



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 28, 2025

10:00 am

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

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

**Jesus Christ, who rules over all things,
gathers us in love.**

Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving!

HYMN*

"Give Thanks"

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PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dressed in fine clothes, we feast sumptuously every day, while others long to satisfy their hunger. We have Moses and the prophets, yet we remain unconvinced, waiting for some human warning. Forgive us. In your mercy, convince and comfort us, and lead us to righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(silent confession)

**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.

[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

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.

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**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

"Come Bless the Lord"

OLD TESTAMENT – Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15 Karen Arnold

*"The Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel,
proclaims: 'Houses, fields, and vineyards
will again be bought in this land.'"*

GOSPEL – Luke 16:19-31

*"If they don't listen to Moses and the Prophets,
then neither will they be persuaded
if someone rises from the dead."*

SERMON

"Bridging the Divide" Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE* (*from "The Confession of 1967"*)

The reconciliation of humanity through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples.

The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of population . . . A church that

is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence makes of mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.

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* *"Take My Life and Let It Be"* 697

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* 543, v. 1 Congregation

**God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

**FELLOWSHIP TIME - All are welcome!
11:15 - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES**