



16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

Gathering

Welcome, Parish Events and Prayers

Doug Burian

Prelude

Jinhee Lim, piano

*Opening Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

UMH #327

*Call to Worship

Andrea Molnar

Sing and rejoice! The Lord reaches out to you with healing love!

The Lord is our strength and our power!

Dance before the Lord, a dance of joy and hope!

The Lord brings us joy and lifts us up in hope.

Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

Let us celebrate the good news God brings to us each day. Amen

Ministry Matters, Nancy Townley

The Lord be with you

And Also with you

Let us pray

*Opening Prayer

Holy God, as we gather with one another this morning we are grateful you are our strength. We can be confident that your love and power will never fail. Your Word has strength and will always lead our feet to your holy dwelling place. Strengthen and guide us with your Word this day through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Peace

Special Music "With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw
Chancel Choir

The Word

Scripture Reading Romans 14:1-12
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Children's Moment Donna Brackins
Children are invited to attend Sunday School or remain with their families in worship.

*Hymn "At the Name of Jesus" UMH #168

Sermon Rev. Lynn Nulton

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Jinhee Lim, piano

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

*Offertory Prayer Usher

*The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn "Jesus, United by Thy Grace" (v. 1, 2, 4, & 6) UMH #561

*Going Forth and Benediction

Postlude Jinhee Lim, piano

*Please stand as you are able.

Thank you to those who have participated in worship this morning.

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each one of us will be held accountable.