



September 8, 2024
 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 The Reverend Jeff Pullium

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**All who are able, standing*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

After the gathering, a bell will ring to signal the beginning of worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN

57 O For a Thousand Tongues

Azmon

1-3 all 4 men 5 women 6-7 all

- 1 all** O for a thousand tongues to sing
 my great Redeemer's praise,
 the glories of my God and King,
 the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 all** My gracious Master and my God,
 assist me to proclaim,
 to spread through all the earth abroad
 the honors of thy name.
- 3 all** Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
 that bids our sorrows cease;
 'tis music in the sinner's ears,
 'tis life, and health, and peace.
- 4 men** He breaks the power of canceled sin,
 he sets the prisoner free;
 his blood can make the foulest clean;
 his blood availed for me.
- 5 women** He speaks, and listening to his voice,
 new life the dead receive;
 the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
 the humble poor believe.

6 *all* Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
 your loosened tongues employ;
 ye blind, behold your Savior come,
 and leap, ye lame, for joy.

7 *all* In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
 shall feel your sins forgiven;
 anticipate your heaven below,
 and own that love is heaven.

* GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

* OPENING PRAYER

Holy Lord, maker of us all,

you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves
 and teach us that faith without works is dead.

Open us to the opportunities for ministry that lie before us,
 where faith and words and the need of our neighbor

come together in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Father

and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,

world without end.

Amen. Amen.

Meineke

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord,
and fill us full of light;

open wide the door of our hearts,

that we may receive and entertain thee

with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Old Testament p. 742

* HYMN

147 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

Refrain:

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings.

Refrain

The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky.

Refrain

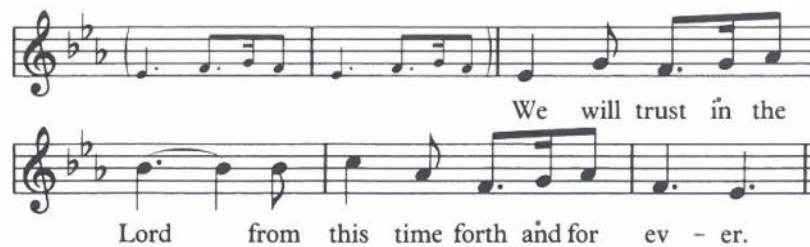
The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one.

Refrain

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

PSALM

Psalm 125



Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people,
from this time on and forevermore.**

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,

**so that the righteous might not stretch out
their hands to do wrong.**

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts.

But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways

The Lord will lead away with evildoers.

Peace be upon Israel!

SCRIPTURE

James 2:1-10, 14-17

New Testament p. 278

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:24-37

New Testament p. 52

SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH p. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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, and the power,
 and the glory forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise

William Billings, arr. Brad Holmes

Now shall my inward joys arise,
 and burst into a song;
 almighty love inspires my heart,
 and pleasure tunes my tongue.

God on His thirsty Sion-Hill
 some mercy-drops has thrown,
 and solemn oaths have bound His love
 to show'r salvation down.

Can a kind woman e'er forget
 the infant of her womb,
 and 'mongst a thousand tender thoughts
 her suckling have no room?

Yet, saith the Lord, should nature change,
 and mothers monsters prove,
 Sion still dwells upon the heart
 of everlasting love.

Why do we then indulge our fears,
 suspicions and complaints?
 Is He a God, and shall His Grace
 grow weary of his saints?

* DOXOLOGY

95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
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.

Old 100th

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

548 In Christ There is No East or West

McKee

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;

But one community of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord,
Close-binding humankind.

3 In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made,
and all are kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

Ministry of Worship

Preacher	Reverend Jeff Pullium
Liturgist	Jeanne Lee
Lay Reader	Nancy Clements
Greeters	Becky Rogers, Paula Matson
Ushers	Chip Matson, Warren Spooner
Acolyte	Robbie Thomas
Crucifer	Rowyn Scritchfield
Guest Organist and Choir Director	Larry Millen
Choir	The St. John Choir
Cantor	Heather Daughtery
Offering Counter	Mary Ottinger
Worship Technician	Donald Tilton
Pastor in Charge	Reverend Jenny Anderson

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Weekly Stewardship	
2024 Budget	\$556,899
Weekly Giving	\$3,981
YTD Giving	\$279,213
YTD Other Income	\$69,738
YTD Expenses	\$382,866
Attendance 9/1	Sanctuary: 102 Online: 42

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