

*The Order
Of
Divine Worship*

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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 2, 2011

10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE (Please register your attendance.)

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

(Please place your prayer cards in the baskets at this time.)

* THE HYMN No. 327 (UMH)

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

* THE ACT OF PRAISE

Our souls are filled with longing, O God,
for we are thirsty for your truth.

**Sometimes we feel so alone and forgotten;
even in a crowd we feel abandoned.**

The good we have done seems to count for nothing,
and the forces of evil seem to prevail.

**The standards we uphold seem to be failing,
and we pursue high values without reward.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?

**Hope in God, for we shall again praise God.
Rejoice, for Christ lives in us!**

Let us be seated for prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deliver us, gracious God, from the stress of our unfaithfulness. You are the Source of all we have and all we are, yet we turn away from you and ignore you as if there were no reality beyond ourselves. We waste all that you have entrusted to us and destroy resources meant for future generations. We have become so enslaved to things that we cannot serve you with integrity and wholeness. Forgive us, O God, and rescue us from this way of death. Amen

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2 Corinthians 8:1-9

A STEWARDSHIP WORD Sandy Houtman

THE ANTHEM “Communion Prayer” Choir

THE MESSAGE The Rev. Anthony N. Cutting

“The Grace of Giving”

THE HYMN No. 623 (UMH)

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee”

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore let us confess our faith as contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

**I Believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

Is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

.....And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn;

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

(Repeat)

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. (Repeat)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (Repeat)

....And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

....All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Uplifting the bread and cup

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(Communion Hymns Nos. 599, 359, 362)

* GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD No. 94 (UMH)

* THE CLOSING HYMN No. 438 (UMH)

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

THE DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

THE SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 8: 1-9

1. We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia;
2. For during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.
3. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means,
4. Begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints-
5. and themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us,
6. so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you.
7. Now as you excel in everything-in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.
8. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.
9. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE

SERVING IN THE LORD

Liturgist: Judy Gorthy
Ushers: Bob & Sharon Raymond, Dave & Dustin Sutton
Greeters: Jan Biggs
Counters: Sharon Arvidson, Verna Gould, Ruth Ann Wrona
Trustee for Oct.: Ron Vandenberg (back-up Dave Sutton)
Coffee Hour Oct. 2: Suttons
Lawn mowing Oct. 3-9:
Communion Stewards: Sue Dexter, Jeanne Sturm
Sunday School Teachers: George Farner, Ruth Sutton

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 3 Dustin Sutton
Oct. 4 Brittany Sasse



*Altar
Flowers*

*Altar flowers are given
by
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Pastor Cutting's Blog.*

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