



16th Sunday After Pentecost  
September 25, 2022



## University Presbyterian Church

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GATHERING TOGETHER

*As we prepare for worship together, in person or virtually, you may wish to light a candle representing the presence of God with you and concerns, laments, desires for healing, confessions or prayers of thanksgiving that you are particularly holding in the light of Christ today.*

*Everyone is invited to join in speaking or singing aloud the **bold** portions of the liturgy in the bulletin. \*The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when members of the congregation are invited to rise in body or spirit as able.*

PRELUDE

*Abide with Me*  
*Brenda Portman*  
*My Song is Love Unknown*  
*The Sacred Music Press, 2022*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mamie Broadhurst

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pre-K - 6th Graders

Lighting the Candle  
Words for Worship:

\*HYMN No. 791 vs. 1-3

***For You, My God, I Wait***

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jeff Perry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Ever present God,**

**You call us to treat one another as beloved neighbors,  
yet we confess that much of our life  
is consumed with jockeying for position,  
ensuring we are not at the bottom of the pile.**

**We admit that we have considered some people as beneath us.  
We have looked for opportunities to press our own advantage.  
We admit, too, that we chastise people for making bad choices  
when there were no good choices available.**

**We are more than ready to believe their guilt or unworthiness,  
without questioning our assumptions or biases.**

**Forgive us for believing our earthly circumstances  
are a reflection of your blessing.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**Make us mindful of those we deem different or undeserving.  
They are made in your image just as much as we are.  
Help us to live in community  
in a way that reflects your vision for the world.  
We ask for your forgiveness and your grace. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

We are graced with a God who sees all we have done  
and all we have left undone,  
yet allows and encourages us to try again.  
The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

**In Jesus Christ we are always beloved and always forgiven.  
The covenant still holds.  
Thanks be to God.**

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS No. 447

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS  
Genesis 39:1-23

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

\*HYMN No. 834

***Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymnal p. 35*

OFFERING of GIFTS

*During this time you are encouraged to consider your response to the work of Christ in the world today, making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. Please remember your family, neighbors, the wider community, and the church in your offering.*

*If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.*

INVITATION

ANTHEM

***City Called Heaven***

*Arranged by Josephine Peolinitz  
Plymouth Music Co., Inc., 1994*

*Annie Kate Lee, soloist*

*I am a pilgrim of sorrow,  
I'm left in this wide world alone!  
Ain't got no hope for tomorrow,  
Trying to make heaven my home.*

*Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord.  
Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn.  
Oh I heard of a city called heaven,  
Trying to make heaven my home.*

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Old Hundredth*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**Blessed are you, God,  
who have blessed us to be a blessing.  
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:  
our selves, our time, and our possessions.**

**Use us and what we have gathered  
to feed the world with your love,  
and to be a visible sign of your presence among us.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN No. 791 vs. 4-6

***For You, My God, I Wait***

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

God is...

*(wait until the candle is blown out)*

**Everywhere.**

POSTLUDE

***God is With Us***

*Margaret Mueller*

*Free Harmonizations of Hymn Tunes, Vol. II.*

*Hinshaw Music, 1986*



# Inquirers Class

*Ask And You Shall Receive, Seek And You Shall Find,  
Knock And The Door Will Be Opened To You.*

*Matthew 7:7*

**October 9, 23, 30  
November 6**

**During Sunday School hour beginning at 9:45 a.m.**

*How can I find my place here?*

*Who are some of the other people in this community,  
and how did they come to be here?*

*What is some of UPC's history?*

*What does it mean to be a Presbyterian?*

If you're feeling like this might be your kind of place, come learn more about us in the Inquirer's class we'll hold in the Fellowship Hall. We'd love to know more about you, and we're glad to tell you more about us. In learning more about one another, we're bound to feel a little closer about God, and isn't that the point? You can let Mamie know you're able to join us, or just come! We're glad to have you either way.

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## **CHURCH NURSERY**

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