

**RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.54*

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom.**

**The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, including Concerns and Celebrations

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Hear My Prayer*

Moses Hogan

\*PRAISE HYMN 711

"Lord of All Good"

TOULON

(verse 1)

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;  
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,  
that our whole life is offered to your will.**

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN 839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

Fanny Crosby  
Phoebe Palmer Knapp

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN 295

"Go to the World!"

SINE NOMINE

(verse 4)

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Psalm 19*

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PIANIST: Betsy Burmeister

ADULT CHOIR under the direction of Betsy Burmeister

HANDBELL CHOIR under the direction of David Boardman

\* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Warren Combs



The LORD  
*lifts up*  
those who are  
*bowed down:*  
the LORD  
*loves*  
the righteous.

*Psalm 146:8*

*September 25, 2022*

# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Green      16th Sunday after Pentecost      11:00am Worship

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION      *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*      arr., Tedd Smith

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY      *I've Got the Joy Down in My Heart*      arr., V.W. Stephenson

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the Psalms, it is written:

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

**The Lord God reigns forever,  
for all generations.**

**Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN 305      "Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!"      DARWALL'S 148TH

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of justice and righteousness, you lift up the lowly and fill the empty;  
yet we adore the high and the mighty.**

**You reach out to the poor; yet we ceaselessly pursue wealth.**

**You talk about treasure in heaven; yet we want dollars in our accounts  
right now. Correct our misguided ways. Forgive our lack of generosity.**

**Free us from striving for more and more. Change our hearts so that we can  
tend to things that matter and find our life in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*PRAISE HYMN 587

"Alleluia!"

CELTIC ALLELUIA

(SINGING TWICE)

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

Psalm 146

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16: 19-31

PROCLAMATION

Dana Waters

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Prayer*

Jeanne C. Warzyn