

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*I am bent, but not broken. I am scarred, but not disfigured. I am sad, but not hopeless.  
I am tired, but not powerless. I am angry, but not bitter. I am depressed, but not  
giving up.* ~ Anonymous

### PRELUDE

*Morning Has Broken*

Arr. Judy Nishimura  
Jacquelyn Drechsler, flute

### WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

### INTROIT

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to you this day, with burdens and cares in our hearts.

**All: Lord, take these burdens from us and ease our souls.**

One: We come to you this day, with fear and uncertainty about the troubles of this  
world, the future, the paths we tread.

**All: Lord, calm our fears and help us to place our trust in you.**

One: Come, let us worship God whose love is abundant.

**All: Let us praise the God of our salvation who unbinds us from our yokes, heals  
us and sets us free.**

### \*HYMN

*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

GG:796

### OPENING PRAYER

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 58:9b-12, pg. 688

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**We try, O God, to be as loving, caring, and compassionate as you. We know we**

**often fall short. We focus on our own interests, we pursue our own affairs,  
ignoring the yoke of oppression that weighs others down, skipping over the stigma  
that separates some from others. We are in a world of spiritual crisis, O God,  
where many struggle to find meaning and purpose, where they feel diminished  
and dismissed, where they feel they do not matter. Holy One, remind us that we  
are the hands you created to hold and heal others. That we are meant to be  
repairers of the breach. Forgive us when we fail to do this. Give us strength, and  
courage, and ability to reach out and be your presence in the world.**

*(A time of silent confession)*

*Amen.*

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Let go of the demons that bind you in sorrow. Christ has broken those bands and  
reaches out in love for you.

**All: We receive God's loving blessings, for they are given especially for us. In  
Christ we are made whole and set free.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung) *It Is Well with My Soul* GG: 840

*It is well (it is well) with my soul; (with my soul);*

*It is well; it is well with my soul.*

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one  
another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you**

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

## HEARING THE WORD

### ANTHEM

*Siciliana*

J. S. Bach

Jacquelyn Drechsler, flute

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\*HYMN *Will You Come and Follow Me* GG:726

SCRIPTURE: Luke 8:26-39, pg. 68

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Demons that Plague Us" Pastor Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Harmony of the Angels* J. F. Burgmuller

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host;**

**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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.**

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN *Live into Hope* GG:772

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Glory to God*

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in D minor* W. Boyce

\*All who are able please stand.