

**16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(*=**please stand if you are able**)

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

P: Bless God’s holy name.

L: God forgives. God heals. Gods transforms with steadfast love.

P: Bless God’s holy name.

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

Hymn of the Month GTG #637

“Cantad al Señor (1,2 English and Spanish)”

Call to Confession

Before we can hear God’s truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to Go

Prayer of Confession

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God’s path of righteousness.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Gloria Patri GTG#103**

“Glorify thy Name / Cantos y Oraciones

Glorify thy Name

Glorify thy Name in all the Earth

Gloria a ti Señor, Gloria a ti Señor

Gloria a tu nombre por doquier

Prayer for Illumination

Open us, Eternal God, to your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from your truth or avoid your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom you offer. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 15:1b-11; 20-21

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: I will sing to the Lord, for an overflowing victory! Horse and rider he threw into the sea! The Lord is my strength and my power; he has become my salvation. This is my God, whom I will praise, the God of my ancestors, whom I will acclaim. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name. Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he hurled into the sea; his elite captains were sunk in the Reed Sea. The deep sea covered them; they sank into the deep waters like a stone. Your strong hand, Lord, is dominant in power; your strong hand, Lord, shatters the enemy! With your great surge you overthrow your opponents; you send out your hot anger; it burns them up like straw. With the breath of your nostrils the waters swelled up, the floods surged up in a great wave; the deep waters foamed in the depths of the sea. The enemy said, “I’ll pursue, I’ll overtake, I’ll divide the spoils of war. I’ll be overfilled with them. I’ll draw my sword; my hand will destroy them.” You blew with your wind; the sea covered over them. They sank like lead in the towering waters. Who is like you among the gods, Lord? Who is like you, foremost in holiness, worthy of highest praise, doing awesome deeds? Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand. All the women followed her playing tambourines and dancing. Miriam sang the refrain back to them: Sing to the Lord, for an overflowing victory! Horse and rider he threw into the sea!

L: This is the word God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem:

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?” Jesus said, “Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold. Because the servant didn’t have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan. “When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins. He grabbed him around the throat and said, ‘Pay me back what you owe me.’ “Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ But

he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt. “When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. His master called the first servant and said, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. Shouldn’t you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt. “My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don’t forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Please, Be Patient With Me”

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**Hymn GtG 753 “Hazme un instrumento de tu paz / Make me a Channel of Your Peace (English 1,3) (Spanish 1, 4)”
EHP 383**

Words of Gratitude

We are inspired to be generous by a generous God. We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers. In gratitude to God, let us present our tithes and offerings.

Offertory GTG#701

RESPOND IN GRACE

“Lord, Prepare Me/ Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living
sanctuary for you.

*** Doxology**

“Praise the Name of Jesus / English and Spanish”

Praise the name of Jesus. Praise the Son of God.

Glory, glory be to Christ our King, Jesus Christ, Son of God;

Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Gloria sea a Cristo, De Dios, Hijo es él.

Gloria, gloria sea a Cristo el Rey, A Jesús, Hijo de Dios,

A Jesús, de Dios Hijo es él

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ’s mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

Prayers of the People (See backpage)

***Lord’s Prayer**

Hymn GTG #339

“Lift every voice and Sing”

Announcements

Benediction

God is Good! All the time! All the Time! God is Good!

God does not abandon us. God’s love is steadfast. May this love inspire all our relationships as we leave this house of worship, knit together in God’s love, bound as a community of Christ, guided by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Amen

Postlude

Prayers of the People

Loving God, as summer rapidly rolls into fall and busy schedules give us little space to pause and contemplate the eternal, we quiet ourselves now to enter your presence, to open our minds and hearts, to breathe the air you provide, to feel our hearts' beat, to give thanks, and to lift our prayerful petitions.

You bless us, God, with your steadfast love, surrounding us during times of suffering, comforting us in sorrow, offering us hope to face whatever is ahead. There is so much devastation, so much pain — we cannot wrap our minds around it all. Yet we petition you, Great God of All, to be with your people struggling to recover from natural disasters, to strengthen your people oppressed by worldly powers and greedy regimes, to soften hearts hell bent on war and violence, to heal those who are wounded, sick and grieving.

Faithful God, we trust you will never abandon us. We trust in your promise to provide for us, our children and your creation. We know joy because of you. We are blessed with friends and family and neighbors by your call to beloved community. Even amid suffering, you grace us with joyful opportunities to laugh, play, sing and dance. Help us, Holy God, to not be so focused on all that is going wrong that we miss all that is going right.

Finally, ground us in your good news, O God, and help us hold on to your promise of redemption in Jesus our Christ. Keep our feet steady on Christ's path, help us follow his teachings, help us love as he loved. Now, p2 hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying: "Our Father...".

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EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2023

- In person hybrid worship is at 11AM
- Hybrid English Bible Study will be on Thursdays at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Zoom Link bible study

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- Spanish Bible Study will be on Wednesdays.
- Session Meeting on September 18th at 7PM
- Worship Team meeting on October 2nd at 10:30AM
- The next Presbytery Meeting will be on September 19th at 10AM at Holmes Camp Retreat Center.

-Zoom link is as follows:

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Prayers and Praise

Please pray for everyone in leadership

Please pray for children/ families

Please pray for the Otu family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for Israel, Palestine and Ukraine

Please pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for Raquel Welty

Please pray for the Carretta family

Please pray for the Yumart family

Please pray for the Sippel family

Please pray for Danicia

Praise Songs and Hymns

O Sing to the Lord / Cantad al Señor

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.
O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. (3x)
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace / Hazme un instrumento de tu paz

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Hazme un instrumento de tu paz,
donde haya odio, ponga yo tu amor;
que donde haya injuria, tu perdón,
y donde haya duda, fe en ti.

Hazme un instrumento de tu paz,
es perdonando que nos das perdón;
es cuando damos que os das tu amor;
muriendo es que volvemos a nacer.

Lift every voice and sing

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.

Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.