

Service for the Lord's Day

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

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Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Le Coucou

Louis-Claude Daquin

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

We come, to offer all we have to God:

our minds, our bodies, our hearts, our hopes.

We come, to offer all we are to God:

our relationships with families and friends,

We come, to offer all we would be to God:

our faith, our discipleship, our yearning to follow Jesus.

◆ Hymn 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

Call of Confession

Prayer of Confession

With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God,

to confess what you already know—

we have failed to keep your laws again and again.

We have followed our own selfish desires,

rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives.

We have twisted your commandments to suit our interests rather than your own.

Forgive us, O God,

and cleanse us from hidden faults,

that the words of our mouths,

and the meditations of all our hearts,

may be acceptable to you,

our Rock and our Redeemer.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS 71

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Family of God, lift up your spirits with thanksgiving to God, whose nature is always to have mercy. Our merciful God lifts our burdens from us, removes the failures of our past, and turns us to new life. Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. And freed to try again. Amen.

◆ Sung Response

HS 22

All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven,
 And God's good will unfailingly be to all people given.
 We bless, we worship You, we raise
 For Your great glory thanks and praise,
 O God, the great Creator.

◆ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

◆ Sung Response (11:00) —see insert **Gathered in God's Name**

Michael Burkhardt

The choir will sing the verse of the response and all will be invited to sing the refrain.

Commissioning of Teachers and Volunteers (11:00) —see insert

God's Word to Us

First Reading

Matthew 6:25-29

Anthem (11:00)

Heavenly Display

Shaker hymn, arr. Kevin Siegfried

The waves of the ocean imitate the rolls of the heavenly music that rolls in heaven.

O le ul lum ul la, O glory to God for this heavenly display.

The wheels of a timepiece imitate the flows of the heavenly love that flows in heaven.

The wings of an eagle imitate the seaphim that soar in the heavens of heavenly love.

Second Reading

Psalm 19

Sermon

Praying Without Words

Ken Henry

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from the *Belhar Confession*

**We believe Christ calls us to be disciples.
In forming his people and sending them into the world,
Jesus called individuals to be disciples.
They were to share the joy of his companionship,
to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death.
We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.
Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
is God's undeserved gift to each of us.
It is also God's demand upon every one of us,
never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.
Forgiven by God and supported by the family of faith, we strive
to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

◆ Hymn 690 (11:00) **God's Glory Fills the Heavens** ST. PATRICK

Prayer of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

◆ Hymn HS 28 **This Is God's Wondrous World** TERRA BEATA

◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Benediction

Postlude *Psaume XVIII: I cieli immensi* M. Benedetto/T. Dubois

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are in memory of Don and Pati Whited from Shann Whited.

The Program Year Begins

at Westminster

Sunday, September 12

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School begins

10:30 a.m. Presentation of Bibles to Fifth and Sixth Graders in the Courtyard

12 p.m. UKirk and 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal

1:30 p.m. Session Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, September 14

7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, September 15

7 p.m. 20/30 CreW Wednesday Wind-Down

Thursday, September 16

5:30 p.m. UKirk Yoga in the Courtyard

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 19

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School

12 p.m. UKirk and 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 Singers Rehearsal

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