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Worship

September 17, 2023
Monteith Hall

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WELCOME

We're glad you're here!

Welcome to this new worship gathering! This Fall we will be experimenting in this service for 12 weeks, trying out new liturgical patterns and exploring ways of being more participatory, responsive, and intergenerational in our expressions of worship. Join us as we listen for the Holy Spirit and try new things! No two weeks will be exactly alike, but each service will seek to help us encounter God in meaningful ways. Join us on the journey!

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WORSHIP

16TH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

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** When this symbol precedes an element of the service,
please rise in body or spirit.*

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Side A: You are welcome here!

Side B: You are welcome here!

Side A: This is the day that the Lord has made,

Side B: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Side A: Surely God is in this place.

Side B: We gather here with joy and love.

*OPENING HYMN 410

“God is Calling Through the Whisper”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creative God, you give us creativity so that we might use it to create beautiful things. But we don't always use this gift well. We find creative ways to avoid other people, to take what we want without others knowing, and to hold onto power at all costs. Sometimes, we even let ourselves forget our creativity and go with the flow where change is needed. Lord, help us to create more beauty than pain, more peace than conflict, and more for others than for ourselves.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Side A: Beloveds, God does not abandon us to the systems that destroy.

Side B: God does not bind us to our regrets.

Side A: Or forever hold us to what we once believed.

Side B: God says, you are forgiven!

Side A: Know forgiveness and sin no more.

Side B: Love abounds. And Justice shall be manifest!

Side A: Wherever new life is desired,

Side B: may the peace of Christ be welcomed among us.

Side A: Thanks be to God who leads us on paths of resurrection.

PASSING OF THE PEACE *As you pass the peace, you are invited to share one or two words that help you answer the question “Do you consider Jesus to be a rulebreaker?”*

*RESPONSE 582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION “Spirit of the Living God”
(sung, Hymn 288)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:10-17

SERMON “Imagining New Ways to Love”

RESPONSE

PRAYER INVITATION

COMMUNAL PRAYER

Feel free to share whatever prayer is on your heart this morning. When you hear...

“...We lift this **prayer** to the Lord,” respond with “Lord, hear our prayer” while holding the palms of your hands out.

“...We lift this **praise** to the Lord,” respond with “Thanks be to God” as you lift your hands and shake your fingers.

“...We lift this **lament** to the Lord,” and you will respond with “Lord, have mercy” and put a hand over your heart.”

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.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN 703 “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION ...We go out in peace,
To love, to serve, to imagine.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

