



**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 8, 2024 10:30 a.m.

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Let Us All Praise with Glad Voice" Healey Willan  
(\* *Indicates that all are invited to stand*)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (1)

One: God, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

**All: God, help us to truly listen to you.**

One: God, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

**All: God, help us to work for you.**

One: God, make us ready to serve.

**All: God, make us ready to witness to your transforming love!**

\*GATHERING HYMN "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #42 *New Century Hymnal vv.1-3*  
(*For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack*)

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!**

**My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**Jesus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease  
Is music in the sinner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)

You love us with open arms, O God!

**Forgive us when we do not put your love into practice:**

when we do not challenge the injustice around us;

**when we are not generous with the gifts we have to share;**

when we are slow to compassion and quick to judgment;

**when we contribute to the brokenness of the world**

**instead of helping to make it whole.**

Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way. (*silent confession*)

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God

and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” v.4

**Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given**

**By all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

**LISTENING**

*God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 7:24-37

Pew Bible p.819

A Word of God that is still speaking,

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION "O Come to Me, You Weary" #484 *New Century Hymnal*  
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**"O come to me, you weary, and I will give you rest."**

**The blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed!  
It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace,  
Of joy that has no ending, of love which does not cease.**

**"O come to me, you wanderers, and I will give you light."**

**The loving voice of Jesus, which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts were filled with sadness, and we had lost our way;  
But morning brings us gladness and songs for each new day.**

**"O come to me, you fainting, and I will give you life!"**

**The cheering voice of Jesus, which stills our inner strife!  
The evil one surrounds us and would our faith subdue,  
But you are strong within us, our courage brave and true.**

**"All you who come and seek me will never be cast out."**

**The welcome voice of Jesus, which drives away our doubt!  
And though we are unworthy of love so free and true,  
We hear your call to sinners; in trust we come to you.**

### **RESPONDING**

*We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.*

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY "Adagio" from "Sonata in C Minor" Alexandre Guilmant  
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE #778 *New Century Hymnal*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*COMMISSIONING HYMN: "Will You Come and Follow Me?"



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F



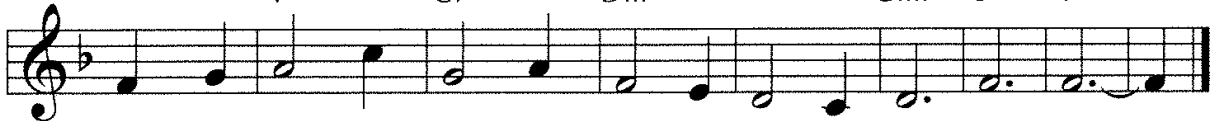
Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune on "Westminster Abbey" Jerry Westenkuehler

**SENDING**

*With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.*

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Worship Endnotes

1. Adapted from [www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com)
2. Adapted from [www.calltoworshipjournal.org](http://www.calltoworshipjournal.org)

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