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ORDER FOR WORSHIP THE 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

PRELUDES

In dir est Freude (Manz)

Wer nur den lieben Gott (Manz)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Lau)

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Praise Him, Praise Him (Held)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

How can a mortal receive eternal life?
For God all things are possible.

HYMN – “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for Thy courts above.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess
that we have failed to seek your will.
You have shown us what is good,
but we remain enthralled by evil.
You have offered us abundance,
but we are satisfied with wealth.
Forgive us, God of grace.
By the power of your Word
cut away all that is false
and open our hearts to new life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON – “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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God,
give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts,
that we may receive what you have revealed,
and do what you have commanded.
Make us hunger for your word,
that it may nourish us in the ways of eternal life. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON – Psalm 90:1-6, 11-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust,
and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O LORD! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.
Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

SECOND LESSON – Matthew 19:16-26

Then someone came to him and said, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “I have kept all these; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, “Then who can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.”

SERMON – Rev. Lorenz

HYMN – “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

**If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, what-e'er betide thee,
to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the rock that nought can move.**

**Only be still, and wait God's leisure
in cheerful hope, with heart content
To take what-e'er thy Keeper's pleasure
and all discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear
to One who holds us always dear.**

**Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,
but do thine own part faithfully;**

**Trust the rich promises of grace,
so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need
the soul secured by trust indeed.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED (traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, Creator of all things,
everything on earth is yours.
We have nothing that can make you richer,
for everything comes from your hand.
But what we have we bring,
the acknowledgment that we give thanks to you,
and that without you we have nothing and can do nothing.
Receive and bless our gifts for your holy work,
and bless those who give offer them to you. AMEN**

HYMN – **"Come! Live in the Light!"**

**Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.
(Refrain)
We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.
(Refrain)**

**Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of the great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.
(Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE – "Amen"

POSTLUDE – *Toccata in F Major* (Buxtehude)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, Sep. 20, 2020

SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Tracy Sommers

Ushers: Fred Seltzer, Charlie Thompson, Joe Shane, Anita Ashbaugh

Vocalist: Kari Kornish

Camera: Joe Shane

Recorder: Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:

* for the church at work in the presbyteries of: Pittsburgh; Monmouth; Philadelphia

* for the church: Highland United (Newport); Rev. Nancy McClure

* for the community: Country Meadows

* for the congregation (at random): Peter & Judy Geitner; Peggy & John McKeehen

NEXT SUNDAY—————**17th Sunday after Pentecost**—————**Sep. 27th**

– **10:45 AM:** Worship

NOTE: Sunday morning worship will continue to be recorded and posted on the church website, church Facebook page, and YouTube (“Sunday on the Square”) for the convenience of those who cannot worship in-person.

RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED TO ATTEND IN-PERSON WORSHIP. To make a reservation, you may call the church Wednesdays starting at 10 AM (717-243-4612).



Members of the Congregation, Ministers
The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor
The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus
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