



Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 16, 2012

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *(Children ages 3 yrs -1st grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder: Come away from dullness and complacency.
Wake up! God is calling us to listen and learn.

PEOPLE: **THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING THE GLORY OF GOD.
THE FIRMAMENT PROCLAIMS GOD'S HANDIWORK.**

Elder: How long will we refuse the wisdom God offers?
How long will we ignore God's counsel and reproof?

PEOPLE: **THE LAW OF GOD IS PERFECT, REVIVING THE SOUL.
THE DECREES OF GOD ARE SURE, MAKING WISE THE SIMPLE.**

Elder: Our waywardness separates us from God.
Then, when we call on God, we hear no answer.

UNISON: **WE GATHER TO RENEW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.
WE SEEK ENLIGHTENMENT AND THE REVIVAL OF OUR SOULS.**

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 93
Praise Him! Praise Him!

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Charles Kelly

*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

God of all wisdom, renew our sense of awe and wonder as we gather before you, the Source of all knowledge. Make your Word known to us, and stretch out your hand to touch us. Draw us away from our own devices that we may truly listen to the witness of all creation speaking of wonders we have ignored. Give us eyes to see beauty in all that is around us. Align us with truth and righteousness. Quiet our scoffing and awake our trust. Show us the disciplines we need to stay in touch with you each day. In the name of the one whose cross-bearing life shows us the way, Christ our Lord, we pray this day, "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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35

THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg 594).....Isaiah 50:4-9a

ANTHEM.....arr. Stanford
When in Our Music God is Glorified

SECOND READING (pg 820).....Mark 8:27-38

SERMON.....Rev. Cyd Cowgill
The Things That Are Human

SILENT MEDITATION

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....arr. Banks Ewell
Seek Ye First

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We offer the treasures of this world as a way of recalling all of us to a right relationship with you, O God, the source of all wisdom and truth. Your design for life is more to be desired than the finest gold. To learn from you and to serve you is our highest joy. May our offerings and our daily lives communicate this message. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 46

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 339 (vs. 1,3,4)
Just As I Am, Without One Plea

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Fred Fritts

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Ben Cowgill

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Olson
Abide with Me

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us.
It is by His invitation we are fed.*

You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 346 (vs. 1,2,3, Refrain)**

Where He Leads Me

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.

*** BENEDICTION**

***TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

***POSTLUDE**

***PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Bill Taylor, Cheryl Jarvis, Bill Loftis, Nina Milam



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that
you will experience God's presence in the week ahead.
See you next Sunday!*



The Welcome Loaf

*We offer a loaf of fresh bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence.
Please greet Rev. Cyd at the door following worship to receive your loaf.*



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