

September 12, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

16th Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

*Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Trinity

Joe Hartung

Prelude

No Other Plea

arr. Karen Kuehmann

Rhonda McGinnis, flute and Joyce Nickles, piano

*Call to Worship

Patricia Lindell, Epworth Children's Home Representative

Leader: God looks on humankind to see if any are wise. Who is seeking after God above all else?

People: **We look to Jesus Christ for wisdom and truth; we reach out to be strengthened for service.**

Leader: The winds of God blow among us to winnow and cleanse. They sweep through our midst in judgment.

People: **Have mercy on us, O God, and wash away our sin. Do not let your wrath burn against us.**

Leader: Remember your promises to us, O God. Create in us clean hearts and renewed spirits.

People: **We seek to know you and to grow in understanding. Confront us here and light our way out of the void.**

*Hymn No. 103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

*Invocation

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Hear our cries, O God, for we recognize our need for your mercy. We are fearful to encounter you, yet we cannot live without you. We are like lost sheep who have wandered away from the best we know and cannot find our way back. We want you to rescue us, but we fear your punishment. Come, Good Shepherd, to rescue us from ourselves. Amen.

Psalter

Psalm 14

see insert

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Create In Me

Michael Burkhardt

Chancel Choir with Martha Moore, soloist

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

O Lord Most Holy

Franz Abt

*Doxology No. 95

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Children's Message

Glenn Williams

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***Hymn No. 339**

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

Hursley

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri No. 70**

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. Amen. Amen.

†*Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

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Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"In Search Of"

Reverend Terry C. Martin

***Hymn No. 377**

It Is Well with My Soul

Ville Du Havre

***Benediction**

***Response No. 666**

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

***Postlude**

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided

Reverend Martin will be at the front doors of the Sanctuary at the close of the service.