

16th Sunday after Pentecost September 8, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

Discipleship involves sacrifice as well as obedience. One without the other is never complete. Sacrifice without obedience is an empty gesture, however costly. Obedience without sacrifice is to behave in such a way that personal comfort is not disturbed. Jesus was obedient even unto death on the cross, so that those who believe in Him might receive the gift of eternal life.

Chiming of the Hour
Prelude and Silent Meditation
“Ain’t That Good News” (arr. John Carter)

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Invocation

Call to Worship

Leader: Before the Lord no creature is hidden, the one to whom we must render an account.

People: Since, then, we have a great high priest, let us hold fast to our confession.

Leader: For we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

People: Let us approach the throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in every time of need.

Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn of Praise
“Open the Eyes of My Heart” #452

*The Confession of 1967 (unison)

God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd’s life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expression of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God’s love for man. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God’s reconciling work.

*Gloria Patri Hymnal Page 581

Dedication

Reading of the Word: Hebrews 4:12-13 Page 220
Sacrament of Baptism

*Doxology Hymnal Page 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Dedication of Sunday School Teachers

Anthem

“Lord of The Small”
(Words by Johanna Anderson and music by Dan Forrest) Jeff Clise

Supplication

Morning Prayer

Prayer Response “Jesus Loves Me” (verse 1) #188

Exposition

Children’s Message/Kids of the Kingdom

*Hymn “Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet” #458

Preaching of the Word:

“The Word of God”

Prayer of Application

Consecration

*Hymn of Consecration
“I Love to Tell the Story” #462

*Benediction

*Postlude
“O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing” (arr. Rick Deasley)

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* Congregation will stand if able
Offering plate is at the entrance to sanctuary!

