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**Sunday Service**

September 12, 2021 – 10:00A.M.

**Senior Pastor**

The Rev. Amy C. Gopp

*1400 E. Main Street, Kent, Ohio 44240*

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING, ACCESSIBLE TO ALL CONGREGATION

12 SEPTEMBER 2021 – 10:00 AM

An asterisk (\*) indicates that you are invited to stand. Feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

\*\*Due to COVID, only the director of music and choir section leaders will sing.

PRELUDE *Festive Prelude on “Built on the Rock”* arr. Gilbert M. Martin

GREETING Rev. Amy C. Gopp, senior pastor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Gayle Wall, liturgist

One: Jesus asks the disciples:

**Many: “Who do people say I am?”**

One: They answer,  
“Some say John the Baptist; some say Elijah;  
and others say one of the prophets.”  
But Jesus presses them:

**Many: “Who do you say I am?”**

One: Peter answers,  
“You are Christ—God’s anointed one, God-with-us!”  
Now Jesus pushes us:  
“What about you?

Here, in this moment, in this community,

**Many: Who do you say I am?”**

One: Where do we find the wisdom to answer?

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Gayle Wall

\*\*OPENING HYMN #332 *As We Gather at Your Table* BEACH SPRING

CALL TO CONFESSION Gayle Wall

*Silent Reflection*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor Amy

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

CHILDREN’S SNAP CHAT *Blessing of the Backpacks* Pastor Kim

OFFERING INVITATION

Gayle Wall

\*\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Pastor Amy

\*\*CLOSING HYMN #1 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Amy

POSTLUDE *Psalm 47: Clap Your Hands* Robert J. Powell



***Our service has ended. Now our service begins.  
You are the Body of Christ, and the whole world awaits you.***

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK  
Mark 8:27–38

Gayle Wall

SERMON

“Surrender”

Pastor Amy

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Corey Fowler

THERE IS A BALM: A LITANY TO REMEMBER 9/11  
*\*\*Sung: There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sinsick soul.  
Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work’s in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.  
There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sinsick soul.*

One: Let us pray:  
On all who continue to grieve  
and all who died in the events of September 11th and its aftermath,  
**All: Jesus, pour mercy.**  
One: On those whose homes, livelihood, and psychological  
well-being were destroyed or compromised,  
**All: Jesus, pour mercy.**  
One: On those displaced.  
**All: Jesus, pour mercy.**  
One: On the devastation of city and countryside both in this country and throughout the  
world.  
**All: Jesus, pour mercy.**

*Sung: There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole...*

One: And so we pray:  
When we give a death-dealing interpretation to your word of grace,  
**All: Jesus, awaken justice.**  
One: When we bind up our own wounds only, and forget the suffering of stranger,  
**All: Jesus, awaken justice.**  
One: When in our fear we retreat and isolate,  
**All: Jesus, awaken justice.**  
One: When we seek security only based on military might and not on right-relationships  
among peoples,  
**All: Jesus, awaken justice.**

*Sung: There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole...*

One: And so we pray:  
That all who continue to suffer may heal and the nations of the world will find peace;  
**All: Jesus, we labor with you.**  
One: That growing understanding among faithful peoples will lead to a shared vision of  
peace;  
**All: Jesus, we labor with you.**  
One: That profound cooperation among nations, which share God’s earth, may lead to  
structures of peace;  
**All: Jesus, we labor with you.**  
One: That oppressive economic and military structures may be transformed and structures  
may grow that lead to peace;  
**All: Jesus, we labor with you.**  
O God, hear our hopes and make us faithful in your way of love and justice.  
In your name, Jesus, the make of peace, Amen.

*Sung: There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole...*

HOLY COMMUNION

LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Creator  
who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom,  
and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

*Words of Institution*  
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*Partaking the Elements*  
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*Prayer after Communion*  
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