



The Best Supper, Jan Richardson

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 17, 2022
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As Abraham once welcomed strangers

So God welcomes us.

God greets us with joy

and says, "rest here for awhile."

God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.

God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.

So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.

Let us rest in this holy place

where there is shade and water, food and laughter.

*OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for our Summer of Sharing program. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

In Christ, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things. Trusting in Christ, let us seek God's forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with many things and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid attention to your Word. We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be oppressed. We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our dealings with others. We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded warnings of judgment. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance. Free us from our habits of pride and make us steadfast in faith that we may live with those who are reconciled with you in Jesus Christ our lord, with whom we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Though we were once estranged, in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God. Baptized, forgiven, and freed, we are one with the Lord and with each other.

Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 301)

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.*

*Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the faith they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, as the Scriptures are read and the gospel proclaimed, open our ears to hear your Word, open our eyes to see your truth, and open our hearts to receive your grace. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:38-42 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

Genesis 18:1-15 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Is Anything Too Wonderful for the Lord?”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Col. 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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. Hosanna in the highest!

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. You may take communion by taking a small piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Pre-packaged elements are also available in baskets for a contact-free option.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God, thank you for inviting us to your table where all are welcome, and for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of blessing. As you have filled our lives with love and hope, may we be a source of your love and hope for others who hunger and thirst for good news. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

*CHARGE AND BENEDECTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: Ashley Hicks

Communion Servers: Jerry Nail & Brad Smith

The Life of the Church

Extended Table is today following worship. This is a monthly opportunity for anyone who would like to go out to lunch with others. We will be meeting today at Briarpatch.

Our church outing to Beauty and the Beast is this afternoon. We wish good luck to the several folks from our church family who are involved in this production!

Our Middle School Youth will be heading to the Montreat Middle School Conference held at Maryville College (TN) later this week. Our prayers go with Stephanie, Kirtley, Bella, and Claudia as they travel and grow in faith together!

Living Waters for the World helps people around the world gain access to clean water. Our church supports this ministry each year in our budget. Next Sunday, July 24, Steve Young, LWW's executive director, will be with us. Plan to stay after worship for a presentation on the work of Living Waters for the World in fellowship hall. Light refreshments will be served.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.

The 24th Annual Owensboro Multicultural Festival, a signature ministry of our church, is coming up Saturday, August 20, 10am-4pm. Here are ways to get involved:

Festival T-Shirt Orders are being taken through this Wednesday, July 20. Sizes range from YS-5XL. Shirts are \$10. Payment will be accepted when shirts are picked up. Sign up today with Debbie McCoy or Jeff Moles or use the online form at bit.ly/MCFshirt2022.

Yard Signs are a great way to help create buzz about the festival. Sign one out near the Clinton Place Door.





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and to join God in the building of a
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