



## 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*September 17, 2023*

*10:00 am*

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### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

\* all who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.

**Bold** indicates congregational response.

Hymnals are available if you like to read notes.

### INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP\* *(from Psalm 149)*

*Praise the Lord!*

**Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful**

*For the Lord takes pleasure in the people.*

**Let the faithful sing for joy.**

HYMN\*      *“In the Midst of New Dimensions”*      315

PRAYER OF PRAISE\*

CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. We have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in the name of Jesus.**

**(silence)**

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

*The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

RESPONSE TO PARDON\*      582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me.  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me.  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## THE WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

OLD TESTAMENT – Exodus 15:1-11, 20-21 Charles Bostian

OFFERING OF MUSIC                      Adult Choir, Handchimes Choir  
*“Sanctuary”*

GOSPEL\* – Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON                      *“Living in the Kingdom”* Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE\* *(from A Declaration of Faith)*

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God’s reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race, or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.**

## 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.**

HYMN\*                      *“God, How Can We Forgive”*                      445

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION\*

CHORAL RESPONSE\*                      62

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart.  
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.  
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.  
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.**

POSTLUDE *(please remain seated)*

FELLOWSHIP TIME *(everyone is invited!)*

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UPCOMING

September 17, 4:00 pm – Angelo Maker, one of the lost boys of Sudan, will be here at Northside to tell us about the opportunity to support the Abukloi School in South Sudan. We will enjoy a meal of native South Sudanese food.