



Open Hearts ~ Open Minds ~ Open Doors

9:00 am

10:45 am

September 12, 2010

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"...if we come to church right, we come to it more fully ourselves, with more of our humanness showing, than we are apt to come to most places. We come as strangers and exiles because wherever it is that we truly belong, whatever it is that is truly home for us, we know in our hearts that we have somehow lost it and gotten lost. We come here to find what we have lost."

-- Frederick Buechner

Entrance

Prelude — "The Grace of Jesus"..... Godwin Sadoh
"The God of Abraham Praise"..... Richard Proulx

Introit — "Enter Into His Gates With Thanksgiving"..... Roy Hopp

*Processional Hymn No. 103— "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*Greeting (Based on Psalm 26: 5-9)..... The Reverend Martha Wingfield

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness stretches to the skies.

**Your righteousness towers like the mountains,
your justice is deeper than the sea.**

Yet even in your greatness nothing gets lost.

All shall find refuge under the shadow of your wings.

For you, O Lord, are the source of all life,
and in your light, we see light.

Response — "Gloria Patri"

♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen. ♪

(Latecomers may be seated)

Call to Prayer

When we gather to praise God,
we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to God's.
Accepting God's power to become new persons in Christ,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of the People

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Restore us according to your promises
declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

The mercy of God overflows in Jesus Christ,
who came into this world to redeem the lost.
And so we rejoice that in Jesus Christ we are found, we are forgiven, we are loved.
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hymn Response No. 378 — “Amazing Grace” (Verse 1)

♪ **Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.** ♪

Dedication of Sunday School Teachers (9:00)

(10:45) *Children ages Pre-K - 3rd grade may leave for Sunday School.*

Greetings and Announcements

*Please register your attendance by clearly printing your **first and last** name in the attendance pad
found in each pew, passing the pad to the end of the pew, and then back to the center aisle.*

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer for Illumination — “Then Let These Instruments”Shawn Kirchner

The First Reading — 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (Pew Bible page 1034) (9:00) Lori Ackroyd
(10:45) Roger Ryon

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Anthem — “Grace Above All” Arr. Moses Hogan

O Lord, you have searched me, O Lord, you have known me.
You know when I rise, you know when I sleep, you know my thoughts from afar.
O Lord, you have searched me, my paths and my lying down,
And art acquainted with all my ways.
O Lord, you have heard me before I have spoken.
You know what’s behind, you know what’s before, you place your hand upon me.
Such love is beyond me, such knowledge too wonderful.
It is a grace above all thought.
Whither shall I go from your Spirit? Whither shall I flee your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there; to the ends of the sea you still lead me.
O God, you did form and knit me together, your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
O Lord, precious are your thoughts. How vast are the sum of them.
If I were to count, to list every one, they number even more than the sand.
O Lord, you have searched me...

The Second Reading — Luke 15: 1-10 (Pew Bible page 908)..... The Reverend Mark Feldmeir

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen

*Hymn of Preparation No. 339 — “Come, Sinners, To The Gospel Feast” (verses 1-3, 5)

The Sermon — “Something’s Lost That Must Be Found”.....The Reverend Mark Feldmeir

Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Call to Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

*Greeting — Offering Signs of Peace & Reconciliation

The Offering

Offertory — “Come To Jesus”..... Mindy Smith
Stephanie & Anders Roede

*Doxology No. 95

♪ **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.** ♪

Offertory Prayer

**Ever-present God,
with this offering we present also ourselves,
all that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become,
and our resolve to walk in your way.
Accept us and our offering, we pray, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn No. 733 — “Marching To Zion”

Sending Forth

*The Light of Christ Leads Us Out Into the World

*The Benediction

Choral Benediction — “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”..... Paul Hamill

*The Postlude — “Prelude and Fugue in C Major”..... Vincent Lubeck

**Indicates that you are invited to stand.*

Join us for coffee between services on the patio or at the Sunday School playground.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Today's flowers are donated by Bob & Barbara Mitchell in celebration of their wedding anniversary. The rosebud is donated by Betty Putnam, in celebration of the birth of her great-grand daughter, Ayla Rose, born to parents Ben & Kelsey Mehaffey, and grandparents Larry & Betsy Putnam Mehaffey.

CELL PHONES: Please mute or turn off your cell phones during the service.

GREETERS: (9:00) Don & Kathy Madren (10:45) Gerardo & Patricia Rojas

USHERS: (9:00) Bruce & Kristine Headrick, Paul & Rosella Davis
(10:45) Virginia Odend'hal, Julie Reboulet, Griff Thomas

RECEPTIONIST: (9:00) JoAnne Moran (10:45) Patricia Hoines