

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

Gathering Words *"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 Music (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!**

Musical Meditation (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 (spoken rather than sung) 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 (spoken rather than sung)

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

Children's Sermon		Roxanne Davenport
Special Music	<i>"Make Me a Servant"</i>	Kelly Willard
Scripture Reading		Matthew 20:1-16
Sermon		Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Sacrament of Baptism (see attached liturgy on separate page)		Alma and Maelynn Dietrich
Sharing of Joys and Concerns		
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debts)		
Musical Meditation (Praise Team)	<i>"Sanctuary"</i>	Thompson/Scruggs
Invitation to Giving		
Commission & Benediction	<i>from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion</i>	
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 Music (Praise Team)	<i>"My Life is in you Lord"</i>	Daniel Gardner

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**Alma Magdalena** and **Maelynn Patricia Dietrich** were born on February 6, 2020 to David and Katrina Dietrich, joining siblings Addie and Liam. We rejoice to celebrate the baptism of these beautiful baby girls in our outdoor worship this morning.

### **Worship Resources:**

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Please join us from 2-3 pm for our **Virtual Fellowship Hour** on Zoom. Our meeting ID is 958-6228-7098 and passcode is 635624. You can also join us using this direct [link](#).

**Baptism of Alma Magdalena and Maelynn Patricia Dietrich**  
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**Welcome**

Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

**There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

**Address**

The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and fellowship.

**This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.**

We invite David and Katrina Dietrich to bring their daughters Alma and Maelynn forward to be baptized, with their family and loved ones, in the presence of this community of faith.

**Questions of the Parents**

Do you desire to have your children baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Will you encourage these children to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ? **We will, with the help of God.**

Will you teach these children that they may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

**We will, with the help of God.**

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciples, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able? **We do, with the help of God.**

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with these children in the Christian faith, to help these children to be faithful members of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that they may affirm their baptism? **We do, with the help of God.**

**Congregational Assent**

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in

baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to these children about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

**We promise our love, support, and care.**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God? **I believe in God.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? **I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? **I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

### **Prayer of Baptism**

Christ be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

### **Act of Baptism**

By what name will this child be called? **Alma Magdalena Dietrich.**

Alma, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **Act of Baptism**

By what name will this child be called? **Maelynn Patricia Dietrich.**

Maelynn, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **Prayer for the Baptized**

### **Presentation of the Children**

### **Benediction**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**