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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...  
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

**Sunday, September 25th, 2022  
Ten o'clock  
16th Sunday after Pentecost**

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REFLECTION

*"In the Gospels, Jesus is asked 187 questions. He answers (maybe 8 of them). He himself asks 307. Maybe faith isn't about certainty but learning to ask—and sit with Jesus in the complexity of—good questions." - Kevin Nye*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this morning, as every morning,  
**We are surrounded by God's grace.**  
In these moments, as every moment,  
**We are called to discipleship by Jesus.**  
Throughout this day, as every day,,  
**We are taught peace and hope by the Spirit.**

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?  
The King of glory, the King of glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
All that You've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy, worthy, worthy

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
All that You've done for me  
All that You've done for me

\*GATHERING SONGS

*"Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"*

Come Thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Here by Thy great help I've come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above  
Here's my heart  
Oh take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*IN UNISON*)

**All we need to do is open our mouths, Teacher of hearts, to show that we give our tongues free rein. We claim we love others, but speak bitter words to them. We think we are good and gracious people but hurl epithets at those we do not like, or those we fear. We are quicker to speak of judgement for others, rather than being voices for justice.**

**But with your gracious mercy, Tender-hearted God, you can put out the wildfires of bitterness sparked by our words. You can stop the words on the tips of our tongues and transform them into whispers of peace and love. You can open our ears so that we can hear**

**all that your Teacher of grace and hope, Jesus the Messiah, has to share with us, in these moments and those to come. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Can we handle it-the good news; the fact that Christ's grace can transform us; that Jesus can teach us new songs; that God can fill us with hope and joy?

**It is hard to believe, which may be why it is hard to accept it. But God loves us, Jesus has mercy on us, The Holy Spirit is with us. Thanks be to our Triune God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 582

*"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"*

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end, Amen.  
World without end, without end, Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### MINUTE FOR MISSION

FIRST LESSON

Mark 8:22-30

Page 33, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"It Is Well With My Soul"*

arr. Cindy Berry

SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

Page 55, NT

SERMON

"Jesus Is The Question: Who Am I?"

Rev. William Schram

\*HYMN NO. 817

*"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"*

DUNLAPS CREEK

We walk by faith and not by sight, with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side,

Nor follow where you trod:

But in your promise we rejoice and cry,

"My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.

And when our life of faith is done, and realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

#### \*CLOSING SONG

*"Rock of Ages"*

Elevation Worship

Rock of ages, cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in thee  
Let the water and the blood  
From thy wounded side which flowed  
Be your sin, the double cure  
Save from wrath and make me pure

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill the law's commands  
Should my passion never fade  
And my efforts all be weighed  
All for sin could not atone  
You must save and you alone

Rock of ages  
No one takes your life  
Yet you died that I might live  
Costly grace you freely give  
Rock of ages  
You have paid the price  
You were cleft to cover me  
Let me hide myself in thee

Nothing in my hand I bring  
Simply to the cross I cling  
Naked come to thee for dress  
Helpless look to thee for grace  
Wretched to the fount I fly  
Wash me, Savior, or I die

Rock of ages  
No one takes your life  
Yet you died that I might live  
Costly grace you freely give  
Rock of ages  
You have paid the price  
You were cleft to cover me  
Let me hide myself in thee

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

Hal Hopson

**\*Those who are able may stand.**

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**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Rev. William Schram

Valerie Shondel, Music Director

Jessica Goodson, Pianist

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Alan Smulen, Cantor

Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers

Michael Sperrazza, Matthew Califf & Samuel Gyan, AV Team