16th Sunday After Pentecost September 28, 2025

GATHERING: God invites us to enter His presence

PRELUDE When Morning Gilds the Skies

Bernie Hughes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (Time for Silent Preparation)

T CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Bonnie Mecaughey

There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.

—from Psalm 86:8-10. NRSV

NINVOCATION

Bonnie Mecaughey

O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

POPENING HYMN 10

O, Worship the King

CONFESSING: God invites us to be honest with Him

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bonnie Mecaughey

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.

For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! $_{\rm -Isaiah\,30:15,\,18,\,NIV}$

PRAYER OF CONFESSION(In Unison)

Bonnie Mecaughey

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Bonnie Mecaughey

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

—Isaiah 53:4-6, NRSV

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

[↑] GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end. A-men. A-men

T PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You

All: And also with you

OFFERING: Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

INVITATION Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,

not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

-2 Corinthians 9:7, NRSV

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Rejoice!

Bernie Hughes

₱ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,

for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power

to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. **Amen.**

-1 Chronicles 29:10-13, NIV

PREPARATION HYMN 262 Holy, Holy, Holy

PROCLAIMING: God speaks to us through His Work

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to hear your Word and obey your will. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:1-8

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but w¹ also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

SERMON "Access" Rev. Don Kienz

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 3 Praise, My Soul, My King of Heaven

RESPONDING: We respond to God's Word

PROFESSION OF FAITH (In Unison)

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belongbody and soul, in life and in deathto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready

from now on to live for him.

-from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMISSIONING: God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

↑ COMMISSION SONG Before the Throne of God Above (See Screen)

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

♠ Please stand if you are able.