

St. John's United Church of Christ
September 20, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Song *"This is the Day"*

Unison Welcome

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here"

Announcements

Passing of the Peace *"The peace of Christ be with you"* *"And also with you"*

Chiming of the Trinity

Opening Song (Praise Team) *"Let It Rise"* Holland Davis

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Whether we are longtimers or latecomers in the life of faith,

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

We praise God's name forever and ever!

Praise Song (Praise Team) *"Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord"* Bob Hudson

Call to Confession *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Prayer of Confession *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you.

We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity.

We have not been gracious or grateful.

We have failed to remember all that you have done.

Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude.

Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you,

O God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie Hymnal Companion C-4

Words of Assurance *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

People of God, our sins are forgiven; we are reconciled to God. Let us therefore love one another with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.

Glory Be to the Father #704

Scripture Reading Exodus 16:2-15; Philippians 1:21-30

Children's Sermon Roxanne Davenport
Special Music "Make Me a Servant" Kelly Willard
Scripture Reading Matthew 20:1-16
Sermon Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debts)

Invitation to Giving

Offering Song (Praise Team) "Give Thanks" Henry Smith

Offertory Response *from Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*

**God of our lives whose call comes clear
through Jesus Christ, your presence near,
by Spirit led, your will we heed,
your grace to show in word and deed. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication *adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

**Lord, giver of all good gifts, thank you for the resources gathered here. Use
these gifts for the advancement of your kingdom; Amen.**

Closing Song (Praise Team) "Sanctuary" Thompson/Scruggs

Commission & Benediction *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Go in peace, practice forgiveness, live the gospel, in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

The blessing of God be with you,
the love of Jesus fill you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you,
now and forevermore.

Sending Song (Praise Team) "My Life is in you Lord" Daniel Gardner

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