

*Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.*

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 21, 2024**

*The asterisk (\*) indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Silent Prayer of Preparation (Psalms 89)**

*Holy God, your faithful love toward us never ends! It is as sure and dependable as the sky over our heads. We praise you! We've gathered in this place to offer you our worship and our thanksgiving; to declare to any who will listen that you are our God, and we are your people. May your Spirit be at work among us as we worship, opening our eyes to the light of your presence in this place. Amen.*

## **Gathering Music**

### **The Gathering of God's People**

#### **Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

arr. Janet Linker

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Minute for Mission**

Cruise In

Ken Morlock

Nominating Committee

Stephanie Huddleston

## **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Even though darkness and fear threaten to overcome us and swallow us.

**People: Yet we will place our hope and trust in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: For he is the light of the world.

**People: His love will shine on us, in us, and through us to all God's people.**

Leader: We come to the presence of Christ with sadness and sorrow

**People: And he offers his healing love, restoring us to light and joy.  
Amen!**

**The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon****\*Call to Confession****\*Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Forgiving God, how many times we have spoken words of commitment and faith and then turned our backs on those commitments to follow the temptations of the world. We wander after the false prophets of greed, selfishness, arrogance, ignorance, hatred, stubbornness, and then shout our displeasure at how we are being treated. We want you to come in and clean up all our messes, excusing us from any responsibility for them. Forgive us for such foolishness. Help us remember the power of your healing love, which has been given for us. Forgive us when we think we know everything and then discover that we have behaved and thought in ignorant ways. Teach us to listen and to place our trust in your abiding power. For we ask this in Jesus’ name. AMEN.**

*(Silent prayer of confession)*

**\*Assurance of Pardon****\*Response Hymn** “All Creatures of Our God and King” (v. 6)

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**Ministry of the Word****Prayer for Illumination****Children’s Sermon****First Scripture Reading**

II Samuel 7:11-14

**Solo**

“Free At Last”

Roger Miller, 1986

**Second Scripture Reading**

Mark 6:30-56

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**The Response to the Word**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

**\*Hymn**

“There is a Place of Quiet Rest”

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**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.**

**Invitation to Offering**

**\*Response**

Doxology

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**The Sending of God's People**

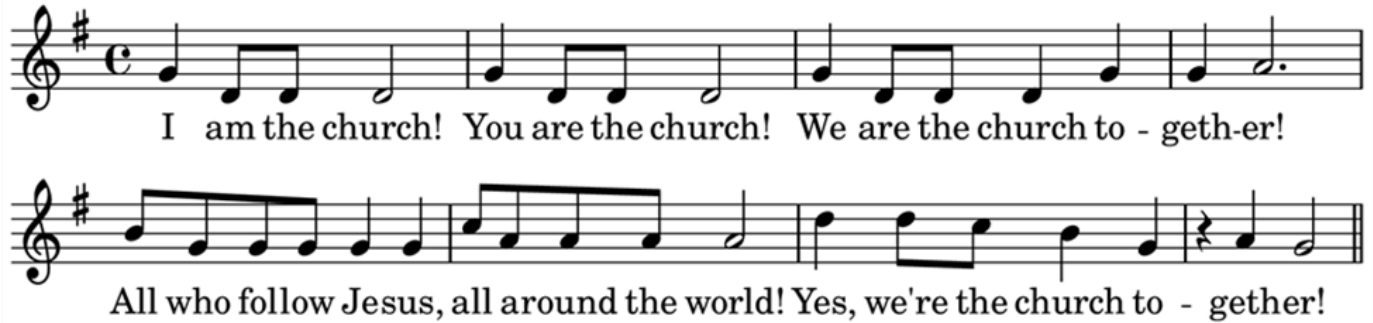
**\*Closing Hymn**

“What a Friend We have in Jesus”

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**\*Charge and Blessing**

## \*Congregational Response “We Are the Church”



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!".

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All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!

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## \*Postlude

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

arr. John Carter

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**Liturgist:** Cherie Watters

**Music Director:** Thomas Lloyd  
**Organist:** Carol Welk  
**Soloist:** Paul Oswalt