

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024

8:30 am and 10:45 am

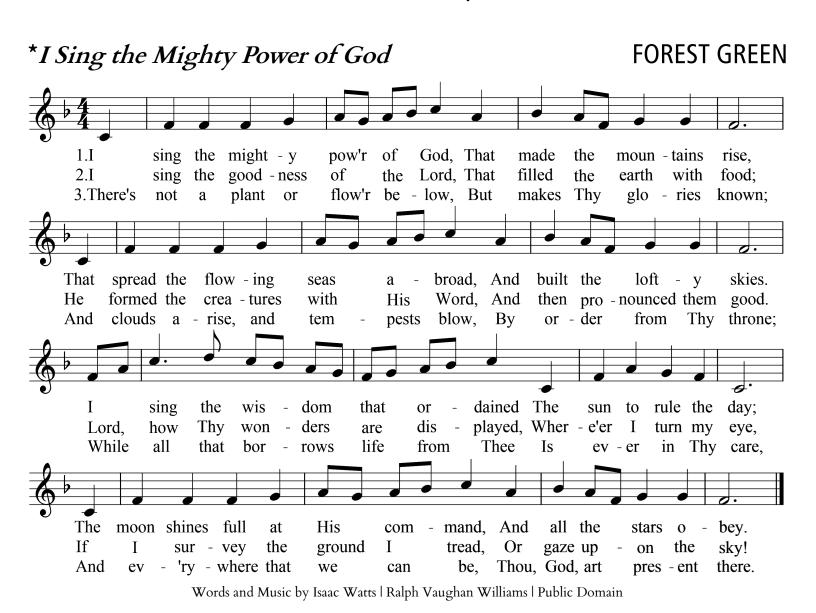
GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josh McDonald

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



EPISTLE READING

Dianne Powell, Maribeth Williams *James 2:1-8*

¹My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here in a good place, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit by my footstool," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the courts? ¹Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ³If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S TIME (10:45 AM)

Vicki Nichols-Polk

All children are invited to come forward. Following Children's Time, ages 4-5 are invited to Preschool Praise, room #102 of the Children's Wing.

Baptism of Max Dunn (10:45)

BAPTISMAL LITANY

Charles Johnson

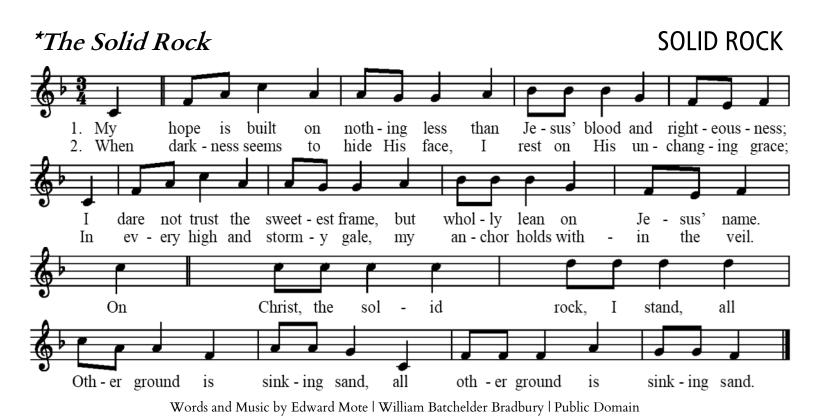
Believing that God in Jesus Christ loves the whole world, including me. Recognizing that I have sinned, and will continue to fall short of the beauty of God's plan

Accepting Jesus as Lord and Christ of my life, and being washed in the waters of Christian baptism to symbolize my liberation from death, and my resurrection to abundant life

I now publicly confess that Jesus Christ is Lord of my life and destiny. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I vow to live in devotion to God, in cooperation with Christ's church, and in fellowship with the global community of believers.

Because of the love, power, and acceptance of God in Christ, I am transformed. The past is finished; everything is now fresh and new.

THE BAPTISM OF MAX DUNN (John 3:16-17)



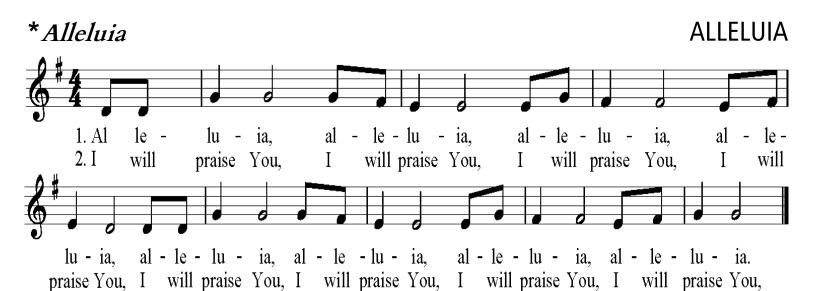
Dianne Powell, Maribeth Williams Mark 7:24-37

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone. ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33 He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. 34 Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." 35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

^{*}Please stand if it is comfortable to do so



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CHORAL RESPONSE

Second Voices

O *Love* by Elaine Hagenberg

PROCLAMATION

Charles Johnson

The Debate Jesus Loses

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

You are invited to dedicate your life to Christ, join our faith community, or answer a call from God to do ministry in this world by coming forward during the hymn and share this decision with a pastor.



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THE MORNING OFFERING

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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Josh McDonald

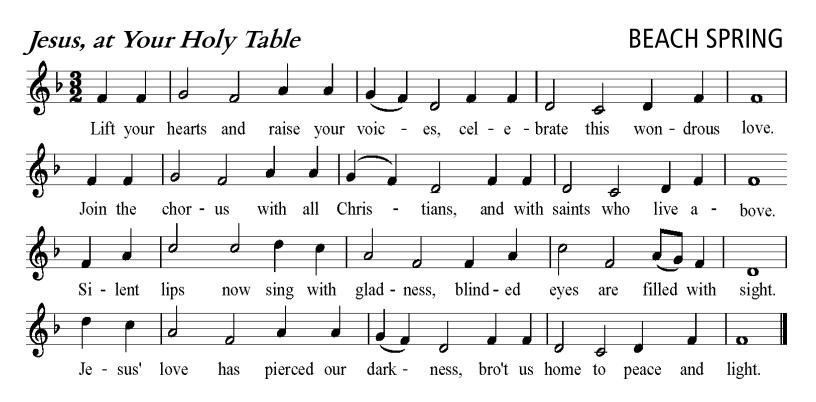
OFFERTORY

Marilyn Arland and David Cho

Lead Me to Calvary

arranged by Tedd Smith and Don Hustad

COMMUNION



*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please share the peace with those near you.

* Trees of the Field

TREES OF THE FIELD

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
Will clap will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

Charles Johnson

Flowers in Today's Service

Given by Mike and Gayle King in memory of Drew Foster.

WE TAKE SERIOUSLY OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Prayer cards are available. Please place your filled out card and offerings in the box on the rear wall of the Worship Hall or place in the offering plate as it is passed during worship.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE.

Please ask an usher for assistance as you enter the sanctuary for worship.

Every Member a Minister

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