



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

Some tips for our time together:

1. Please mute your Zoom feed. There will be moments for you to share as you feel led at which point you can unmute.
2. As is typical, the singing and bold print are for communal response. Caroline and Dave will be unmuted and be the “out-loud” voice of the people. We invite you to sing and say the words aloud along with them where you are while muted.
3. Follow along in the bulletin on a separate device (e.g. phone)
4. We aren’t sure, but it might make sense to switch back and forth between the ‘gallery’ and ‘active speaker’ modes. Perhaps utilizing active speaker mode for the reading of scripture, homily/sharing, and prayers of the people, while using gallery for the rest.
5. Create sacred space. Find symbols of the faith—cross, candles, Bible, bowl of water, icons—to put on a table near you during this time.
6. Asterisks in the bulletin indicate where the congregation is invited to stand.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP* (adapted from *Voices Together*)

Jesus calls us
to praise and prayer,
to song and silence;

Jesus calls us to worship.

Jesus calls us
to hearing and healing,
to service and solidarity;

Jesus calls us to love.

Jesus calls us
to simplicity and trust,
to carry our cross and lose our lives.

Jesus calls us to follow.

We hear the call of Christ.

We come and worship God.

SONG - Jesus, We Come

Out of our bondage, sorrow, and night,
Jesus, we come, Jesus we come.
Into your freedom, gladness, and light,
Jesus, we come to you.
Out of our sickness into your health,
out of our want and into your wealth,
out of our sin and into yourself,
Jesus, we come to you.

Out of our shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, we come, Jesus, we come.
Into the glorious gain of your cross,
Jesus, we come to you.
Out of earth's sorrows into your balm,
out of life's storms and into your calm,
out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, we come to you.

SONG* - Tu Fidelidad

Tu fidelidad es grande,
tu fidelidad, incomparable es.
Nadie como tú, bendito Dios,
grande es tu fidelidad.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, we come, Jesus we come.
Into your blessed will to abide,
Jesus, we come to you.
Out of myself to dwell in your love,
out of despair into hope from above,
onward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, we come to you.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, we come, Jesus, we come.
Into the joy and light of your home,
Jesus, we come to you.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
into the peace of your sheltering fold,
ever your glorious face to behold,
Jesus, we come to you.

I depend upon your faithfulness,
I can journey on, for you are always there.
None compares with you, oh blessed One;
oh, how great your faithfulness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(adapted from Amy Loving)*

**Holy God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbor
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
You have invited us to see with a new vision,
but we continue in our old ways.
You call us to set aside our selfish desires
so that we may embrace your good desires,
but we refuse to let go.
Forgive us, O God,
and let us take up our cross
and follow the way of your Son,
knowing his yoke is easy
and his burden is light.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SONG - Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee,
lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Isaiah 50:4-9

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

GOSPEL LESSON* - Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON - Pastor Aaron

RESPONSE

SONG - I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus,
no turning back, no turning back.

My sin behind me, the cross before me.
My sin behind me, the cross before me.
My sin behind me, the cross before me,
no turning back, no turning back.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

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DOXOLOGY*

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING

SONG* - The Summons

Will you come and follow me,
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let your love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you,
and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind,
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you,
and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide,
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you,
and you in me.

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you,
and you in me.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*