

# ✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

September 12, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Communion Sunday

*"In these moments of silence, drink of the living water which Christ freely gives. Feel His strength come over you. Unburden your troubled mind and heart of pain. Lift your soul to Him in all thanksgiving. Here for a moment, you are in the holy presence of God." – Peter Marshall*

PRELUDE "Medley" by Carl P.E. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE "Thy Word" by Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: They who wait upon the Lord,

**People: Shall renew their strength.**

Leader: They shall mount up with wings as eagles;

**People: They shall run and not be weary;**

Leader: They shall walk and not faint.

SONG OF PRAISE "Here I Am to Worship" by Tim Hughes

CALL TO CONFESSION

While we waver and hesitate, the love of God remains steadfast. Let us approach God with confidence, knowing that our Redeemer longs to make us whole.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Eternal and holy God, the beginning of our yesterdays, the mystery of our todays, and the hope of our tomorrows, we confess that we have wasted too much of our time and energy. We have pursued selfish goals, ignored the welfare of others, and wandered from Your call to a higher and better way of life. But we come before You now to repent of our sin, to renew our vision, and to recommit ourselves to your service. Lead us to be what we know we are called to be. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel. Jesus said, "Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

**People: In Jesus Christ, our burdens are lifted, our sins forgiven, and our life restored.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

**People: In Jesus Christ we are redeemed and made new!**

\*GLORIA PATRI Hymn No. 622

CHILDREN'S SERMON / MESSAGE TO THE YOUNG AT HEART -- Benda Carpenter leading.

ANTHEM "When You Break the Bread" by Ruth Elaine Schram

SCRIPTURE I John 1:1-10

SERMON "Don't Believe in Fairy Tales"

"That which we have seen and heard, we proclaim to you"  
(I John 1:3).

\*HYMN No. 274 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

\* DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 625)

PRAYER TIME: THANKS AND PASTORAL SUPPLICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN No. 269 "O Word of God Incarnate"

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" v. 1 by Jeremiah E. Rankin & William G. Tomer

POSTLUDE "Voluntary" by K. Seeger

\* Those who are able, please stand

### **Congregational Meeting**

In keeping with the by-laws of our church, a congregational meeting is being held immediately following worship on Sunday, September 26. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers of the church. Please mark this important meeting on your calendar.

### **Sunday School**

The Christian Education committee has decided to postpone the start of in-person Sunday school until the first of the year. In the meantime, watch for some special children messages during the service. Our hope is to find new families to join in and have a safe physical environment which will provide the loving support, teaching, and spiritual guidance our youngest members deserve. We are looking for individuals to help with this effort and if you feel called, please contact Brenda (btc62020@outlook.com or 229-0648).

### **Hayride and Bonfire**

Come out to Carpenters, (2265 Dryden Rd.) for an evening of food, fun and fellowship on Saturday, October 23. We'll start with a fun hayride up past the solar field to "observation hill"! A Chili dinner and bonfire with songs and s'mores will follow. If you are able to bring chili, corn bread, green salad, or beverage, sign up on the list in the Fellowship Hall or let Brenda know (btc62020@outlook.com).  
Gather any time after 4:00 p.m. Bring a friend or two.

### **Prayers**

The Jan Hollenbeck family  
The Dawn Horner family  
Dave Gross  
Bob Sincerbeaux  
Jim Krebs

### **Order of Worship**

September 19, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 2:18-25

SERMON: "Are You Making a Mistake?"

The office hours of Pastor Jim Hicks, temporary minister, are  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Pastor Jim Hicks - Contact Information [hicksjam@verizon.net](mailto:hicksjam@verizon.net)  
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## Thy Word

Refrain:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
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Verse 1:

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way  
Still, You're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near;  
Please be near me to the end.

Refrain

Verse 2:

I will not forget Your love for me and yet,  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide, and hold me to Your side,  
And I will love You to the end.

Refrain

Verse 3:

Nothing will I fear as long as You are near;  
Please be near me to the end.

Refrain

And a light unto my path.  
You're the light unto my path.

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# Here I Am to Worship

## Verse 1:

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

## Chorus:

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

## Verse 2:

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

## Chorus

## Bridge:

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.

## Chorus

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## 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.  
Amen, Amen.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2<sup>nd</sup> century  
Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

## Doxology

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

Text: Thomas Ken  
Music: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

## Break Thou the Bread of Life

### Verse 1:

Break Thou the bread of life,  
Dear Lord, to me,  
As Thou didst break the loaves  
Beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page  
I seek Thee, Lord,  
My spirit pants for Thee,  
O living Word.

### Verse 2:

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,  
To me, to me,  
As Thou didst bless the bread  
By Galilee;  
Then shall all bondage cease,  
All fetters fall;  
And I shall find my peace,  
My All in all.

### Verse 3:

Thou art the bread of life,  
O Lord, to me,  
Thy holy Word the truth  
That saveth me;  
Give me to eat and live  
With Thee above;  
Teach me to love Thy truth,  
For Thou art love.

### Verse 4:

O send Thy Spirit, Lord,  
Now unto me,  
That He may touch my eyes  
And make me see:  
Show me the truth concealed  
Within Thy Word,  
And in Thy Book revealed  
I see the Lord.  
Amen.

## O Word of God Incarnate

### Verse 1:

O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky;  
We praise Thee for the radiance  
That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps,  
Shines on from age to age.

### Verse 2:

The Church from her dear Master  
Received the gift divine,  
And still that light she lifteth  
O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the golden casket  
Where gems of truth are stored;  
It is the heav'n-drawn picture  
Of Christ, the living Word.

### Verse 3:

It floateth like a banner  
Before God's host unfurled;  
It shineth like a beacon  
Above the darkling world.  
It is the chart and compass  
That o'er life's surging sea,  
'Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,  
Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

### Verse 4:

O make Thy Church, dear Savior,  
A lamp of purest gold,  
To bear before the nations  
Thy true light as of old.  
O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims  
By this their path to trace,  
Till, clouds and darkness ended,  
They see Thee face to face.  
Amen.