

# Welcome to Worship! |September 28, 2025 | 16th Sunday after Pentecost

#### **GATHERING**

Prelude As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

Maureen Howell

Welcome

\*Call to Worship (from Micah 6)

Rev. Parker Lucas

With what shall we come before the Lord? What shall we bring into the presence of our God, as an expression of our worship and praise?

Shall we bring God all that we own our finest possessions, our life-savings, our investments and property?

Would God be satisfied if we brought everything we possess?

No, that's not what God is looking for. God has told you what is good, and what the Lord expects of you:

To do justice.

To love mercy.

To walk humbly before him.

\*Hymn 32 | Sing the Mighty Power of God

## **Call to Confession**

### Prayer of Confession<sup>†</sup>

Lord, we are sorry for all the times our prayers were mere lip service. We are sorry we have known your will and not done it. We are sorry we have acted as if what happens on earth does not matter to you. We are sorry we have made heaven feel far away to those around us. Give us strength to turn prayer to action, Lord. Turn us from sin to solace, and from solace to a new way of living. Make us your true disciples, today and always. Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

\*Sung Response 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

### \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

## **WORD**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

First Lesson Micah 6:6-8

Second Lesson Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Sermon** Pray This Way: On Earth as It Is in Heaven

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

\*Hymn 749 Come! Live in the Light! (We Are Called)

\*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

### **THANKSGIVING**

## Offering

Offertory I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing!

arr. Helvey

I'm gonna sing when the spirit says sing, and obey the spirit of the Lord. I'm gonna shout when the spirit says shout, and obey the spirit of the Lord.

\*Doxology 606

\*Prayer of Dedication

### **SENDING**

\*Hymn 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Choral Response The Lord's Prayer

Malotte

Postlude Prelude in D, BWV 850

J.S. Bach

## **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington Associate Pastor, Rev. Parker Lucas Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger Choir Director, Angela Burns Pianist, Sara Bryant Guest pianist, Steve Lowry Adult Choir & Lisa Bohbrink, soloist Production Coordinator, Jim Fox Lay Reader, Lisa Bohbrink

<sup>†</sup>Written by Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett

#### **Our Mission**