### **September 17, 2023** 16th Sunday after Pentecost

"Piano Sonata No. 16, mov. I, II" **PRELUDE** Mozart

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS** Lisa Castle

"Our God Is an Awesome God" CHORAL INTROIT AWESOME GOD

**OPENING SENTENCES** 

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Ps. 118:1

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Whether we live or die, we belong to God. Rom. 14:8-9

Christ is Lord of the dead and the living.

Rejoice with me! The lost are found. Luke 15:9-10

There is joy in the presence of God.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**+HYMN: GTG #65** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

**CALL TO CONFESSION** John 3:5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from your neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others.

We have ignored the pain of the world,

and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION** 

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** Phil. 3:9

... Through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

**HYMN: GTG #620** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** 

... Only say the word, Lord, and all shall be well.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and Youth are dismissed to Sunday School

**Invitation to Offering** Heb. 13:16

**OFFERTORY** "Sarabande in d" Bach

+RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Heidelberg Catechism (Germany, 1563)

41. Why was Jesus buried?

His burial testifies that he really died.

42. Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.

43. What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

By Christ's power our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** 

**GOSPEL** 

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Exodus 14:19-31; O.T. page 47 15:1-11, 20-21

> Matthew 18:21-35 N.T. page 16

"Seventy Times Seven" Martin / Ramey ANTHEM

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Exodus 20:1-17 O.T. page 51

**GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 6:5-15 N.T. page 4

**RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE** Rom. 10:8

This is the word of faith that we proclaim. Thanks be to God.

The Lord's Prayer, Part 1: Rev. Dr. Jim Hegedus SERMON

"In the Name of God'

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" +**HYMN**: GTG #291

2 Thess. 3:16, 18 +BLESSING

SPIRIT

Now may the Lord of peace give you peace at all times and in all ways. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

Amen!

+CHARGE Col. 3:17

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. Thanks be to God!

+CHORAL BENEDICTION "Sevenfold Amen" Stainer

**POSTLUDE** "Waltz in a minor" Chopin

> You are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments after worship in the Memorial Room.

*It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.* 

**SERVING US TODAY** 

**Liturgist:** Suzanne Lang **Greeters:** Ron Dlouhy and Jane Hamelink **Sound:** Timothy Pinches Livestream: Tami Chapman **Security:** Doreen Chapman

Today's flowers are given by

Rebecca Cornish in memory of Eleanor & Leslie Palmer

The rose on the table in the Chancel

is to celebrate the birth of Hank Paul Hughson, son of Isabel and Lance Hughson and grandson of Lori Filka, born on September 1

#### **CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE**

#### #52. 2 Corinthians:

Leaving Ephesus, Paul travels to Troas and Macedonia, and writes another letter ("2 Corinthians") to the church in Corinth. (Acts 20:1; 2 Cor. 2:12-13) (c. AD 56-57)

#### **THE STUDY CATECHISM**

Question 93. What is the first commandment?

"You shall have no other gods before me" (Ex. 20:3; Deut. 5:7).

#### Question 94. What do you learn from this commandment?

No loyalty comes before my loyalty to God. I should worship and serve only God, expect all good from God alone, and love, fear and honor God with all my heart.

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#### **MINISTERS**

All Members

#### **STAFF**

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Adult Spiritual Growth Coordinator: Michelle Mackey Child Care: Jill Castle, Aimee Cruickshank, Isaiah Hawkins, Hannah Koutz, Sam Pinches, Lucy Simons

#### **ELDERS**

Class of 2023: Bruce Archer (clerk), Tim Hammond, Mary Ozee, Steve Sowles.
Class of 2024: Jerry Ambrose, Lucinda Davenport, Loren Harkness, Tonya Seely.
Class of 2025: Doreen Chapman, Anita Cote, Mary Garland Jackson,
Monte Shuck.

#### **DEACONS**

Class of 2023: Lisa Castle, Jay Harkness, Vern Schrock. Class of 2024: Donna Hujsak, Issie Nielsen, Camille Subject. Class of 2025: Marge Clarke, Julie Dart, Timothy Pinches, Tom Seely.

#### **DAILY PRAYER**

Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2018)

#### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

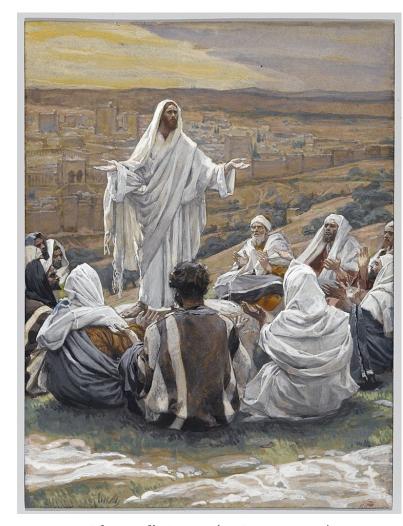
All Week	Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reserv	ation
Today	Adult Sunday School (The Chosen)	11:15 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Finance Committee	8:00 am
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Verlin Cook	Sept. 18
Jerry Richards	Sept. 18
Mike Cantrell	Sept. 22
Marge Clarke	Sept. 23

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The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

(Galatians 5:22-23)