

September 17, 2023 ~ 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements ~ Pattie Benoit, liturgist

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

People: God our Father, show your love to us this day as we worship you.

Leader: The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in love.

People: Jesus, empower us to faithfully follow you and be beacons of this overflowing love for the world. Amen.

*\*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

\*Hymn ~ "10,000 Reasons" (J. Myrin & M. Redman)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

God, you have graciously poured out your love and grace to us and you forgive our sins when we confess. At times, though, we struggle to forgive those who have hurt or wronged us. Lord, may we remember your powerful forgiveness and work to share that with one another. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #71 ~ "Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me" (refrain)

*Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.*

*For the Lord is my stong-hold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.*

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ "Shout to the Lord" (refrain)

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King; Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.*

*I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand, nothing compares to the promise I have in You.*

Offering Prayer

**\*Doxology#606 ~ “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (Avery & Marsh)  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.***

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 103:8-13**

**Special Music ~ “Held by His Grace” (P. Mock) - Celebration Choir**

**Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 18:21-35**

**Message ~ “You gotta forgive how much?!”**

**\*Hymn #743 ~ “Step by Step” (x2)**

**A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.**

**Prayer Preparation ~ “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”  
*Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Incline thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.***

**The Lord’s Prayer ~ *in unison***

**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 #853 ~ “We Are Marching in the Light of God”**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Response ~ “You Shall Go Out with Joy”  
*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there’ll be shouts of joy,  
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.***

**Postlude**

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**Mike and Margaret Weber invite you to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary next Sunday, September 24, 2023. They will serve cake and ice cream in the lobby following the service. Please join them for a time of celebration and fellowship!**

**The next ROMANS event will be Sunday, October 29, 2023, immediately following the worship service.**

**Chancel Flowers** may be ordered from the Board of Deacons for any of the remaining available Sundays in 2023. Order forms are in the office. Please check the chart on the lobby wall for an open date **before** placing your order.

**Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE**



Karen Erwin, Steve Boyak, Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin  
August and Faith Kornowicz  
Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim and Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone  
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell  
Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson  
Pat Garrett ~ sister of Don Tulley; Nate Statly (MSU shooting victim) ~ friend of Joey Nicholas  
Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips  
Elizabeth ~ sister-in law of Pat Garvey and Andy ~ nephew of Pat Garvey  
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff  
Joan Velis and family; John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski  
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham  
Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend of Terry Earnley  
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz  
Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley  
Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor  
Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor  
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz  
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock  
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen  
Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck  
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit  
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright  
Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham; Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet  
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour  
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook  
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo  
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank  
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis