

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

16th Sunday

After Pentecost

WELCOME

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today!

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING WORSHIP SONG

ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONG

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

READING OF THE WORD

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A LOVING COMMUNITY, INSPIRING OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST

Psalm 145:1-8

- ¹ I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day will I bless you
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.
- ⁴ One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.
- ⁵ I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.
- ⁶ They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness.
- ⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great
goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- ⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

GOSPEL SONG

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according
to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 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 the usual daily wage?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as

I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON – THE REV. EV WALK

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We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under

Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,

the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is

worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Dabney, our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Personal petitions may be offered.

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly ask you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes of many races and languages. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, may we not lose our trust in you; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Personal thanksgivings may be offered.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Personal petitions may be offered.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

SHARING PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we say,

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

In the fullness of time, may we enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION SONG

CLOSING PRAYER

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness
of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE WEEK AHEAD SEPTEMBER 20 – 26

SUN	20	Holy Eucharist 10:00 am In Person & Online
MON	21	AA Group 6:00 pm Fulton Hall
TUE	22	AA Group 6:00 pm Fulton Hall
WED	23	Morning Prayer 10:00 am In Person & Online
THU	24	Bible Study 1:00 pm Zoom Video Call Reunion Group – Cursillo 5:00 pm Zoom Video Call AA Group 6:00 pm Fulton Hall
FRI	25	Group Prayer 11:00 am Conference Call Dial 712-775-7035, Code 375658# AA Group 6:00 pm Fulton Hall
SAT	26	Day of Repentance 9:00 am Venice

HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY?

Year-to-Date Tithe/Offerings	Year-to-Date as of August 31, 2020
Actual: \$ 87,871	Total Income: \$ 135,623
Budgeted: \$ 90,733	Expenses: \$ 137,813
Difference: \$ - 2,862	Difference: \$ - 2,190

Your tithe's and offerings may be mailed to the church, donated through PayPal via our website, dropped off at the church office or placed in the baskets in the sanctuary.

*“Am I not allowed to do what
I choose with what belongs to me?
Or are you envious because I am generous?”
So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”*

— Matthew 20:15-16

BEYOND STONE WALLS



Morning Prayer
Wednesdays at 10:00 am
In Person & Live on Facebook

Join us in person or online for a time of prayer.



Bible Study, Revelation
Thursdays at 1:00 pm
Hosted by Marilyn Koach via Zoom

This weekly study will survey the Book of Revelation and help Christians feel more prepared for the time to come. Contact Marilyn for details at 941-924-8444.



Reunion Group – Cursillo
Thursdays at 5:00 pm
Zoom Video Call

This group offers personal time for prayer and sharing of life's joys and sorrows, as well as accountability to Christ's call for study, piety and action. Contact Sally Allen for details at 413-822-1160.



Group Prayer
Fridays at 11:00 am
Conference Call
Dial 712-775-7035, Code 375658#

Join us as we pray against COVID-19, for our country, and other issues of the day.



**National & Global Day of
Prayer And Repentance**
Saturday, September 26, 9:00-10:30 am
Join us for a time of prayer and repentance as the world refocuses our attention back on God. Meet at Maxine Barritt Park, 1800

Harbor Dr. South, Venice. Hosted by One Christ Won City. To learn more about the national event, visit <https://thereturn.org/>



Yard Sale, Outside Under Front Tree
October 9 & 10, 8:00 am-1:00 pm

No donations are needed for this sale as we are trying to clear out the shed but we do need volunteers. Please contact

Sandy Kreidler at 941-365-4246 or sbkreidler76@verizon.net if you can help.

THE CHURCH IN PRAYER

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE REPORTS

If you have a prayer to be added to this list or you would like to be added to our email prayer chain, call the office or email prayers@chsosprey.com.

Blessings for the Todd family. Thanksgiving for Eliana's birth and God's grace and strength for recovery.

Healing and strength for Lilly as she goes through chemo and radiation.

Gratitude to everyone who donated baby items in honor of Eliana Todd. We were able to bless many families through Pregnancy Solutions, Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center and Bridge a Life.

Prays for peace in the Middle East.

Care, provision, and restoration for the communities affected by the hurricanes.

Whole-body healing for Sue, especially her shoulder, back and stomach.

Strength for Christopher, and all teachers, returning to work.

Financial blessings for Paul.

God's wisdom and peace for Denise's brother, who is facing a decision about amputating his leg.

Continued healing for Arla and June.

God's peace and discernment for singles who are looking for a spouse.

Protection and safety from the wildfires, especially for Sue, Angeleke and Jack, Lucie's daughter and family, and for all the firefighters.

Sobriety and a good recovery program for Belinda to help her stay focused on her sobriety.

Sincere love and regard for one another.

A peaceful end to stand-offs, hold-outs, and resistant demonstrations.

A proliferation of prayer, knowing Jesus, transformed hearts, and dedication to him and his Church.

Thanksgiving for Mike's healing. Continued recovery of strength for him.

Wisdom for all families and school personnel as they make decisions for the new school year. May everyone be safe.

Deliverance for all with COVID-19.

A vaccine for COVID-19.



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Friday by Appointment



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