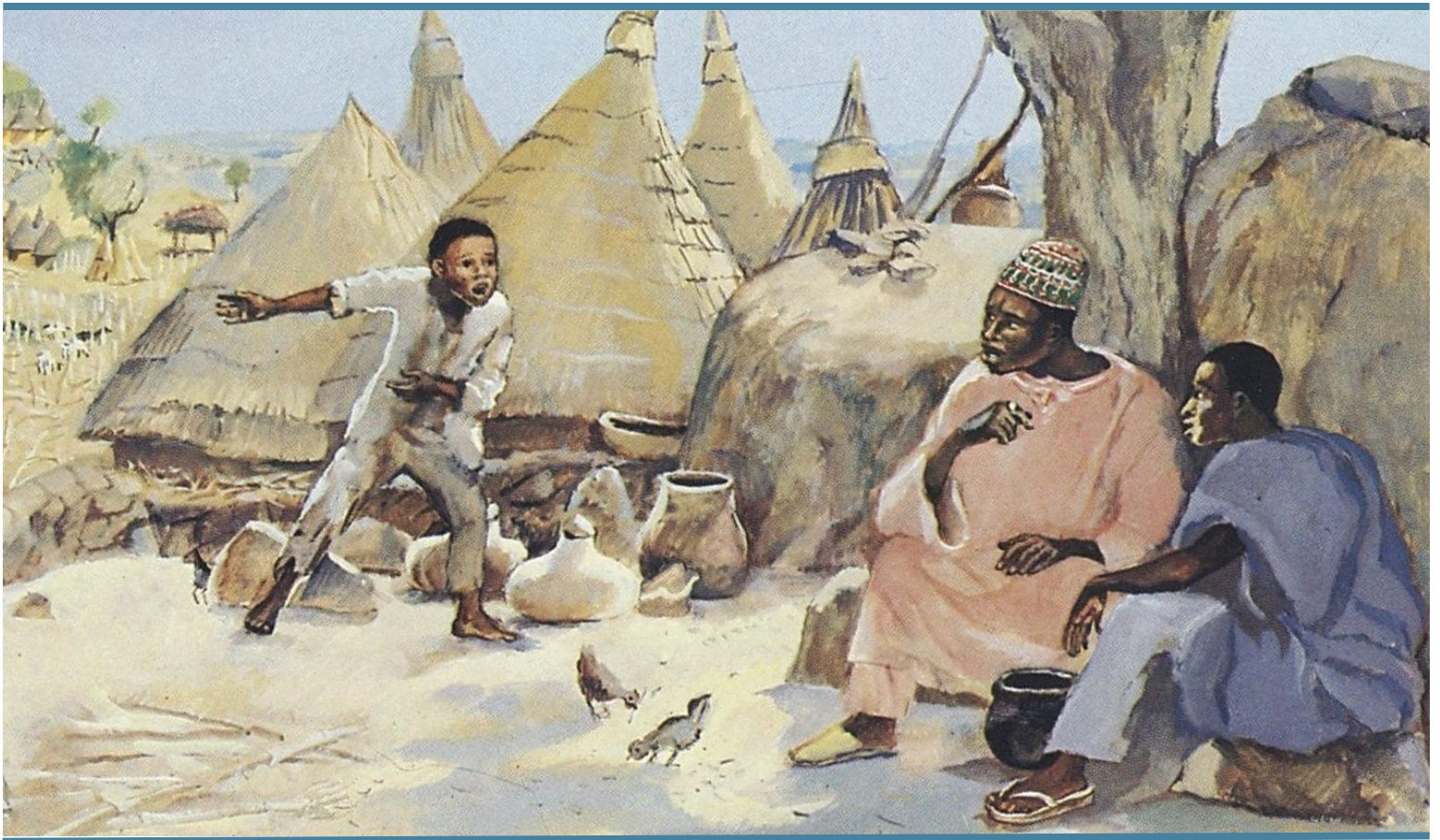




WELCOME TO WORSHIP

September 13, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



We are called to be a welcoming and supportive community whose inspiring worship of God encourages everyone to deepen their faith and to respond to the needs of the world with the compassion of Christ.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Chiming of the Hour

We encourage you to quiet your minds and hearts for worship at this time.

Welcome and Announcements

Sign the Friendship Register at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor.

Organ Voluntary

Siciliano

John Stanley

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God gathers us not because we are perfect, but because we are beloved.

People: We come to receive the grace that makes community possible.

Leader: God meets us in truth, mercy, and the possibility of beginning again.

People: We bring our joys, our wounds, and our hope.

Leader: At the font, in fellowship, and through every act of welcome,
Christ makes us one.

People: We will make room for one another in the family of God.

*** Processional Hymn**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Hymn #81

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Gracious God, You welcome us before we have found the right words or settled every question, yet we do not always extend that same grace. We hold others at a distance, reduce people to their failures, expect forgiveness without seeking repair, and sometimes use forgiveness to silence another person's pain. We hide our own wounds and questions, afraid they will make us less welcome. Forgive us. Teach us to speak truth without cruelty, honor boundaries without abandoning hope, and make room for one another as You make room for us. By Your grace, build us into a community where questions are welcomed, mercy is practiced, and every person knows they belong.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Response to Confession**

We Are Forgiven
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Hymn #447

***The Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share that peace with one another.

Sacrament of Baptism

Eli Lee Rheinhardt Dabler and Travis Kyle Dabler
children of Kayla and Austin Dabler

Hymn of Response

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Hymn #486

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 50:15–21; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 48

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sweetest Name I Know

text: Luther Bridgers
music: David Foley

*There's within my heart a melody Jesus whispers sweet and low:
"Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still," in life's ebb and endless flow.
Jesus, blessed Jesus, sweetest name I know, fills my every longing,
keeps me singing as I go. All my life was wrecked by sin and strife;
discord filled my heart with pain. Jesus swept across the broken strings,
stirred the slumbering chords again. Jesus, blessed Jesus, sweetest name I know.
Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go. Feasting on the riches of His
grace, resting 'neath His sheltering wing, always looking on His smiling face,
that is why I shout and sing! Jesus, blessed Jesus, sweetest name I know.
Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go, the sweetest name I know.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21–35; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 20

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Community Built On Grace
Rev'd Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn**

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Hymn #444

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.

Commissioning of the Chancel Choir

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem O God, Beyond All Praising arr. Dan Forrest
O God beyond all praising, we worship You today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay. For we can only wonder at every gift You send, at blessings without number and mercies without end. We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word, we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord. For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, and we through Him are given the final victory. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know Your favor may serve You as our King. And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still. To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise!

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Hymn #435

***Benediction**

Choral Response A Blessing Carol Latimer
*Wherever you may go may you feel God's arms around you.
Wherever you may be may God's peace surround you.
May the songs we've shared resound within your heart,
and wherever you may go may love follow.*

Organ Voluntary Trumpet Voluntary John Stanley

Worship Leaders:

Rev'd Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Rachel Finken, *Associate Pastor*

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Laura Burgio, *Collaborative Pianist*; Chancel Choir

Cross Bearer: Gregor Noonan **Acolyte:** Declan McSwain

Livestream Host: Richard Jeter **Usher Captain:** Larry Erwin

Ushers: Pam Cooper, Jim Cooper, Carolyn Sproull, Wayne Ullery

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