



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 20, 2020**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Martin

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*O God of Every Nation*

LLANGLOFFAN

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dr. Martin and **People**

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

**On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

**The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.**

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

Dr. Martin and **People**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.      \*universal      UMH 881**



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**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:*

*“The peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”*

**MINISTRY OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Mrs. Tami Kemberling

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Dr. Martin

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

*Give Thanks*

Henry Smith, arr. Lloyd Larson

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son,*

*And now let the weak say, “I am strong;”  
let the poor say, “I am rich,”  
because of what the Lord has done for us.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Dr. Martin and People

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Matthew 20:1-16*

Dr. Martin

*“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.*

<sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?' <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Envious Generosity*

Dr. Martin

**HYMN**

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

BEACH SPRING

*Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.*

*Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.*

*As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight  
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.*

*Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.  
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.  
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.  
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

**POSTLUDE**

*Festal March*

James Mansfield

Rick Massengale, organ

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

*Please exit by the chancel only.  
Place bulletin in recycling bin or take it with you.  
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**Please remember in your prayers:**

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| Billy Arnold   | Richard Clayton   | Doris Kerlin     | Brad Wilkinson |
| Van Askew      | Howard Dunham     | Margie McClendon |                |
| Carolyn Broady | Margaret Grainger | Lurlene Perry    |                |
| Annelle Burch  | Martha Hale       | Claudia Rhodes   |                |
| Joe Byers      | Eddy Householder  | Sue Sheddan      |                |

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