

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MISSION CAMPUS WORSHIP | 9:45AM, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020



9:45am

Guest Worship Leader: Andrea Dalton

Preaching: Pastor Tom Van Duzer

Instrumental Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 27)*

- L** One thing I have asked of the LORD:
- C** that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- L** to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
- C** and to inquire in his temple.

Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession of Sins and Absolution *(based on Isaiah 55)*

- L** Seek the LORD while he may be found! Return to the LORD, for he will abundantly pardon. We confess our sins before God and one another.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- L** God is faithful and just. Our sins are forgiven by Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. You are forgiven! You are free!
- C** Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray. O Lord, you have saved us freely by your grace. Help us to live in that grace every day. In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

Offering

Offering baskets will not be passed; instead, please place your offering in the designated container or continue online giving options.

First Lesson

Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶ "Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Philippians 1:12-14

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Message Video

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“The Parable of the Unfair Business-owner?”
based on Matthew 20:1-16

The Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living 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.**

Musical Meditation

To Live Is Christ

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

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 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 and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Instrumental Music

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. Amen.

Communion Blessing and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Thanks

Better Is One Day

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek

To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Bridge

Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere

Chorus

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

G Amen.

Closing Song

Everlasting God

Verse

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus

Our God You reign forever

Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Verse

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Music

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All Bible readings are English Standard Version, unless otherwise noted.

You are invited to come to in-person worship next week at the following times:

Mission Campus

5:30pm (Sat.)

8:15am

9:45am

11:00am

Shawnee Campus

8:30am

11:00am

*Please consider joining us for one of our many online Bible studies.
A list of options can be found at the link below:*

<https://tlcms.org/next-steps/learn/>