

Opening Prayer

Loving God, our rock and foundation, We thank you for the opportunity to gather in your holy name. May this be a time when we remember your faithfulness. You give us hope when despair creeps into our lives. You carve out a path when we lack direction. You send family members, friends, and even strangers when we need reminders of your promise. And you send Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, to show us how to live in your ways. May we open our hearts to receive all that you provide. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn **“Come, Thou Almighty King” UMH#61**

Passing the Peace of Christ

“The Peace of Christ be with you.”

“And also with you.”

Children’s Time

Scriptures

Kay Lyn McBride

1 Timothy 6:6-19 (NIV)

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Luke 16:19-31 (NIV)

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message “Nothing In and Nothing Out” Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn “Faith of Our Fathers” UMH#710

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Marge Madsen, Lyra Johnson, Gary Smidt,
Larry Anderson, Lori Conyer’s Father, and
Merlin Beahm.

Happy Birthday to Avery Froid, Mindy Heath, and
Jenae Boudreau.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Beloved God, who richly provides for our needs and enjoyment, thank you for your many gifts. You have trusted us with our lives, with this world, and with your love. May the gifts we offer you today be used for your service and your glory. Help us store up for ourselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, that we may take hold of the life that really is life. We offer these gifts, trusting in our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Closing Hymn “Precious Name” UMH#536

Benediction

As we leave this place, may our eyes be opened to those who lie at our gates. With the love of Christ within us, may we see the hungry and the hurting, the abused and the forgotten. And may we seek to share the blessings we have been given. In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, may we go out and live the Kingdom. Amen.

Sending Forth

Postlude Glen Haselbarth

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Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

September 25, 2022

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. Please continue to remember, support, and pray for children’s ministry, youth’s ministry, UMW, our committees, bell choir, and Bible Study group.
2. The volunteer sheets are on the bulletin board in the west hallway. Please write your names on the sheet if you want to be involved in the church ministry. **Refreshment Host and communion servers are still needed for next Sunday.**
3. There will be a Administrative Council meeting at 7:00 pm on September 28.
4. The deadline for the church conference will be October 3. Please prepare all work before the date.
5. Join us for refreshments following worship.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$1,892. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.

Call to Worship

L: When we are lost and uncertain,

P: God provides prophets and storytellers to guide us toward the truth.

L: When we are in need of rescue,

P: God provides refuge and shelter during our darkest days.

L: When we are looking, seeking, and hoping,

P: God provides open arms to welcome us with love and faithfulness.

A: Come! Let us worship.