

# ***Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

**September 20, 2020    10:30 a.m.**



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# Order of Worship

***The Bells of Taizé***

Taizé  
*Music of Unity & Peace*

***Let All Things Now Living***

LBW 557

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
*To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.*

**Text:** Katharine K. Davis; **Music:** Welsh folk tune

## **Greeting & Response**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and  
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Opening Words

### *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

ELW 733

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
 There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
 Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
 As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

#### **Refrain:**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!**  
**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**  
**All I have needed thy hand hath provided;**  
**Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
 Join with all nature in manifold witness  
 To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.     **Refrain:**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!     **Refrain:**

**Text:** Thomas O. Chisholm; **Music:** William M. Runyan; **Text and music** © 1923, ren. 1951  
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## **Prayer of Confession**

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may love and serve you, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

Almighty God has mercy on you, forgives you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **Psalm 145: 1-8**

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

### **Gospel of Matthew 20: 1-16**

*For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about*

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*five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.*

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God, you have named us and we are yours. Awaken our identity in us daily so that we learn to follow you without fear, even into high water or fire or the darkness of death itself. **Amen.**

## **Sermon**

Pr. Kristine

## **Dear Lord and Father of *Us All***

LBW 506

Dear Lord and Father of *us all*,  
 Forgive our fev'rish ways;  
 Reclothe us in our rightful mind;  
 In purer lives thy service find,  
 In deeper rev'rence, praise.



In simple trust like theirs who heard  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

**Text:** John G. Whittier; **Music:** Frederick C. Maker

## **Prayers of the Church**

Church of Scotland



**Offering/Offertory**

*He Comes to Us  
as One Unknown*

ELW 737

He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard;  
As though within a heart of stone,  
Or shriveled seed in darkness sown,  
A pulse of being stirred, a pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie  
And thoughts of day depart;  
Half-seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky  
Of night within the heart, of night within the heart.

He comes in love as once he came  
By flesh and blood and birth;  
To bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving name,  
For ev'ry child of earth, for ev'ry child of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored:  
The Christ in all the scriptures shown,  
As yet unseen, but not unknown,  
Our Savior and our Lord, our Saviour and our Lord.

**Text:** Timothy Dudley-Smith; **Music:** C. Hubert H. Parry. **Text** © 1984 Hope Publishing Company

**Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set your table in the midst of a suffering world, through the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**





## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Invitation**

Come to the banquet table  
Where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

### **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**

## **The Meal**

***O Living Bread from Heaven***

LBW 197

O living Bread from heaven,  
How well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given  
Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
With praises overflows!

My Lord, you here have led me  
Within your holiest place,  
And here yourself have fed me  
With treasures of your grace;  
For you have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted;  
This food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
 With heav'nly food, while here  
 My course on earth is lengthened,  
 To serve with holy fear.  
 And when you call my spirit  
 To leave the world below,  
 I enter, through your merit,  
 Where joys unmingled flow.

**Text:** Johann Rist; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.; **Music:** Samuel S. Wesley

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious:  
 We give you thanks for binding us together in these holy  
 mysteries of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
 Grant that by your Holy Spirit we may become one in heart  
 and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and receive those eternal  
 joys prepared for all who love you and all whom you love;  
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***On Our Way Rejoicing***

LBW 260

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.  
 Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.  
 Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;  
 Who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy? **Refrain:**

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**On our way rejoicing;  
As we forward move,  
Hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!**

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;  
Unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;  
Unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,  
On our way rejoicing now and evermore.     **Refrain:**

**Text:** John S. B. Monsell; **Music:** Frances R. Havergal

**Thank you and Announcements**

**We extend our deepest gratitude to  
All Saints Episcopal Church  
for their hospitality and assistance in  
bringing worship services to our  
NRC community.**

The worship bulletin for  
September 20  
will be published on the NRC website

[https://northfieldretirement.org/chapel-  
services](https://northfieldretirement.org/chapel-services)

on Thursday, September 17.

## Blessing & Dismissal

Jesus says, *I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Postlude**      *Let All Things Now Living*      Rhonda Reece



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