

Pentecost 16A
Online & Outdoor Worship Bulletin
September 20, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE: *Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing* Siguart Hofland

CALL TO WORSHIP

Whether you arrived here first this morning or came in as the service was beginning, God bids you joyful welcome.

We thank you and thank God for this generous welcome.

You are precious in God's sight, a delight in God's presence.

Lord, we have come seeking your healing mercy.

Know that God's compassionate love is poured over you this day.

Hallelujah!

OPENING PRAYER

As we sing our praise to you, O Lord, we remember the multitude of blessings you have given us. We are mindful of the ways in which you have lifted us when we have fallen low. Be with us this day as we gather to hear your word for our lives.

Amen.

HYMN *O God of Bethel* P. Doddridge & J. Logan

***O God of Bethel, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed,
Who through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led;***

***Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before thy throne of grace;
God of past ages, be the God
Of each succeeding race.***

***Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And raiment fit provide.***

***O spread thy covering wings around
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our God's beloved abode
Our souls arrive in peace.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving Lord, we are such jealous people. We want to make sure that we get what we deserve, that we are always treated fairly. Yet we complain when you treat others, who have not worked as hard or been as faithful, with such love. Just like the workers in the Gospel lesson, we want to know why you are as generous with the late comers as you are with us. After all, we whine, we've been here longer. You are merciful and compassionate. You do not count the time but the quality of the heart. Forgive us, generous Lord, when we have been so petty about your love. Heal and restore us. Help us reach out with love and hope to others in the name of Jesus Christ.

(Silent Personal Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Blessings are showered on all who seek God. Come and rejoice!
God has given us such love and mercy! Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 16:2-15; Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON *Enlarging Our Context*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*I believe in an innovative God,
who does not wait for us to find ourselves
but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.*

*I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative,
that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power
to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.*

*I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,
calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty
and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.*

*I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people,
called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations
as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.*

*Because Christ has called me, in this I truly believe.
Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.*

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

Offertory: *All is Calm*
Prayer of Dedication

Dennis Alexander

HYMN

When The Poor One

J.A. Oliver, M. Manzano, & A. Schumaat

*When a poor one who has nothing shares with strangers,
When the thirsty water give unto us all,
When the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.*

*When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
When they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
When we love though hate at times seems all around us,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.*

*When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
When our lips can speak no words other than true,
When we know that love for simple things is better,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.*

*When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
When we learn how to make peace instead of war,
When each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Today's written prayers are by Nancy C. Townley for the *ministrymatters.com* website. The *Affirmation of Faith*, entitled *This We Believe* is by the late Rev. Bruce Prewer of the Uniting Church of Australia.

Tatiana Akhounzianova is the church organist/pianist.

Prayer Concerns

Bill Richter, Nina (Tatiana's Mother), Kristin & Karin & Steve (Joyce Koenig), George Armenti III, Ann Ventura (Toni Hopcraft), B.J. Cardinali, Robin Schmidt, Art Fletcher, Jennifer Moore (Veronica Moore), Bill Hurlock (Joyce Koenig), Phyllis Clemson, Justin Byrnes (Tom Parziale), Bryan Hague, Al Wermuth (Paul & Sue Wermuth), Vicky Sama (Joanne Sama), Marge McKeever (Brooke and David Parziale), Sheryl Griefe, Jean Marie Dowling (Lore & Rich Pateman), Dorothy Malfatone (Carolyn Malfatone), Debra Sprague, Carol Masatis (Sue and Paul Wermuth), Trish (Lynn Rosol).

Birthdays

Paul Wermuth	September 23 rd
Kristin Linden	September 23 rd
Debra Sprague	September 26 th