

16th Sunday after Pentecost – September 12th, 2021; 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

September 11th Prayer of Remembrance

For those who lost their lives in New York City, we remember...

For those, who lost their lives at the Pentagon, we remember...

For those, who lost their lives in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, we remember...

For those, who lost their lives responding to the attack...

For those, who lost their lives in the days afterwards...

For the families, whose lives were forever changed...

For the nation, whose sense of innocence was shattered...

For the world, whose peace was broken... LORD, we remember.

When we remember, our hearts are still restless. When we remember, our souls still grieve for the victims and their families. God, you are a God who despises evil and chaos. Heal us, LORD, even now. Restore your world. Restore your people. Give us the faith that affirms the victory of life over death, and goodness over evil. Protect and bless all those who continue to guard, guide, serve, protect, and defend. Let your peace overwhelm us, so that all the nations may come to understand what it means to live in peace, and that all the nations may come to know your peace, in the name of the one, who is the *Prince of Peace*, Jesus the Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn*

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi* (Unison)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Hymn*

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH 431

Special Music

Alleluia, Sing with High Delight (Mozart)

Dave Tramontana & Nicole Beyers

Silent Prayers of Confession, Help, and Deliverance

Words of Assurance (Psalm 27: 1)

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

P: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 14: 13-23

Robert Miller

Hymn

Seek Ye First

UMH 405

Sermon

Learning to Pray: Ignatian Contemplation

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Special Organ Music

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn*

O God Beyond All Praising

TFWS 2009

Benediction

Fall Worship Schedule Begins TODAY, September 12th

9:15 am – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

- Join us each Sunday for beautiful inspired traditional hymns, worship, liturgies, organ music, choir, and special music. Communion will be celebrated each Sunday.
- C-4 KIDS Ministry & Nursery will be offered at this time.
- Middle School Sunday School

10:15 am – Contemporary Worship in McComas Hall

- Join Faith Under Fire for inspired high-energy praise songs. The pastor's message will be presented by a creative pre-recorded video. Pastors will be available for communion, prayers, and fellowship each Sunday.
- Holy Grounds Coffee – Grab a cup of coffee from the Welcome and Information Desk. Fellowship with your friends.
- Youth Bible Study
- Adult Bible Study, Discussion, and Fellowship – Will be held in the library, studying "*The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginners Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings,*" by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. (Book is optional)

11:00 am – A Brand-New Worship Opportunity

- Join us for a brand-new thing in the Sanctuary. This modern worship service will be a coming together of historic and modern worship with a broad range of musical styles, led by Pastor Deb. We'll follow the age-old pattern of Entrance, Word, Response, Table, and Dismissal. The preaching will be on rotation as always. Communion will be celebrated each week.

Fall Preaching Series

Our Fall preaching series for the next five weeks will be on prayer following the book, *Learning to Pray*, by Fr. James Martin, S.J.

Join us each Sunday to explore these five new ways to pray:
Contemplation, Lectio Divina, Examen, Centering Prayer, and Nature Prayers.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense for sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

O God Beyond All Praising

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 blessing 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.

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.