

Service for the Lord's Day, July 18, 2010
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

IN SILENCE

from *You Are Here*, by Adam and Chrissy Jeske

We are a transient people, people addicted to newness; new media, new fashion, new stories, even new friends. But connecting to those who live, work, worship and play near us requires learning to listen, to stop looking for the new and to become even more familiar with the already familiar.

THE WORD BECKONS

from 1 John 4:12

No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another,
God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

PRELUDE

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

arr. J. Bennett & C. Berry
arr. A. Whitworth

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

on John 15 and 1 John 4

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God!

Beloved, let us be disciples who abide in our Savior as he abides in us.

Let us be branches that stick to the Vine and bear much fruit!

Beloved, let us glorify God, bearing much fruit in his love.

We worship this Love,

who sent Jesus into the world that we might live through him!

***HYMN # 412**

Eternal God Whose Power Upholds

***CONFESSION OF WHO WE ARE**

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**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess,
that we have not sought wholeness by turning to your love.
Instead we've tried to fulfill our needs with empty things.
Forgive us for trying to fill ourselves up with possessions,
entertainment, food, work, leisure, power,
or anything else that we've put in place of you.
Fill our emptiness with your love,
so that it may spill out onto others.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

***ASSURANCE OF WHOSE WE ARE & THE PEACE** from *Worship Sourcebook #38*

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.
The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.
Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.
Praise the Lord, who is with us even now!

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
Peace be with you.
(worshippers exchange words and gestures of the peace of Christ)

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

- FIRST LESSON** 1 John 4: 7-16 (NRSV)
Pew Bible p. 226
- ANTHEM** *How Great Thou Art* arr. E. Lojeski
- WORD WITH CHILDREN**
- SECOND LESSON** John 15: 1-11 (NRSV)
Pew Bible p.103
- SERMON** “Can You Hear Me Now?”

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

- OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD’S HANDS**
- OFFERTORY** *Sunshine in My Soul* arr. J. Coates, Jr.
***RESPONSE # 592** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS THANKING AND ASKING GOD, THE LORD’S PRAYER

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***HYMN # 388** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *To God Be the Glory* arr. A. Whitworth
(Note that some will be seated and others depart in joy and silence.)

WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist	Steve Hilditch
Sermon/ Word with Children	Rev. Michael Ludwig
Musical Leadership	Celebration Singers Joyce Beauvais, Piano; Nancy Deeth, Organ/Piano
Greeters	Dave & Pam Kindinger, Margaret Lutz
Head Usher	Dick Dietrich