



Order of Worship for 8/16/26

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has forgiven us and drawn us close,

Reconciling us through Jesus Christ,

Who lavished upon us

The fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.

With glad and grateful hearts, let us praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, whose compassion embraces everyone, gather the outcast and the lost, heal the wounds of fear and distrust, and make us a community of reconciliation that we may embody your merciful love and rejoice in your astounding grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN #423**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blessed.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;

Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us that our lives may testify to your abounding grace through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ, **we are forgiven.**

***HYMN #577**

Glory Be to the Father

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 11:1-2a; 29-32
New Testament page 160

SCRIPTURE LESSON

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Matthew 15:10-28
New Testament page 17

SERMON

Rev. TJ Shirley

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Confession of 1967

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between siblings and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships in life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize their fellow humans, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #419**

How Clear is our Vocation, Lord

1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
When once we heed Your call:
To live according to Your word,
And daily learn, refreshed, restored,
That You are Lord of all
And will not let us fall.

2 But if, forgetful, we should find
Your yoke is hard to bear,
If worldly pressures fray the mind
And love itself cannot unwind

Its tangled skein of care:
Our inward life repair.

3 We mark Your saints, how they became
In hindrances more sure,
Whose joyful virtues put to shame
The casual way we wear Your name,
And by our faults obscure
Your power to cleanse and cure.

4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,
Together or alone,
In old routines or ventures new,
May we not cease to look to You--
The cross You hung upon--
All You endeavored done.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #592**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord help us. **We trust in you.**

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN #358**

Help Us Accept Each Other

1 Help us accept each other
As Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother,
Each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
And bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted
And meant to love and live.

2 Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons,
As in our daily life
We struggle to be human
And search for hope and faith
Teach us to care for people,
For all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them
Or as they may become.

3 Let Your acceptance change us,
So that we may be moved

In living situations
To do the truth in love;
To practice Your acceptance
Until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness
And laughter's healing art.

4 Lord, for today's encounters
With all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance,
For righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing,
New hands for holding on:
Renew us with Your Spirit;
Lord, free us, make us one!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Liturgical resources from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion* and *Book of Common Worship* (2018).

