

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**September 20, 2020**  
***The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost***  
***11:00am***  
***St. John's United Methodist Church***  
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Gathering Music

Jim Ahrend

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Jim Ahrend

Invocation

Call to Worship

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!  
**We have been given new life and resurrection.**  
Come into his presence with praise and thanksgiving,  
**Praise God with laughter and song.**  
Give thanks to God, and praise God's name!  
**God is here among us!**

Hymn

"God Is Here"

UMH 660

1. God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer  
 2. Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep - herd's  
 4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea-sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul-pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak-en,  
 change and doubt keep us faith-ful to the gos-pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -  
 here the cross has cen-tral place. Here in hon-es-ty of  
 Christ sus-tains us, as of old. Here the ser-vants of the  
 help us work your pur-pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -

round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the  
 preach-ing, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in  
 Ser-vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it  
 ca-tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who

com-ing of the Spir-it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 new-ness and re - new-al, God the Spir-it comes to each.  
 means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 can-not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1978  
 MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

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Leader: This is the good news  
which we have received  
in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved:

**People: Christ died for our sins,  
was buried,  
was raised on the third day,  
and appeared first to the women,  
then to Peter and the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,  
the Anointed One of God,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
in whom all things hold together,  
in whom the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell  
by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church,  
and by the blood of the cross  
reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession  
Words of Assurance

Invitation to Give

*Go to [stjohns-abq.org](http://stjohns-abq.org) to give online.  
You may also mail checks to: St. John's UMC, 2626 Arizona Street NE, 87110*

Offertory Music

St. John's Virtual Choir

"Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring"

J.S. Bach

Amanda Talley, oboe; Maribeth Gunning, organ

Doxology

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow'r uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offertory Prayer

## "The Lone, Wild Bird"

## The Lone, Wild Bird

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1. The lone, wild bird in loft - y flight is  
 2. The ends of earth are in your hand, the  
 3. Each se - cret thought is known to you, the  
 4. In se - cret depths you knit my frame, be -  
 5. O search me, God, my heart re - veal, re -

still with you, nor leaves your sight. And I am yours! I  
 sea's dark deep and far - off land. And I am yours! I  
 path I walk my whole life through; my days, my deeds, my  
 fore my birth you spoke my name; with - in my soul, as  
 new my life, my spir - it heal; for I am yours, I

rest in you, Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.  
 rest in you, Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.  
 hopes, my fears, my deep - est joys, my si - lent tears.  
 close as breath, so near to me, in life, in death.  
 rest in you, Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.

WORDS: Sts. 1-3 by Henry Richard McFayden, alt.; sts. 4-5 by Marty Haugen (Ps. 139:2-4, 13-15, 23-24)  
 MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony* (1835); harm. by David N. Johnson  
 Sts. 4-5 © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.; harm. © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. by Augsburg Fortress

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Pastoral Prayer

Larry Luna

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is  
the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Scripture Lesson

I Peter 1:3-9

Message

Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley

“The ‘Little’ Books of the New Testament: I Peter”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

UMH 529

Benediction

Postlude

Jim Ahrend

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*Worship Leaders:*

*Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley, Matthew Greer*

*Jim Ahrend, Shea Perry*



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - ways shall lie,  
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 I'll strength - en and help thee, and cause thee to stand  
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

WORDS: "K" in Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787 (2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5; Is. 43:1-2)  
 MUSIC: Early USA melody; harm. from *Tabor*, 1866

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