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Order of Worship

16th Sunday after Pentecost

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## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**GATHERING WORDS**

**GREETINGS / NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC — “Though I May Speak” — Quartet**

**Verse 1**

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

**Verse 2**

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

**Verse 3**

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

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## **WE CONFESS OUR SINS**

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**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of life and love, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **THE GLORIA — Quartet**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

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### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 22:35-40**

**SERMON — “As Ourselves” — Sandra Brown**

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## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

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### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**OFFERTORY — “Show Me Thy Ways” — Quartet**

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### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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# WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

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## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### CHORAL BENEDICTION — “Day by Day”

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### POSTLUDE — “All Creatures of Our God and King” — Aaron David Miller

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**Participating Today:** Sandra Brown, Pat Yancey  
**Liturgist:** Sara Keckeisen  
**Quartet:** Jessica Crowder, soprano; Elizabeth Cochrane, alto;  
Lucero Padilla, tenor; Elliot Lauxman, bass  
**Organist:** Cynthia Neufeld Smith  
**Audio/Video:** Dan Pauls, Sean Zears

**MINISTERS:** All the Members of the Congregation  
**PASTORS:** The Rev. Sandra Stogsdill Brown, *Pastor*  
Patrick Yancey, *Commissioned Associate Pastor*  
The Rev. Dr. Neil Weatherhogg, *Pastor Emeritus*  
**DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES:** Beth Johnston  
**MUSIC STAFF:** Dr. Kevin Kellim, *Director of Music*  
Dr. Cynthia Neufeld Smith, *Organist*  
Norma Pettijohn, *Organist Emeritus*  
**STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS:** John Dorsey, Jane Owen

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