

Service for the Lord's Day

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

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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

Psalm Prelude (Ps. 37:11)

Herbert Howells

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

The Holy One says to us:

**When you call to me,
I will answer you.**

The Most High promises us:

**I will be with you in trouble;
I will rescue you and honor you.**

Let us call to the Almighty!

Let us worship God!

◆ Hymn HS 47

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Call to Confession

God does not disappoint those who come in hope, nor does God turn away those who approach in faith. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and uncontainable God,
for trying to contain or comprehend you, forgive us.
Loving and limitless God,
for trying to limit you, forgive us.
Gracious and boundless God,
for not trusting you fully, forgive us and increase our hope.**

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS 70

Kyrie eleison. (x4)

Christe eleison. (x4)

Kyrie eleison. (x4)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hear this good news: God accepts both our courage and our fears.
In the name of Christ, our sins are forgiven.*

Thank be to God! Amen.

◆ Sung Response

**Through north and south and east and west
May God's immortal name be blessed: Alleluia, alleluia!
Till everywhere beneath the sun,
God's reign begins, God's will is done:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

◆ Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

God's Word to Us

A Time with Children and Youth 11:00

Psalter

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

p. 518

Anthem 11:00

Sing, My Soul, God's Wondrous Love

Ned Rorem

Sing, my soul, God's wondrous love,
Who, from yon bright throne above,
Ever watchful o'er this place,
Still to all extends sweet grace.

Heaven and earth by God were made,
All is by God's scepter swayed;
What are we that God should show
So much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good,
Bought us with the Savior's blood,
And, to make our safety sure,
Guides us with a spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore God's name;
And let glory be thy theme:
Praise until God calls thee home,
Trust and love for all to come.

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

p. 692

Sermon

Fields of Hope

Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Ordination and Installation of Carolyn Kelly 11:00

*There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.*

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

*God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.*

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

*Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.*

Statement on Ordination
Presentation of Officer to be Ordained and Installed
Constitutional Questions
Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Jana Surdi

◆ Hymn 714 11:00

God of the Fertile Fields

ITALIAN HYMN

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

Glory to God hymnal

**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,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offertory 8:30
11:00

Prelude in E minor
Fight the Good Fight

Frédéric Chopin
John Gardner

[Text may be found at no. 846 in the Glory to God hymnal.]

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering
 - Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**
 - Praise Christ, all people here below;**
 - Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**
 - Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**
- ◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving
 - God Eternal, you inspired Jeremiah to buy a piece of land when no one could see a future in it. We thank you for the material and spiritual gifts you have given to us and ask that you use them creatively for the good of the world. Grant us such commitment to the future of your people, that you will always have workers for your vineyards and harvesters for your fields. Amen.**

- ◆ Hymn **On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand** PROMISED LAND
(see insert)

During the hymn, the congregation is invited to respond
by bringing forward our Presbytery Hunger Offering for hunger relief work.

- ◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Lobe den Herren, der mächtigen König der Ehren* Helmut Walcha

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The flowers today are given in honor of Carolyn Kelly's 85th birthday from her children,
Caroline Kelly, Elliott Kelly, and Mary Sidney Harbert.*

What's Happening

at Westminster

Sunday, September 25

8:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School

11 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary,

including the Ordination and Installation of Carolyn Kelly

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch in Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Thursday, September 28

6:30 p.m. UKirk Dinner and Discussion in Common Grounds

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Sunday, October 2

World Communion Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Communion

9:30 a.m. Church School

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Joachim Neander, 1680

trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665

LOBE DEN HERREN, 14.14.4.7.8

harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who rules all cre - a
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
4. Praise to the Lord! O for - get not God's man - i - fold gra -



tion! O my soul, praise the one who is thy health and sal -
eth! Lifts thee on ea - gle's wings, yea, and so gent - ly sus -
thee; Sure - ly all good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
ces; All that hath life and breath, see how God's love doth em -



va tion! Come ye who hear, Bro - thers and sis - ters draw
tain - eth! Hast thou not seen, All that is need - ful hath
tend thee: Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
brace us. Let the a - men Sound from the peo - ple a -



near, Join me in glad a - dor - a - tion!
been Grant - ed in what God or - dain - eth?
do, Who with great love doth be - friend thee.
gain: Glad - ly for aye we sing prai - ses.



God of the Fertile Fields

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1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Samuel Stennett, 1787

PROMISED LAND, CM

Southern Harmony, 1835



1. On Jor - dan's storm-y banks I stand, And cast a wish-ful eye
2. Oh, the trans - port-ing, rapt - urous scene That ris - es to my sight,
3. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains Shines one e - ter - nal day.
4. No chill - ing winds, or poi - sonous breath Can reach that health-ful shore;



To Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, Where my pos - ses-sions lie.
Sweet fields ar - rayed in liv - ing green, And riv - ers of de - light.
There God the sun for - ev - er reigns, And scat - ters night a - way.
Sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.

Refrain



I am bound for the prom-ised land, I'm bound for the prom-ised land;



O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.