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# THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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September 20, 2020 | 10:15 AM



CONNECTING **FAITH,**  
**FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY**

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# The Worship of God

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Faith of Our Fathers*

Michael Burkhardt

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Diane Bish

### GREETING

Beloved of God: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Iona Community

As if this were the only time,  
and this the only place,  
and we the only people—

**Jesus Christ will meet us here.**

As if this were the only time,  
and this the only place,  
and we the only people—

**Let us worship God.**

### ◆ HYMN 35

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly for aye we adore him.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of abundant mercy:  
the whole creation sings your praise,  
and your grace toward us is extravagant and unexpected.  
Lead us to repentance and the acceptance of your grace,  
that we may witness to your love,  
which holds all of us in its wide embrace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **WORD**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Ave Verum Corpus, K. 618*

Susan Voss, soprano

W.A. Mozart

arr./ed. by Wanda Sobieska

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 20:1–16

### **SERMON**

*Annoying Grace*

Wallace W. Bubar

### ◆ **HYMN 647**

GIVE THANKS

*Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart;  
Give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.  
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Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";  
Let the poor say, "We are rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
And now let the weak say, "We are strong";  
Let the poor say, "We are rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

## RESPONSE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God:  
Your mercy is great.

### LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

## SENDING

### ◆ HYMN 703

ST. CATHERINE

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

Jesus, thy boundless love to me  
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
O knit my thankful heart to thee,  
and reign without a rival there!  
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live;  
myself to thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul  
may dwell, but thy pure love alone;  
O may thy love possess me whole,  
my joy, my treasure, and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove;  
may every act, word, thought be love.

O Love, how gracious is thy way!  
All fear before thy presence flies;  
care, anguish, sorrow melt away  
where'er thy healing beams arise.  
O Jesus, nothing may I see,  
nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

◆ **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Lobe den Herren*

Johann Gottfried Walther

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# About Today's Service

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## Assisting in worship today:

*Music Director:* Rich Dewein

*Organist:* Lois Harms

*Musical Offering:* Susan Voss, soprano

*Audio/Video:* Kim Coulter

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## Mission Statement

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We strive to be a Christian congregation  
dedicated to a strong tradition of worship,  
committed to spiritual inquiry and growth,  
caring for one another,  
and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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