

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" Dr. Renee Huff
(Prepare for worship in silent prayer and reflection)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT #384 "Soon and Very Soon" *Dr. Renee Huff*

WORDS OF PRAISE **Psalm 114:1-8** *Cindy Cooke*

When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
Judah became God's sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled;
Jordan turned back.

The mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?
O mountains, that you skip like rams?
O hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool of water,
the flint into a spring of water.

*OPENING HYMN #664 "Morning Has Broken"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Cindy Cooke*

God of the endless stars, we seek your guidance and
provisions once again, as we venture through the
wilderness, as we encounter you at our most vulnerable
state. Forgive us for when we doubt your intentions for our
living and wellbeing. May we learn to trust in your ways,
and for our lives to reflect your ways for others around us.
Nourish us and fill us with your grace once again, O Lord,
our redeemer.

- *Silent Confession* -

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS & PEACE Ephesians 2:8-9**

Cindy Cooke

By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing;

it is nothing less than God's gift for God's people!

We have been saved. We have been redeemed.

We have been forgiven.

Alleluia!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

***THE GLORIA #582** "Glory to God" *Dr. Renee Huff*

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 16 selected verses *Rev. Jeff Binder*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "The Exodus Song" (by Pat Boone & Ernest Gold,
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Dr. Renee Huff

SERMON "God Provides" *Rev. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #81** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Dr. Renee Huff

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal P. 35*

CALL TO OFFERING *Rev. Jeff Binder*

OFFERTORY #39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

***DOXOLOGY #606** *Old Hundredth*

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #722** "Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak"

Dr. Renee Huff

***BLESSING & SENDING**

Rev. Jeff Binder

Go out into the world in peace;
have courage;
May we hold on to what is good, returning no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
honor all people;
And may we love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now go out into the world to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Amen.

***POSTLUDE #383** "Dream On, Dream On"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER 2023 The deadline for submissions for the October 2023 issue of First Impressions is Monday, September 18.

PW EVENING CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, September 19 at 6:00pm in the library. Please let Alice Herbst know if you can make it.

HEF DONATIONS NEEDED We are currently seeking contributions for HEF. We are asking for donations to be received by September 20, 2023. We have matching funds for the first \$1,000 in donations received; we have received \$680 so far. Thanks to all who have already donated!

SCHOOL BAGS 10 school bags have been picked up from Presbytery. 5 have already been filled; 5 will be available. Thank you!

THE HANDBELL CHOIR will begin practicing for Christmas music on Monday nights beginning September 25, 2023. Rehearsals will start either at 5:30, 6:00, or 6:30pm. Please contact Dr. Huff for details.

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Family of Doris Dixon; Jim Cooke; Sidney Supple; Susie Lendermon; Brad Furr; Otto & Sherry Pebworth; Charlie Obaugh; Rebecca Corbett; Natalie Dodge; Charlotte Kuykendall; Celia Goble; Shelley & Emily Craft & Malcolm Buran; Sherry von Oeyen; Alan Obaugh; Brian Kopia; JoAnn Tigert; the people of Lahaina

Please contact Heidi in the church office or Pastor Jeff to have names added or removed from the prayer list.

Elders

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