

July 18, 2010

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m.

The music in the service is found in the books in the pew racks. Songs with “(H)” are found in the hymnal and with “(S)” in the thin supplement.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

“Berceuse”

Doppler

Carol Jensen, flute; Charlotte Savino, flute; Simona Frenkel, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL GREETING 487 (H)

“When Morning Guilds the Skies” (v. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to this place of prayer,

**All: Here we can bring our hopes and dreams,
our hidden fears and the doubts we wear on our sleeves.**

One: We come to this place of grace,

**All: Here we learn compassion and joy,
and discover how deeply we are loved.**

One: We come with these people called the church,

**All: to be blessed by the variety of gifts,
to join God's mission in the world.**

One: Let us worship God together.

***HYMN 487 (H)** “When Morning Guilds the Skies” (v. 2-4)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Gracious God, you promise to walk with us through life, sustaining us with grace, forgiving us with love, guiding us with hope. How often do we make your promise only about us and walk past many people who need your welcoming, healing, saving presence? Forgive us when we do not notice the opportunities in front of us to offer your love and grace. Forgive us when we get so focused on where we are going that we lose sight of people crying out for your wholeness. Forgive us when we separate our lives of faith from the life we live each day. Renew us in your grace, Loving God, that we may see how you are gifting us to be gifts for others. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: In the beginning was God, and at the end will be God,

**All: and in every moment in between,
God is creating, redeeming, and sustaining us.**

One: Through Christ, gracious love is poured into us.

**All: Through the Spirit, we are gifted to share God's good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved and set free. Amen.**

***RESPONSE TO GRACE 184 (H)** “How Blest Are Those” (v. 1)

HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 16:16-24

SERMON "Faith in the Frying Pan and the Fire" Chip Low

RESPONDS IN LOVE AND SERVICE

***HYMN 274 (H)** "O God of Earth and Space"

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for those we name together, those on the prayer list, and the ministries of our church.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("forgive us our sins")

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "Andante" Doppler
Carol Jensen, flute; Charlotte Savino, flute; Simona Frenkel, piano

***RESPONSE 391** "Take My Life" (vs. 1, 2 & 6)

***PRAYER TO DEDICATE OUR LIVES (unison)**

Loving God, we praise you for linking our lives with yours through God God, your Son, our God.
We offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude and of our commitment to make your name known and God's love visible through our lives and life together. May people know your freedom no matter the cost to us. In God' name, we pray. Amen.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

We greet each other with a hand-shake or embrace and say: "**The peace of God be with you!**" We respond to that greeting by saying: "**And also with you!**"

***HYMN 420 (H)** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Please stand, if able.

Welcome to our worship! May God speak with you and touch your life. If you are a visitor, please feel free to take a **Welcome Folder** or **Guide for Kids** found in the Sanctuary door racks. Please complete the Visitor Information Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering.

Childcare for infants through kindergarten age is provided in Room 12 (Nursery) located off the Gathering Place of our Christian Education Building.

Large Print Bulletins are available from the Ushers.

Name Tag: Each Sunday we encourage you to wear a nametag (located in the pew racks).

Greeting and Ushering: are Nancy Caswell, Dick Mills, Frank Mosca and Ann Timmons.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Lin and John Watkins.

Everyone is invited to coffee hour in Fellowship Hall after the services.