



Be gracious to
me, O Lord, for
I am in distress

Psalm 31:9

September 25, 2022

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Order of Worship

16th Sunday After Pentecost

Where you see an asterisk (), please rise in body or spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC — Prelude No. 3 — Felix Mendelssohn

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE — (8:30): “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs” — James E. Clemens

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(10:30): Finale, Sonata No. 6 — Felix Mendelssohn

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge.

People: **Let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in your righteousness.**

Leader: Turn your ear to me. Come quickly to my rescue.

People: **Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**

Leader: Since you are my rock and my fortress,

People: **lead and guide me, for the sake of your name.**

Liturgist: Let your face shine upon your servant.

People: **Save me in your unfailing love!**

*OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN #409 — “God Is Here!” (8:30 service: verses 1, 3, and 4 only)**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of abiding love and infinite patience, be with us this day. We have come from times of stress and difficulties, as well as times of hope and joy. We bring to you our concerns and our fears, and you offer your healing mercies. We confess that we haven't thought all that much about you this week. We have let events and demands crowd you out of our thoughts and our actions; yet, when we come to this place, we again kneel in remorse, seeking your forgiveness for our blindness and apathy. Turn our lives around, Lord. Help us look again at the many ways in which you bless and care for us. Help us be people who will reach out to others in loving compassion.

SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #576

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***THE GLORIA — #583**

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

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

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***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10:30) — “Mercy” - Craig Courtney

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Please note that the scriptures will be read aloud from the NSRV Updated Edition. The Bibles in our pews are NRSV. You may notice a few differences between what you hear and what you read as you follow along.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 31:9-16 — pg. 506 in OT (10:30 only)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 27:3-5 — pg. 31 in NT

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE — “Finding Joy on the Other Side of the Struggle” — Patrick Yancey

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN #177 — “I Will Come to You (You Are Mine)” (10:30 only)**

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory (8:30) — “Our Hope, Our Life” — James E. Clemens

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(10:30) — “My Heart Ever Faithful” — J.S. Bach/arr. Siebt

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***Doxology — #607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here be low;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN #853 — “We Are Marching in the Light of God”**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION — “God Be in My Head” — K. Lee Scott**

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***POSTLUDE (8:30) — “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”— James E. Clemens**

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(10:30) — Allegro maestoso e vivace, Sonata No. 2 — Felix Mendelssohn

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**The food basket is given by Dean and Norma Hill
in honor of their 64th Wedding Anniversary**

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