

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering Prayer - "Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!

Prelude "Gather Us In" *arr. J. A. Behnke*
Kay Wildman, Church Organist

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening # 649** "Gather Us In"
Matthew Smith, Music Director

*Call to Worship

I will praise you, my God and King, and always honor your name.
I will praise you each day and always honor your name.

You are wonderful, Lord, and you deserve all praise,
because you are much higher than anyone can understand.

Each generation will announce to the next your wonderful and mighty deeds.

I will keep thinking about your marvelous glory and your mighty miracles.

Everyone will talk about your fearsome deeds, and I will tell all nations how great you are.

They will celebrate and sing about your matchless mercy and your power to save.

You are merciful, Lord!

You are kind and patient, and always loving.

Psalm 145:1-8 Contemporary English Version (CEV)

*Invocation Prayer

Songs "Good Good Father" WT

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament Exodus 16:2-15

A Reading from the Apostles Philippians 1:21-30

***A Reading from the Holy Gospel** Matthew 20:1-16

Response # 60 "I Will Sing of the Mercies"

Children's Message (Children dismissed to Junior Church)

Invitation to Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Kay Wildman, Church Organist

The Message "God's Mercy is New Every Morning"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***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 a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Song # 748** "Lord, Dimiss Us with Thy Blessing"

*Spoken Benediction

Postlude "The Awakening" *E. Broughton*
Kay Wildman, Church Organist

*Please stand if able

THE LORD'S SUPPER – We celebrate the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month and special occasions. All persons of faith, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please cup your hands to receive the sanitary communion wafer and juice sealed in small containers. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Call Pastor Ivan to receive homebound communion delivery.

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM – We practice "believer's baptism," which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

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