

September 17th, 2023
16th Sunday After Pentecost
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Amazing Grace

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Sanctuary #2164

SILENT PRAYER

CHOR INTROIT: God Will Make A Way

*HYMN: Jesus, Name Above All Names #2071 (2x)

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather in the presence of God to encounter Love that frees us.

P: We do not come seeking justice, instead a life that liberates

L: We practice courage in resisting the world calling us to complacency.

P: The Spirit leads us in power and truth.

L: Our faith is placed in Love Eternal that lifts and brings new life.

P: With hope and grace, we come as Disciples of Christ. Amen.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, 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, in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen.

CHOR ANTHEM: Here I Am to Worship

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

***HYMN: Awesome God**

#2040

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

#95

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

***HYMN: My Life Is in You, Lord**

#2032

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: He Is Exalted

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*
