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*A Service for the Worship of God  
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

September 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

PREPARATION

*Please set out a candle that you can light as we light the Christ Candle during worship.*

Gathering Around God's Word

**Prelude**

*Jim Pera*

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Rev. Laura Nile Tuell*

**Minute for Mission**

*Mission Team*

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

*Caroline Adkins*

**Call to Worship**

One: Draw near to the Lord,  
who hears our pleas and our praise.

**All: We come to rest in God's holy presence.**

One: Here is bread that the Lord provides;  
here is manna to nourish our souls.

**All: We gather to feast on God's sustaining Word.**

One: Remember the Lord's wonderful works each evening;  
see God's glory with the morning's light.

**All: Come, let us worship the Lord!**

Hymn # 41

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

(omit verses 2 and 3)

### Prayer of Confession

Lord, your generosity surprises us.  
For you do not mete out grace  
according to how hard we work,  
or how often we worship,  
or how closely we follow the rules.  
No, you lavish grace upon us  
according to your own desire.  
But we insist on deciding  
who is deserving and who is not.  
We grumble that some receive too little  
while others have more than they deserve.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Help us to live with humility and gratitude  
so that our words and deeds  
might embody your grace.

*(Silence for personal reflection and confession.)* Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Caroline Adkins

*One: Here the good news—there is nothing we can say or do to lose God's love*

**All: We give you thanks, O God, that you are gracious and merciful**

*One: God does not treat our sins as we deserve,  
but out of the boundless reservoirs of God's grace.*

**All: Hallelujah! The Lord slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

*One: Thanks be to God!*

### Response to Forgiveness

Hymn 93, verse 3

Ruth Whatley

*Redeemer come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide. Let me thy inner  
presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.*

### Passing of the Peace

Josh Sweeney

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### Hearing God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

Josh Sweeney

### Scripture Reading

Psalm 145:1-8

Josh Sweeney

I will extol you, my God and Sovereign,  
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;  
God's 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.

**Children's Message**

*Rev. Laura Nile Tuell*

**Anthem**

"Ubi Caritas"  
*Victor C. Johnson*

*Small Vocal Ensemble*

**Sermon**

"The Dungeon of Resentment"

*Rev. Laura Nile Tuell*

**Scripture Reading:**

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed God's mind about the calamity that God had said God would bring upon them; and God did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

## *Responding to God's Word*

**Hymn # 435**

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

**Offering**

*Josh Sweeney*

**Presentation Hymn # 607**

Doxology

*(Inclusive Version)*

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

**Affirmation of Faith**

*The Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed, and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

*Josh Sweeney*

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn # 716**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

*omit verse 2*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**



**FLOWERS**

*The flowers for this Sunday's service were given to the glory of God  
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