



SOTC Worship  
September 12, 2021  
Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

————— GATHERING —————

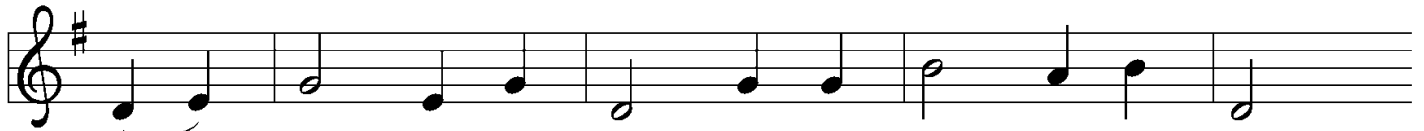
PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

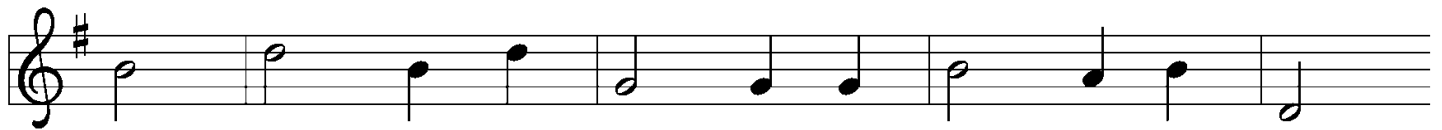
TONE CHIME CHOIR



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.”  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”

## CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Gathered in the presence of God and each other, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**Lord God, we pause to confess our shortcomings in life and love. We want to live life to the fullest, and yet we find ourselves disillusioned or disappointed. We want to have deep, meaningful relationships, and yet we short circuit those we love with our own selfishness. We want to follow the pull of your Spirit, and yet we turn to other pursuits. We want to live in union with you, and yet we turn away. Lord God, forgive us our sin, heal our wounds, and give us the power to change. Shower us with your grace that we may joyfully live with you and one another, all in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

People of God, hear the good news: through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the price of sin has been paid in full and we stand before God as restored and reformed people of faith. You are freed from your sin, from all that binds you, and from the wounds you carry. Receive Christ’s grace, and go forth, empowered by the Spirit, to live in newness of life.

**Amen.**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

KYRIE

Leader




In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.


Assembly




Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



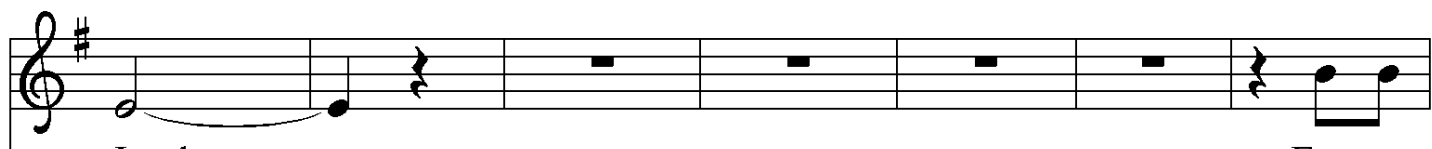
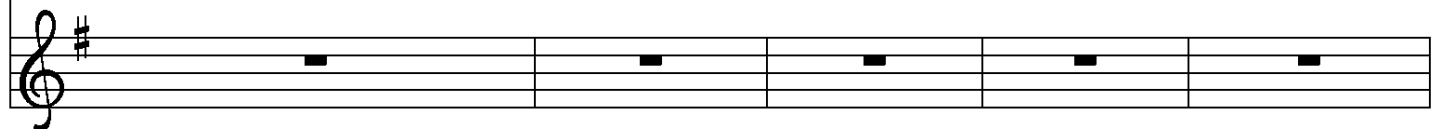
For the reign of God, and for



mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.




peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord.

For your



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have**

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray -

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

PSALM: PSALM 116:1-9

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my supplications.  
<sup>2</sup>**Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**  
<sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.  
<sup>4</sup>**Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
"O LORD, I pray, save my life!"**  
  
<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD protects the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

<sup>7</sup>Return, O my soul, to your rest,  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

**<sup>8</sup>For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling.**

<sup>9</sup>I walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.

