

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 8th 2024 9:30am



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Preparation For Worship: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! *Psalm 146:1*

Opening Song

Blessed Be Your Name

**Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name**

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say
"Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your glorious name"**

**Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name**

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say
"Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your glorious name"**

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My heart will choose to say "Lord, I bless, I bless Your Name"**

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Ministry Spotlight

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Invocation

Pastor: We gather today in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: We live in the season of Pentecost, the time between Jesus' ascension and His return as King of kings. *Genesis 3*

People: **For God so loved us that He has made a way for us that we may not perish, but have eternal life.**

Pastor: Jesus tells us, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." *John 11*

People: **God is good!**

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People: **Therefore, since we are justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have received access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God.** *Romans 5*

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us come to Him then with an honest heart to worship Him in spirit and truth. Sin entered into the world with the doubt of God. Doubting God, and choosing to not trust God, pain, sorrow, and death came. Sin is choosing a way other than God who is our Way, Truth, and Life. God calls us to choose life.

Acknowledging the promise and call of God to confess, repent, and receive forgiveness, we join in prayer:

People: **You know me, Lord. There is nothing hidden from You. If I stood before You in all Your holiness on Judgment Day, and every secret sin I have committed and every idle word I have spoken came out as evidence I would be utterly guilty before You. So, I turn to You, trusting in Your word, confessing my sin, asking for Your forgiveness and grace. Thank You that You take away the sin of the world, and that includes mine. You have suffered me, loved me, and called me. I know, confess, and forsake my sin, and yield myself to You, Jesus, my Lord and Savior.**

(Reflection for confession)

Pastor: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and by His authority, I announce God's grace to you, and the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and gives His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this O Lord, unto us all.

People: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Daily Text

Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in Your commandments.

Psalm 119:66

Have nothing to do with stupid and senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels.

2 Timothy 2:23

Let us pray:

People: **Lord God, help me to be like You, full of good judgment and knowledge, a lover of Your commandments. Forgive me when I am stupid and senseless, stirring up controversies and quarrels. Show me how to listen to others and understand them. Give me wisdom for when to speak and how to act. Today, make me a peacemaker. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons *Read*

First Lesson

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a} the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

The Psalm

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! ² I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. ⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. ⁹ The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

Second Lesson

James 2 :1-17

¹ My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the

kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Reader: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

People: **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. You have the words of eternal life.**

Psalm 119:105, John 6:68

Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴ And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵ But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

People: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

People: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Song

At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

**There's a place
Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down**

**At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You**

**There's a place
Where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart
Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down**

**At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You**

Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You
I owe all to You I owe all to You Jesus

Sermon/Watchword *Talk --- New, Knew, Next* Pr Knoll
I Will Praise The Lord As Long As I Live; I Will Sing Praises To My God All My Life Long

Offering Song

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Prayers of the Church *Pray*

The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include whole Church, the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.

Pastor: Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active, Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

People: Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as it is in heaven.

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with these words...

Pastor: You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all glory, honor, and praise.

People: Amen.

Preface, Proper Preface and Sanctus

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

People_(sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.**

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Words Of Institution

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take and eat, this is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." Again after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of Me."

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remembering Your love and Your life we pray as You taught us to pray:

People: 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 and ever. Amen

Distribution Of Holy Communion

All who sincerely believe in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Communion – that the cup of blessing is the Communion of the blood of Christ and the bread is the Communion of the body of Christ, and sincerely believing that in receiving Him we have the forgiveness of our sins, salvation, and strength for the Christian life, come – partake of the Lord’s Supper.

Communion Anthem

Believe For It

Nunc Dimittis

Pastor: Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word;
For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the
face of all people;
A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the + Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.
May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.

People:(Sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Blessing: Child of God, praise the Lord as long as you live.

Pastor: Our worship continues,

People: **our service begins!**

Closing Song

Great I Am

**I wanna be close close to Your side
So Heaven is real and death is a lie
I wanna hear voices of angels above
Singing as one**

**Hallelujah holy holy
God Almighty great I Am
Who is worthy none beside Thee
God Almighty great I Am**

**I wanna be near near to Your heart
Loving the world hating the dark
I wanna see dry bones living again
Singing as one**

**Hallelujah holy holy
God Almighty great I Am
Who is worthy none beside Thee
God Almighty great I Am**

**The mountains shake before You
The demons run and flee
At the mention of Your name King of majesty
There is no pow'r in hell or any who can stand**

**Before the power and the Presence of the great I Am
The great I Am - The great I Am - The great I Am
The great I Am - The great I Am**

**Hallelujah holy holy
God Almighty great I Am
Who is worthy none beside Thee
God Almighty great I Am**

**Hallelujah holy holy
God Almighty great I Am
Who is worthy none beside Thee
God Almighty great I Am**

SHARING OF PEACE AS WE GO IN GOD'S PEACE