

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 9, 2018

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

\* Indicates that those who are able may stand.

GATHERING

GREETING

Peace be with you.

And also with you

PRELUDE

It is Well With My Soul

Bliss/Hayes

Phyllis Elmer, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 97

Leader: The fabric of the night sky is painted;  
the glory of the Lord paints creation with joy.  
The heart finding mercy is covered in kindness.  
The soul loving the good is wrapped in peace.

People: The mountains of misdeed melt with justice;  
the good of disdain is scattered by your light.  
The shackles of wrong are removed in faith.  
The vanity of pride is humbled by splendor.  
In Zion the light dawns for those who love justice.  
In our hearts we find the throne of Judah.

\*HYMN #314

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

INVITATION TO REPENTENT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we come to confession as your Church, admitting that we do not always walk on the path you desire for us. We isolate ourselves from our neighbors, we spread rumors, we criticize, we speak words of pain. We ask that you help us to pursue deep relationships with one another, to restore what is broken, to give grace when grace is not deserved. Help us to love one another as you have loved us. Amen

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

- Acts 9:10-19



THIS WEEK

September 9 Kevin Kieff  
September 9 Skyler Green  
September 10 Michael Shanahan II  
September 11 Bernie Taylor  
September 11 Caleb Way  
September 13 Cynthia Ahlheim  
September 13 JoAnne Stirling  
September 13 Elizabeth Rudd



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Arlene Wilson, Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, JoAnne Stirling, Ralph Green, , and for the sick and those who need God's comfort.

**Prayer Help Available.** Please call the church office at 782-1750 if you have a prayer request. Your confidential prayer request will be put on the First Pres. Prayer Chain. Only those requesting public prayers are included for prayers in our church bulletin.

**WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS**

... in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.  
**In Jesus Christ you are also forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE - You Are My Hiding Place - Hymn #700**

*You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance;  
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You. Let the weak say,  
I am strong in the strength of the Lord!*

**LITURGIST WELCOME**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM ~ Elise Nicole Green**

Elise is the daughter of Chadwick & Nicole Green, the granddaughter of  
Chris & Ralph Green, Jr., and the great granddaughter of Lu & Ralph Green, Sr.

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 9:10-19 (New Testament, pages 127-128 in pew Bibles)

**ANTHEM**

*Jesus, Take All of Me* Heather Sorenson  
Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director; Phyllis Elmer, piano

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Rev. Casey Carbone  
(At this time we invite all K-7th graders to join us for Sunday School, please have children follow  
the teacher thru the door on the left. Children will meet parents in Fellowship Hall after the service.  
As children depart for Sunday School, we sing “*Jesus Loves Me*” Hymn #185, verse 1)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Mark 8:22-26 (New Testament, pages 43 in pew Bibles)

**SERMON**

“Better Not Knowing”  
Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

**\*HYMN #642**  
*Abide With Me*

EVENTRIDE

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

(If you would like to give via Venmo, information can be found on the back cover of the bulletin.)

**OFFERTORY**

*He Who Trusts In the Lord* Goetz & Burton  
(Psalm 32)  
David Elmer, soloist; Phyllis Elmer, piano

**\*DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #815**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN #563**

*Open My Eyes That I May See* SCOTT

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE**

*The Church’s One Foundation* Wesley/Hayes  
Phyllis Elmer, pianist