

16th Sunday after Pentecost, September 13, 10:00 A.M.

We're so pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us for coffee/tea.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Greeting

Chant
Here I am As I am
In this world As it is
Ever entangled In this luminous web of life
Ever abiding In the heart of God

Land Acknowledgement

HYMN # 416 All Things Bright and Beautiful *(Blue Book)*

In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.
And God called them good.
Come Holy Spirit and cleanse the waters.
The prophet saw a river flowing from the Temple, and wherever the river flowed, everything lived.
Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.
Jesus cried out,
"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me... Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."
Come, Holy Spirit and heal your people.

Thanksgiving for the Waters

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for your love in all creation, and especially for your gift of water to sustain and cleanse all life. Christ is the living water, cleansing, refreshing, and making all things new. So now we offer our thanks for the waters that bring beauty to all that we enjoy, the wild places, the bush, the mountains, coast and the sea. We give thanks and praise for all good lands, for the trees and pastures, for our plentiful crops,
and for the living water that quenches them.
We praise you for giving us life through water, and for all waters
everywhere. We especially praise you for the waters who sustain us in this part of our common home.

Water is poured into the font; if you have brought water from another source please come forward and add it to the font.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave your people water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

You bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.
You satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.
Come, Holy Spirit, and give us life.

Collect
Almighty God,
you parted the sea and made a path to freedom,
commanding wind and water to serve
your purpose.
Teach us to see your power in earth, sky,
and sea.
As we face rising waters and a
changing climate,
guide us with your light and grace.
Deliver us from fear and lead us to action,
that we may honour you by protecting
your creation;
through Jesus Christ our Liberator. **Amen.**

First Reading: Job 38: 1-18
Reader: Caroline Brown
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-10
Reader: Caroline Brown
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GOSPEL HYMN # 575 Let the Streams of Living Justice *(Blue Book)*

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Luke 8: 22-25
Reader: Deacon Elinor Smith-
The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

The Prayers of the People – *Carol Gardiner*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 410 Creating God Your Fingers Trace
(Blue Book)

Eucharistic Prayer
May God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.
Let us give thanks to God, who creates, loves, and sustains the universe.
We rejoice in God our Creator.

Celebrant: It is right in all times…….
……. In this ancient honor song:

Hymn # 719 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *(Blue Book)*
Holy, holy, holy, Lord
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you for Jesus,…….
……. now and forever

Hymn # 721 Amen, Amen, Amen (*Blue Book)*

Lord's Prayer
O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere!
Release a space to plant your Presence here.
Imagine your possibilities now.
Embody your desire in every light and form.
Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.
Untie the knots of failure binding us,
as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.
Help us not forget our Source,
yet free us from not being in the Present.
From you arises every Vision,
Power and Song from gathering to gathering.
Amen! May our future actions grow from here!
~ written by Mark Berry, and posted on Jonny Baker's blog

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant # 221 I am Walking the Path of Peace
(Red Book)

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn # 73 One Bread One Body, One Lord of All *(Blue Book)*

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

HYMN # 425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
(*Blue Book*)

The Dismissal