



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2015

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2nd grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.)* †

PRELUDE.....John Carter

On Eagle's Wings

*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Jonathan Martell

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Alex Everett

*WORSHIP HYMN.....CH. 357

We Call Ourselves Disciples

*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 around us. Align us with truth and righteousness. Quiet our scoffing and awaken our trust. Show us the disciplines we need to stay in touch with You each day. We ask these in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "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

Glory Be to the Father

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

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

SOLO.....Allison Nutting

SECOND READING *(pg. 981)*.....James 3:1-12

MESSAGE.....Mark E. Poindexter

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Henry Purcell

Turn Then Thine Eyes

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.

*GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 546

Amazing Grace

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Mary Redmon

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Bob Nutting

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. John Schaum

Ave Maria

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

