

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ Organ Prelude · Mary Mackie

God the Father, Be Our Stay ... Paul Manz

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: God is able to do exceedingly,

People: abundantly beyond all that we ask or imagine,

Leader: according to His power that is at work within us.

People: To him be glory in the church and in this church,

Leader: and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,

People: forever and ever! Amen.

* ♪ Hymn of Praise · Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
No. 263

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

You do not ask much of us, Guardian of hope — to love, to serve, to welcome. Yet too often, it is words of bitterness we speak to friends and family. It is our hardened hearts people find, when they reach out, hoping to touch grace. We are broken, so make us whole through the life of Christ. We are empty of peace, so fill us with the reconciling Spirit of Christ. We are alone, so take us by the hand and lead us into your kingdom of joy and grace, brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsively)

Leader: God has forgiven us by the work of Christ on the Cross. God has made us whole, God sends us to serve.

People: We will put on the garments of peace and hope. We are forgiven by our God. Likewise, we will forgive others. Amen.

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* **Gloria Patri**

No. 579

* **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading · Kathy Pearson

Exodus 16:6-14 (pg. 112)

Music Ministry Dedication · Richard Dinwiddie

Anthem · Chancel Choir

We Come with Music ... Dick Anthony

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Sharon Dinwiddie, accompanist
(CCLI #20405356)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:7-15 (pg. 1504)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Dr. Toby Nelson

Skill Lesson: What is your name for God?

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn of Response · God of Grace and God of Glory**

No. 420

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Offering

Call for Offering

♪ Offertory

We Walk By Faith ... David Cherwien

* ♪ Doxology

No. 592

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

* ♪ Closing Hymn · Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
No. 281

* Benediction

* ♪ Congregational Response · Go Now in Peace
(inside cover of hymnal) – Chancel Bells, descant

♪ Organ Postlude · Mary Mackie

O God Our Help in Ages Past ... Diane Bish

Today's Choir Anthem

God's Standard for a Real "Ministry of Music"

It is called the MINISTRY of music for a reason – the music exists for the purpose of MINISTRY!

God is not impressed with our repertoire, with our love of great music.

He is impressed with our reality of love for Him and for others.

In Amos 5:23, God comments about many religious ceremonies, including the music, when He says, "This people draw nigh to me