

The Lord's Day

September 4, 2016

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Voluntary

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: **My heart sings for joy to the living Lord.**

Leader: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

People: **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

Psalms 84

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: **The Lord's name be praised!**

*Hymn: **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty** #1

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Do not harden our hearts, O God, to the sound of your voice. We confess we don't listen to the word that you send. You give us Jesus, the Word of Life in our midst; we confess our delay in obeying the direction he brings. You promise the Holy Spirit, a source of counsel and power; we confess ignoring your guidance. Forgive us our sin, and help us through Christ to enter the rest you have promised.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us**

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Our assurance is this: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

People: **For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. God sent a Savior, who redeems us of all unworthiness."**

Romans 8:1,3

Leader: Friends, this is the good news!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven; thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri #581

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;** #606

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, may we hear your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalms 116:1-4, 12-14, 17-19**

(Tune: Maryton #738; O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee)

Leader: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "LORD, save me!"

People: **I love the Lord, who heard my voice and answered my most earnest plea;**

When snares of death my life would take, e'en then, O God, I call on Thee.

Leader: What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

People: **I lift salvation's cup from which Thou had me drink to seal my vow;**

And in the sight of all around, I honor my commitment now.

Leader: I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD—in your midst, Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

People: **The recompense for what is mine is to exalt Thy name always;**

My heart with thanks should ne'er run dry, nor tongue refuse to sing Thy praise.

Scripture Reading: **Hosea 6:1-6**

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where a volunteer will lead them in a time of special activities.)

*Hymn: **What a Friend We Have in Jesus** #465

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 9:9-13**

Sermon: **He Eats with Sinners**

*Affirmation of Faith **Nicene Creed** hymnbook page 34

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Anthem: **Let Us Break Bread Together** arr. Mark Milosevich

Brenton Mattox, bass

Megan Curtner, Julie Moore, altos

Kelley McAdams, Emily Rhoades, sopranos

Johnny Brown, tenor

O remembrance of my Lord's death,

Living Bread that gives life to mankind,

Grant that my soul may find its life in Thee,

And ever savor Thy sweetness.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

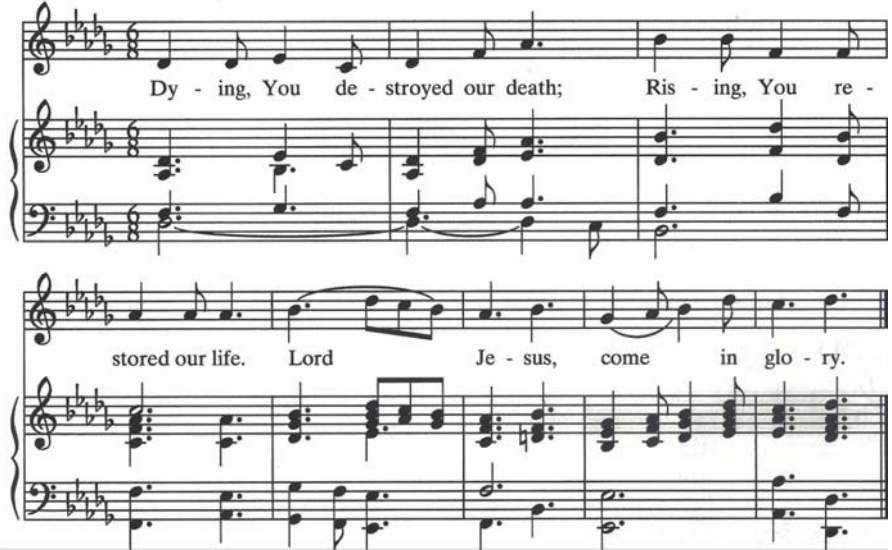
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

RESPONSE: **Holy, Holy, Holy** Argentine folk song

Holy, holy, holy, My heart, my heart adores You!

My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!

RESPONSE: **Dying You Destroyed Our Death**



Dy - ing, You de - stroyed our death; Ris - ing, You re - stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD TOGETHER AND SHARING THE CUP

CLOSING PRAYER:

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

People: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,

People: And he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away. Psalm 148

All: O God of our salvation, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Response: Christ, We Do All Adore Thee T. Dubois

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;
For on the holy cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.
(Interlude)
Christ, we do all adore Thee.

*Benediction

*Closing Voluntary

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers: Chris Kline Charlotte Bock
Jane Brister Rick Bock

Shepherd: Terri Moehring

Reader: Deborah Dalton

Preparing Communion: Lisa Thompson

Serving Communion: James Allums Kristi Hachtel
Al Hejl Bruce McNellie
ElaRuth McCullough

Hosting Reception: Building and Grounds Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 4
12:00 noon Communion Reception
12:00 noon Children’s Choir

Monday, September 5
Labor Day – Office closed

Tuesday, September 6
5:30 pm Prayer Group
5:30 pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday, September 7
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 8
9:30 am Presbyterian Women General Meeting

Sunday, September 11
Rally Day
9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Children’s Choir
12:00 noon Christian Education Committee Meeting
4:00 – 7:00 Blood Drive
5:30 pm Hamburgers and Swimming at Patricia and Tony Thompson’s home

SOUL SISTERS

We will resume meeting on Monday, September 12 at 5:15 pm. We will continue to meet in the same room (windows room). Our study will be Chosen by Walter Brueggemann. It is a study about the history of the Jewish people, conflict between Israel and Palestine, etc. Dr. Brueggemann is a retired Columbia Seminary professor who is an expert on the Old Testament. This study will come with study guide and a glossary of terms. We would love to have others join us for this study. Anyone is welcome. We are a small group of women who have questioning minds and are eager to learn more. If you are interested in learning more about us, call or email Clarice Miller~ 552-7817; miller263@hughes.net.

THE INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP at Westminster Church is always open to persons who wish to join us in witness and service to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in church membership or desire more information about this congregation, please indicate on the Friendship Pad or speak to the pastor, or one of the elders following the service.

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Jesus Eats with Sinners
Alexander Bida 1823-1895

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As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

¹²On hearing this, Jesus said, “[It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Matthew 9:9-13