

“The Holy Spirit is present in each of us, and thus we have the capacity for the fullness of redemption, of transformation.” ~ *Thomas Keating*

* Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able.

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE *Prelude on a Folk Hymn* G.M. Martin

WELCOME TO ALL!

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey
you are welcome here!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

INTROIT *In God Alone* Taizé

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 103)

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul! And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

P: **Bless the Lord, O my soul! And do not forget all our divine gifts.**

L: God forgives and heals; God redeems and transforms; God surrounds us with steadfast love and mercy.

P: **So, let us give thanks today for the many blessings in our lives.
Let us be grateful. Let us be generous and loving.**

All: **Let us find ways to bless others, through the church, through our relationships and in every way we can. Let us be a blessing!**

LET US PREPARE

***HYMN** *O My Soul, Bless You Creator* B 13

UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

LET US LISTEN

READING Matthew 18:21-35

HYMN *O Holy Spirit, Enter In* R 244

REFLECTION **“Thoughts and Prayers”**

ANTHEM *If With All Your Hearts* F. Mendelssohn

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Meditation*

***DOXOLOGY** B 780
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* UNISON PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION

LET US GO FORTH

***HYMN** *There's A Wideness In God's Mercy* R 101

***BENEDICTION**

***AMEN** “Seven-fold Amen” R 594

POSTLUDE *Break Forth Into Joy* J.S. Bach

Ministers: **The People**
Pastor: **Rev. Steve Miller**
Minister of Music: **Gene Faxon**
Worship Leader: **Nancy Elder-Wilfrid**
Greeters: **David Felton, Ken and Suze Campbell**
Ushers: **Marcia Breckenridge and Roy Lake**
Setup: **Annie Gordon**
Flowers: **Marcia Breckenridge**

Please join us for coffee after worship to welcome and celebrate our former interim minister, Rev. David Felton.



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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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