

**16th Sunday After Pentecost  
September 25, 2022**

**Gathering  
*God invites us to enter His presence***

**Prelude**                      *Allegro Aperto from Concerto #2*                      *Mozart*  
   *Flute & Piano Duet*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)                      *Celia Weber*

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:  
**Come, let us adore him.**  
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
**Come, let us adore him.**  
The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
**Come, let us adore him.**  
Lord, open our lips.  
**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

 **Invocation**                      *Celia Weber*

You, O God, are mighty forever.  
You cause the wind to blow and the rain to fall.  
You sustain the living, give life to the dead,  
support the falling, loose those who are bound,  
and keep your faith with those who sleep in the dust.  
Who is like you, O God of mighty acts?  
Praise be to you forever. **Amen.**

 **Hymn**                      *10,000 Reasons*

**Chorus**  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.*  
*Worship His holy name*  
*Sing like never before,*  
*O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.*

**Verse 1**  
*The sun comes up it's a new day dawning,*  
*It's time to sing Your song again*  
*Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,*  
*Let me be singing when the evening comes*  
*Chorus*

**Verse 2**

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find  
Chorus*

**Verse 3**

*And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore  
Chorus*

**Ending**

*Lord, I'll worship Your holy name,  
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.*

**Confessing**

***God invites us to be honest with Him***

**Call to Confession**

*Celia Weber*

The proof of God's amazing love is this:  
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.  
Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,  
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.  
Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion,  
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

*Celia Weber*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by  
what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our  
whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our  
neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have  
been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Time for Silent Confession****Assurance of Pardon**

*Celia Weber*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have obtained access to this grace  
in which we stand;  
and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

 **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.  
A-men, A-men.*

**Offering**

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

**Invitation**      Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,  
where moth and rust consume and where thieves  
break in and steal; but store up for yourselves  
treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust  
consumes and where thieves do not break in and  
steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart  
will be also.

**Offering**

**Offertory**      *Be Thou My Vision / Irish Melody*  
*Flute & Piano Duet*

 **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men*

 **Prayer of Dedication**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.  
With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives  
to the care and redemption of all that you have made,  
for the sake of him who gave himself for us—  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 110**

*O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth*

**Proclaiming**  
***God speaks to us through His Word***

**Children's Sermon**

*Taste and See*

*Celia Weber*

**Scripture Reading**

*1 Peter 1:22-2:8a*

<sup>22</sup> Since you have purified yourselves by your obedience to the truth so that you show sincere brotherly love for each other, from a pure<sup>[a]</sup> heart love one another constantly <sup>23</sup> because you have been born again—not of perishable seed but of imperishable—through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For

All flesh is like grass,  
and all its glory like a flower of the grass.  
The grass withers, and the flower falls,  
<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord endures forever.

And this word is the gospel that was proclaimed to you.

**2** Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all slander. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the word so that by it you may grow up into your salvation, <sup>3</sup> if you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone—rejected by people but chosen and honored by God— <sup>5</sup> you yourselves, as living stones, a spiritual house, are being built to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture:

See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and honored cornerstone,  
and the one who believes in him  
will never be put to shame.

<sup>7</sup> So honor will come to you who believe; but for the unbelieving,

The stone that the builders rejected—  
this one has become the cornerstone,

<sup>8</sup> and

A stone to stumble over,  
and a rock to trip over.

**Sermon**

*“Living Stones”*  
*Rev. Tim Latham*

Responding  
**We respond to God's Word**

 **Hymn**

*Jesus, Firm Foundation*

*How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled*

*Verse 2*

*Fear not He is with us O be not dismayed  
For He is our God our Sustainer and Strength  
He'll be our Defender and cause us to stand  
Upheld by His merciful almighty hand*

*Chorus*

*How firm our foundation  
How sure our salvation  
And we will not be shaken  
Jesus firm foundation*

*Verse 3*

*The soul that is trusting in Jesus as Lord  
Will press on enduring the darkest of storm  
And though even hell should endeavor to shake  
He'll never no never no never forsake  
He'll never no never no never forsake*

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

*Age to age He stands faithful to the end  
All may fade away but  
He will remain He will remain*

*Chorus*

 **Profession of Faith** (Colossians 1)

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation;  
In him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible.  
All things have been created through him and for him.  
He himself is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.  
He is the head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.  
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

## Prayers of the People

### Commissioning

*God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*

 Hymn 271

*Standing on the Promises*

 Benediction & Blessing

 Postlude

*Reprise of Great is the Lord*