## READING: JAMES 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Leader sings first, congregation sings second time.*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef and the key of A major (indicated by three sharps: F#, C#, G#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The first staff is for the leader, and the second staff is for the congregation. The music consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff also ends with a double bar line.

## GOSPEL: MARK 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you O Christ**

## SERMON

## HYMN

### LORD REIGN IN ME

♩ = 94

VERSE

C

G<sup>SUS</sup>

F<sup>2</sup>

G<sup>SUS</sup>

C

G<sup>SUS</sup>



1. O - ver all the \_ earth,  
2. O - ver ev - 'ry \_ thought,

You \_ reign on \_ high,  
o - ver ev - 'ry \_ word,

ev - 'ry moun - tain \_ stream,  
may my life re - flect

4

F<sup>2</sup>

G<sup>SUS</sup>

Am<sup>7</sup>

G<sup>SUS</sup>

F<sup>2</sup>

G<sup>SUS</sup>



ev - 'ry sun - set \_ sky.  
the beau - ty of my \_ Lord;

But my one re - quest,  
'Cause You mean more to \_ me

Lord, my on - ly \_ aim \_  
than an - y earth - ly \_ thing.



7 Dm<sup>7</sup> F<sup>2</sup> G<sup>sus</sup> **CHORUS 1a** C G F<sup>2</sup> G

— is that You'd reign in me a-gain. Lord, reign in \_ me, reign in Your \_ pow'r;  
 — So won't You reign in me a-gain.

11 C G F<sup>2</sup> G Am G F<sup>2</sup> G

O - ver all my \_ dreams, in my dark - est hour. You are the Lord of all I am, .

15 Dm<sup>7</sup> **1.** F G C G F **INSTRUMENTAL**

— so won't You reign in me a - gain.

19 Am<sup>7</sup> G F **2.** F G C **CHORUS 1b** N.C.

reign in me a - gain. Lord, reign in \_ me,

23 F<sup>2</sup> G C G F<sup>2</sup> G

reign in Your \_ pow'r; O - ver all my \_ dreams, in my dark - est hour.

26 Am G F<sup>2</sup> G Dm<sup>7</sup> F G

You are the Lord of all I am, — so won't You reign in me a - gain, .

30 Dm<sup>7</sup> F G Dm<sup>7</sup> F G

— won't You reign in me a - gain, — won't You reign in me a - gain.

ENDING

34 C G F C G F C

## APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer." If you would like to add a prayer petition, email it to Pastor Aleese at [pastor@shepherdofthecross.org](mailto:pastor@shepherdofthecross.org)*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!  
**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others. Pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!*

MEAL

OFFERING

EVERYBODY'S GOT SOMETHING TO OFFER

Ev - ery - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer; young and old the  
prince and the pau - per. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer  
in the name of the Lord.  
To the lost and the low - ly ones the mes - sage it is  
To the be - liev - ers gath - ered here the mes - sage it is  
clear;  
true; we have all got a gift to give our hands,  
we have all got a gift to give in all  
our hearts, our tears. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got  
we say and do. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

you. Lift up your hearts. We

*Presider:*

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

*Congregation:*

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



*Final time Cong. or assistant:*

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

TAKE MY LIFE THAT I MAY BE

- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

My LIFE IS IN YOU

♩ = 160

CHORUS

C/D G D/G G D/G G D/G Em D/E Em



My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in

Last time to Coda

4 D/E Em D/E C D/C C D/C C G/D



You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in

VERSE

8 1, 3. D C/D 2. D C D/C C D/C G/B



You. My You. I will praise You with all of my life,

13 G G/B C D/C C D/C G/B



I will praise You with all of my strength;

17 G G/B D A7sus/E D/F# G E B7sus/F# E/G#



With all of my life, with all of my

21 Am Am/G F Am7/E Dsus D C/D D.S. al Coda



strength. All of my hope is in You. My

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Go with peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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