



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

16th Sunday after Pentecost



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OPENING SENTENCES

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

WELCOME

PRELUDE | Amazing Grace, arr. George Shearing

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146)

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

All: **Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ **HYMN #610** | O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing

+ CALL TO CONFESSION

+ UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. Amen.

+ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

+ **RESPONSE #71** - Surely it is God Who Saves Me

Surely it is God who saves me

I will trust and not be afraid

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense.

And God will be my savior.

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION | Betsy Lunger

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING | James 2:1-10, 14-17 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 229)

Amen. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING | Mark 7:24-37 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 42)

The Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON | Rev. Tara N. Reck

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

+ HYMN #793 | O Christ, the Healer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(EACM's September Needs: Baby wipes, gravy, tomato sauce, canned greens & feminine hygiene products)

OFFERTORY | With a Voice of Singing Martin Shaw

+ DOXOLOGY **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/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 #182 | I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

+ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | Fughetta on "O Christ, the Healer" Johann Sebastian Bach

Our Concerns: Dee Hoge, Mark Ary, (brother of Rick Ary), Sally Stevenson (sister of Carol Blee), Sherry Sachritz (friend of Robert and Raj)

Prayer concerns will remain on our list for a month unless an update is provided to extend the request.

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