

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 2020

9:00 a.m.

**All who are able may stand.*

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

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Masks are to be worn throughout the service.
Please remain seated for the hymns.
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The Prelude *Andante Moderato*, from "Romance Sans Paroles," Op. 17, No. 3 arr. Jacques-Louis de Champd'homme

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

The Call To Worship (from *Psalm 105*) Trina Parsons, liturgist

Give thanks to God Who spread a cloud for a covering and gave fire to light the night,
**Who opened the rock and water gushed forth
and flowed through the desert sands.**

Seek the Lord and the strength only God can give, a presence that continually abides.
**We will remember the wonderful works God has done,
the miracles, and the judgments God made.**

The Prayer of Adoration

The Hymn 81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

*Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God. God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for a blest abode. On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near. Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.*

*See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove. Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.*

The Prayer of Confession

It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, to school or home with us. We believe that the gospel can transform lives for those who need it – but surely, not us. Forgive us, Presence of Peace. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet ... (time for silent confession)...

The Assurance of Pardon

This is the Good News: there is no ranking in God's kingdom.
God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.
**God has kept covenant. We have been forgiven,
we have been made new people. Alleluia! Amen.**

*The Gloria Patri (spoken)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.**

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 16:2-15*

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 105*

The Anthem *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

Mark Shepperd, arr.

The Epistle Lesson: *Philippians 1:21-30*

A Moment With the Children

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 20:1-16*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

It's Just Not Fair
Brittany Tamminga

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

*The Hymn 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

*Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to Thee, and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to Thee entirely give.*

*O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may Thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.*

*O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away, where'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.*

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

Fantasia On "Iste Confessor"

arr. Lani Smith

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Kindly remain seated during the Postlude.

You will be dismissed by our Safety Ushers from the back to the front of the
Sanctuary. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

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Announcements for September 20-27

Let the 'Amen' sound from God's people again!

One of our elders noted this phrase from a hymn in worship where we gathered on Sunday for the first time in 6 months. How wonderful it was to sing them in praise on the Lord's Day again. The same week that we resumed Sunday morning worship, a child was born into our family.

While the pandemic of this year has upset so much of our life together, some things endure even if altered in size or scope --- Other things continue and sometimes are more than words can say. Despite the turmoil, the accommodations, the fear, isolation and depression that have come with the spreading of this particular germ life does go on.

One of my favorite hymn writers shared these words that spoke to me deeply this week of new beginnings:

*Each breath is borrowed air,
not ours to keep and own,
and all our breaths as one declare
what wisdom long has known:
to live is to receive
and answer back with praise
to what our minds cannot conceive:
the source of all our days.*

(Thomas Troeger)



Whether virtually or in person, please join us for worship. And "Rejoice with those who rejoice!" (see Romans 12:15)

Warmly,
Allen

Reserve Your Seat for Sunday Worship

If you would like to participate in Worship in the Sanctuary this Sunday, please make a reservation by calling the church office, 540-373-7057, Monday - Friday between 9:00 a.m. and Noon. You may also make a reservation online through ACSReservations by clicking on this link https://secure.accessacs.com/access/login_guest.aspx?sn=90894. This is a new system so don't hesitate to call the church office if you have questions.

Birthdays this week September 20-27

20. Brad Repp
21. Shirley Eye, Denise Hamlett, Don Newlin
22. Rim Vining
23. Terri Kunkler
25. Ryan Coddington, Hannah Fisher, Caroline Major,
Vickie Neely, David Peterson, Trey Talmadge
26. Joan Hamb, Judy Hansen, Don Nance,
Drew Spinnanger
27. Jediah Blashford, William Hamilton

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, September 27:

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern:

Donn Langfitt, Kaci LeFebre,
Karla Lewis, Billie Plank



Thank for your faithful support of our ongoing ministries. Please send your checks to the church office or give online through our website www.fredericksburgpc.org.



Christian Education for the Fall Semester

Children's and Family Ministry and Education - We will be providing families with weekly at-home education resources.

Youth Ministry and Education

All Youth Church School Classes and Fellowship Groups will convene on Sunday evenings from 5-6 p.m.

In-person Fellowship outside on Church Grounds (Each participant MUST wear a mask)

Middle School Fellowship will meet in-person the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

High School Fellowship will meet in-person on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

*There will be no meetings on 5th Sundays.

Virtual Church School

Middle School Church school will meet virtually the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

High School Church School will meet virtually the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

*There will be no youth meetings on 5th Sundays.

Adult Ministry and Education (Youth participation is welcomed and encouraged)

Holy Disunity: How What Separates Us Can Save Us ~ Sunday – 10:30 a.m.

Coordinators: Jim and Patty Toler

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83350523383?pwd=bmdyTTFkZkgyNTh4Z1JzWXR2bm95dz09>

Faith and Movie Class ~ Sunday – 12:00 p.m. Movie for Sunday, September 20: **Social Dilemma** (2020) A Netflix documentary on social media in America

Coordinators: Eric and Kathy Rocholl; Marty and Vicky Wilder

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88328822463?pwd=aldXZVRxZ3MvaktkN2ZsUVR3bUOyOT09>

Parables and Peanuts ~ Sunday – 4:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Bill Nix

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82114607291?pwd=dkZEU2R6eVYrOUVUeHIWYVQ5WWUydz09>

The **Men's Breakfast Group** will begin meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday (9/22). The time will remain at 7:30 a.m. and a zoom option will available. John Howe will continue to be the contact person.

Meetings & Activities

Wednesday, September 16— Meditation Group, 6:30 p.m.

Contact Marsha Lockett (lockett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.

Thursday, September 17 — Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Contact Marsha Lockett (lockett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.

Handbells, 6:00 p.m. (Sanct. Balcony)

Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Saturday, September 12— Memorial Service for Gene Brower (Live-stream)

Sunday, September 20— Worship, 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary & Youtube)

Holy Disunity Book Study, 10:30 a.m. (Zoom)

Faith & Movie Class, 12:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Parables & Peanuts Class, 4:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Sacred Dance, 4:00 p.m. (Undercroft)

Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m. (In-person)

High School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Monday, September 21— Mission Committee, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 22 — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30 a.m. (FH & Zoom)

Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net) for the Zoom link.

C.E. Committee, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 23 — Meditation Group, 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Worship Committee, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

