

A background image of a waterfall cascading over dark, textured rocks. The water is white and frothy as it falls, creating a sense of movement and freshness. The overall scene is natural and serene.

“HAVE MERCY
ON ME,
AND SEND
LAZARUS

**to dip the end of
his finger in water
and cool my tongue.”**

Luke 16:24, NIV

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *God, our Savior, giver of every good and perfect gift, your steadfast love endures forever. You redeem the nations from distress and trouble; you gather your people from the corners of the earth. We enter your courts singing thanksgiving for the bountiful mercies you lavish upon us. Hear our glad praises and be pleased with our worship, for you are worthy of all honor. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* arr. by Hustad
Dr. Terry McRoberts

CHORAL INTROIT *Sing a New Song to the Lord* Hopson
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Rev. John White*

One: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: *We pray God's grace and peace upon you as well.*

One: I will bless the Lord at all times. God's praise shall be continually in my mouth.

ALL: *Our souls make their boast in the Lord. Let the humble hear and be glad.*

One: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears them and rescues them from all their troubles.

ALL: *The Lord is near to those who are brokenhearted; our God saves those who are crushed in Spirit.*

One: The Lord redeems the lives of his servants. None of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

ALL: *Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth! We rejoice in God's presence and worship our Creator!*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty** LOBE DEN HERREN

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

***CALL TO CONFESSION** *Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Merciful God, we confess with sorrow that we have trusted in ourselves and regarded others as less than ourselves. Our voices have been silent when we should have spoken. Our words have rung out when we should have been silent.

ALL: *Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.*

(Silent prayers)

One: Lord, we confess with sadness and grief that we have failed those who trusted us and hurt those who needed us. Too many times we have pursued our own desires at the expense of others. Too many times we have taken your gifts for granted.

ALL: *Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.*

(Silent prayers)

One: Lord, we confess with hope and faith our need of your healing, and our trust in your grace. Cleanse us, we pray, and open us to your transforming grace.

ALL: *Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, and remake us in your image.*

(Silent prayers)

One: Forgive us, O God – and show us the way to new life.

ALL: *Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. Touch us and make us whole. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor does He seek revenge when we forsake Him. Rather, the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who love him. *(from Psalm 103)*

ALL: *Thanks be to God, for His loving kindness has freed us both to give and to receive forgiveness! "Once we were no people, but now we are God's people!" Alleluia! Amen!*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 We Are Forgiven**

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: *And, also, with you.*

THE WORD

***HYMN: 70 What Does the Lord Require of You?**

MOON

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

ANTHEM

Tallis' Canon

Tallis

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 91:1-7; 14-16 (pg. 548)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Luke 16:19-31 (pg. 79-80)*

Rev. John White

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ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

The Essentials

Rev. John White

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*A Creed from Colossians 1:15-23*)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Who is Jesus Christ?

ALL: *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once we were alienated from God, but now God has reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death to present us holy in his sight. Thanks be to God!*

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center aisle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OFFERTORY

The Church's One Foundation

arr. by Jones

Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. Courtney Bowen

***HYMN: 295** *Go to the World!*

SINE NOMINE

SENDING

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

Rev. John White

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go with Us, Lord

Tallis

Chancel Choir

(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude and ask that you use the Postlude as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE

Postlude in G Minor

Broughton

Dr. Terry McRoberts