

*GLORIA PATRI *UMH # 70*

Glory Be to the Father

MEINEKE

PSALTER *UMH # 750*

Psalm 19:7-14, with sung response 1

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

You speak to us, Lord, with tongues of wisdom.

Let your Holy Spirit now open us to hear with greater clarity the teachings of today,
that we may hold dear in yet new ways what it is you will for us, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Proverbs 1:20-33

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:1-10

Rev. Lisa Reynolds

SERMON

Lost and Found

RESPONSE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *UMH # 178*

Hope of the World
(Stanzas 1-3)

VICAR

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

UMH # 885

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare.

**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord listens to the cries of the people who turn with full hearts to the One who has mercy.
Let our tongues now make confession in the presence of God and of this body.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in the face of sin, our gravest enemy, we call to you for help.

You know our fault before we speak.

Forgive us for what we have done in opposition to your will.

Forgive us for those things we have not undertaken and for which we know our wrong.

We have not loved you and our neighbors as we ought.

We have denied our dependence on you.

Lead us away from this grief and sorrow.

Save us so that we may fulfill our vows to you

and attend to the needs of your people. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God, who is gracious and merciful, knows the human desire to save our lives
by avoiding Jesus' call to carry the cross.

God, who is full of compassion, also knows that those who repent
have set their minds and hearts on what endures for all time.

Your sin is forgiven you.

The Lord God is a very present help to those who seek to follow in the way of divine things.

Go with God in joy as you take up your cross, in Jesus' name.

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (Chancel Choir)

House of God

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *UMH # 568*

Christ for the World We Sing

ITALIAN HYMN

BENEDICTION

TRINITY CHIME

POSTLUDE

Rejoice! Be Glad!

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*Please stand as you are able.

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Order of Worship

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM

September 12, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/15/21 Choir Practice @ 6:30 pm
9/15/21 Handbells @ 8:00 pm
9/16/21 Vital Conversations @ 7 p.m. Zoom
9/18/21 Memorial Service for Frances Heald at 12:00 noon
9/19/21 Church Council @ 5 p.m. Zoom



GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Diapason Dialogue

RECEIVING OF THE LIGHT

GREETING

Pedersen
Michael Corsi-OConnor
Rev. Lisa Reynolds

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

our God is full of compassion.

Let us walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*OPENING HYMN *UMH* #152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

FOREST GREEN

*OPENING PRAYER

It says in the Bible, O God, that you created the world through your word.

Your Word is powerful!

And so are our words.

They can heal, create a smile, be a declaration of love;

but they can also hurt and destroy a sense of self-worth.

Give us your wisdom, God of the Word, so that as a church and as individuals,
we use our words to build up and not to destroy. **Amen.**

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