's Law**

Oh, how I love all the Lord has revealed;
I reverently ponder it all the day long.
Your commands give us an edge on our enemies;
they never become obsolete.
I've even become smarter than my teachers
since I've pondered and absorbed your counsel.
We've become wiser than the wise old sages
simply by doing what you tell us.
I watch my step, avoiding the ditches and ruts of evil
so I can spend all my time keeping your Word.
We never make detours from the route you laid out;
you gave us such good directions.
Your words are so choice, so tasty;
I prefer them to the best home cooking.
With your instruction, we understand life;
that's why we hate false propaganda.
The unfolding of your words gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.
How from infancy we have known the Holy Scriptures,
which are able to make us wise for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 119:97-104, 130; 2 Timothy 3:15

***Opening Song "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" pg. 358**

***Invocation Prayer**

Song of Faith "Knowing You" pg. 357

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:27-34

Epistle Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Responsorial "Cry of My Heart"

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.

Moment for Missions ***World Mission Offering Video***

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Choir Special "Medley of Hymns"

Children's Message (Children dismissed to Junior Church)

***Scripture and Prayer of Illumination: Luke 18:1-8**

Message "Does Anyone Change Their Mind Anymore?"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

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 "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"**

***Closing Prayer**

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** **"Postlude in G Major"** **by G.F. Handel**

****Please stand, if able***

ACOLYTE TRAINING – All older children and youth (age 12 and older) are invited to **Acolyte Training on Saturday, October 22 at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary**. The word *acolyte* is taken from the ancient Greek word that meant *companion, attendant, candle-keeper, or helper*. Acolytes work closely with the pastor and other worship leaders by lighting and extinguishing the candles, display banners, cleaning and carrying crosses, as well as, help the deacons and deaconesses (Greek: *diakonos* "table servants") prepare and clean-up the Lord's Supper. The training should last about one hour. See Pastor for details and questions.

THE LORD'S SUPPER OR HOLY COMMUNION is served the first Sunday of each month and on special holy days. West Side Baptist Church practices *open communion*. Baptized Christians from all Christian traditions are welcome to partake of the elements. Please wait until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

MISSION: 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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