



*Sixteenth Sunday After
Pentecost
September 25, 2022*



Gathering

The assembly's parts are in **bold type**.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG **God Welcomes All / O Come, Let Us Adore Him** ACS 978 / ELW 283

God wel - comes all, stran - gers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

(Repeat "God Welcomes All")

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - more him,
We'll give him all the glo - ry, we'll give him all the glo - ry,
For he a - lone is work - thy, for he a - lone is wor - thy

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the lord.
we'll give him all the glo - ry, Christ, the lord.
for he a - lone is wor - thy, Christ, the lord.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,✝ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Word

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

A reading from Amos 6:1a, 4-7.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches,

and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

The gospel according to Luke 16:19-31.

Glory to you, O Lord.

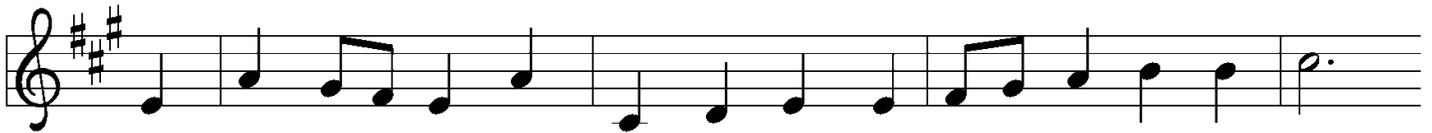
Jesus said: “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate Vs 1-3 ELW 722



1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation. O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill, especially those we now name out loud or silently in our hearts. *(30 seconds of reflection)* God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place, including Terry and Tony. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Meal

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, through Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us...

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.
This is the bread of life. This is the cup of hope. Please join in the feast now.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sending

BLESSING

May the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you this week and always in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

SENDING SONG Goodness Is Stronger than Evil (Sing 2x) ELW 722



Good -ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Presider/Preacher: Rev. Courtney Geibert

Minister of Music: Terry Williams

Pianist: Tony Marriott

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Messiah Happenings

Worship Sundays 10 AM In-Person or on Zoom

Join us in person or online for worship. Masks are recommended but not required for fully vaccinated & boosted people. If you are not vaccinated & boosted, masks are required. Zoom sign-on information is available at the end of this bulletin and on our website, www.messiahredwoodcity.org.

Soup's On!

Soup season is coming soon and we will again be making dry soup mixes. If you have any empty wide-mouth standard pint or quart jars, please let us know so we can reuse them. We can pick them up or you can bring them to Messiah.

Thank you! - Soup Committee

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, October 23

(immediately following worship)

Annual Church Meeting

2 pm Saturday, December 17

Christmas Concert & Singalong



Sep 4 - David Gondorf
Sep 5 - Tony Marriott
Sep 9 - Pat Goerlitz
Sep 12 - Amelia Romero
Sep 14 - Rev. Brandon Beck
Sep 21 - Ben Skelton
Sep 24 - Catha Hall
Sep 26 - David Westengard
Sep 29 - Janet Mauro
Sep 29 - Richard Schonweitz



- ***Mark Mauro**, prayers for healing
- ***Thelma Samuelsson**, prayers for pain relief
- ***Jean Stanley**, prayers for healing
- ***Becky Harris** (Ken Harris' daughter-in-law), prayers for healing
- ***Ginger Wilsey**, prayers for healing
- ***Eli Mayen** ***Kay Mears** ***Christine Price** ***Roberta Thurston** ***Edith Albert**

Offerings

To continue with your weekly offering or make a special gift to our ministry, you may send it to Messiah Lutheran Church, 1835 Valota Road Redwood City, CA 94061.

You can also donate online through tithe.ly!

Use your camera phone to scan the QR code to the right!

Scan Me!



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(Please sign in 5 minutes before the meeting.)

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Phone access: Dial 1-669-900-6833 You will then be directed to dial in the meeting ID #82833746708. After a pause, you will be granted access to the event.