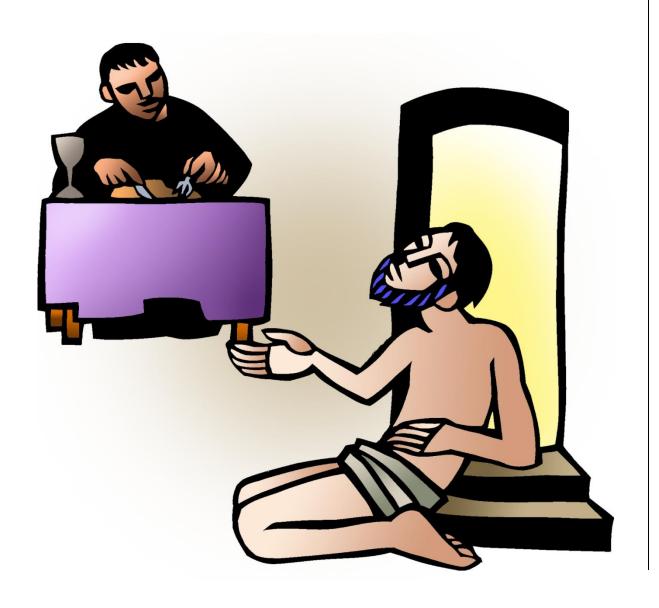


# September 25, 2022 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



#### **PRELUDE**

# **Ina Davenport**

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# **Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does. *Silence is kept for reflection.* 

God of mercy and forgiveness,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice,

love kindness,

and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength on the journey,

through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

#### Amen.

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,

who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

# GATHERING Gather Us In #532 (red book, rear section)

Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away – here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of live in our flesh and our bone.

# **GREETING**

In the name of God the Creator, in the name of Christ the Redeemer, in the name of the Guiding Spirit, Alleluia, Amen.

# **GATHERING SONG** (call and response)

Ray Makeever

Come, let us worship God....Come let us worship God. Come, let us worship God....Come let us worship God. Welcome everyone....Welcome everyone, To the love of God....To the love of God.

Rest for the weary....Rest for the weary.
Rest for the weary....Rest for the weary.
Welcome everyone....Welcome everyone,
To the love of God....To the love of God.

Food for the hungry....Food for the hungry. Food for the hungry....Food for the hungry. Welcome everyone....Welcome everyone, To the love of God....To the love of God.

Hope for the children...**Hope for the children.** Hope for the children...**Hope for the children.** Welcome everyone....**Welcome everyone,** To the love of God...**To the love of God.** 

# **KYRIE** (call and response)

Ray Makeever

Kyrie eleison.....Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison.....Kyrie eleison
Kyrie....Kyrie
Christe....Christe
Kyrie....Kyrie
Christe....Christe
Kyrie, Christe eleison....Kyrie, Christe eleison
Kyrie, Christe eleison....Kyrie, Christe eleison
Kyrie, Christe eleison....Kyrie, Christe eleison

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

# And also with you.

Let us pray together... God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

#### FIRST LESSON: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The first lesson for today is from the book of Amos, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,

and lounge on their couches,

and eat lambs from the flock.

and calves from the stall;

who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,

and like David improvise on instruments of music;

who drink wine from bowls,

and anoint themselves with the finest oils,

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,

and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

# PSALM 146 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

Praise God!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise God as long as I live;
will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, and Leah and Rachel whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

God sets the prisoners free;
God opens the eyes of the blind.
God lifts up those who are bowed down;
God loves the righteous.
God watches over the strangers;
God upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

God will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. **Praise God!** 

[New Revised Standard Version]

**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19** 

The Second Reading for today is from the book of First Timothy, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning with the 6<sup>th</sup> verse.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things,

and of Christ Jesus,

who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession.

I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame

until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

which he will bring about at the right time -

he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light

whom no one has ever seen or can see;

to him be honor and eternal dominion.

Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich,

command them not to be haughty,

or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches

but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

They are to do good, to be rich in good works,

generous and ready to share,

thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

[The New Revised Standard Version]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #174 (red hymnal, rear section)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 16:19-31** 

The gospel lesson for today is from the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke, beginning with the 16<sup>th</sup> verse.

# Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

[Jesus said to the Pharisees,]

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen

and who feasted sumptuously every day.

And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,

who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried away by the angels

to be with Abraham and Sarah.

The rich man also died and was buried.

In Hades, where he was being tormented,

he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by their side.

He called out,

'Father Abraham, have mercy on me,

and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue;

for I am in agony in these flames.'

But Abraham said.

'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things;

but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.

Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed,

so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so.

and no one can cross from there to us.'

He said,

'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house –

for I have five brothers –

that he may warn them,

so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

Abraham replied,

'They have Moses and the prophets;

they should listen to them.'

He said,

'No, father Abraham;

but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

He said, to him,

'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets,

neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.""

[The New Revised Standard Version]

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** 

Pastor Brian Stein-Webber

SERMON HYMN Will You Let Me Be Your Servant #659 (red hymnal, rear section)

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey we are trav'lers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

# **APOSTLE'S CREED**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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 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 THE PEOPLE

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches, especially at Shishmaref, Alaska. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment, especially Morro Bay Police Chief Jody Cox. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill, or who are otherwise in need of our prayers, especially,

- The Brochtrup family recovering from Covid
- Sally Mingo Jennifer Kurrle's mother knee injury
- Arthur Hendey, Kea McKee's brother spine surgery

- Paul Weggenmann Jean Senter's cousin pain with arthritis and dying of a disease that weakens muscles
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas, now in on-going rehabilitation care.
- Linda Luke- Undergoing new treatment
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law, living in a nursing home
- Edith Tway- multiple health problems, back at home
- George Tway- supporting Edith
- Becky Padilla- has responded well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina Davenport's friend-recovering well from a broken back
- James Hecker- experiencing new complications following bladder replacement surgery
- The family of Tim Stein, Mary Stein-Webber's brother whose memorial was on September 24th
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Katie Brochtrup- adjusting to her baclofen pump
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Janelle Muff, for continuing good health
- Elaine Grawe- recovering well from brain surgery
- Darel and Betty Sorenson, as Betty remains in nursing care on Hospice
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- For Laura Salazar and her family
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- ministering boldly in Santa Maria, and for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting the new COVID-19 omicron variants, and that we might continue to observe mitigation guidelines
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing, protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them
- For Dylan Lange and Bob Penzel who celebrate their birthdays this week

Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place, especially Ina Davenport, Joyce Bauer, Nancy Padilla, Cindy Haener, Jim Luke, Gail Brochtrup, Jean Senter and Pastor Brian. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We also offer up prayers for the following: (you may pray silently or out loud)
God of grace, hear our prayer.

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

#### **PEACE**

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

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** 

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

SANCTUS p. 173 (red hymnal, front section)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord.
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood, shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

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 and ever. Amen.

# **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

Ray Makeever

Christ, have mercy on us all, keep us steadfast e'er we fall. Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.

God, be with us at the feast. Grant us wisdom, give us peace. Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.

Holy Spirit, breathe again. Light the darkness, be our friend. Break the bread, pour the wine. Come and dine.

Bake a great loaf, give it time; choose the best grapes from the vine. Break the bread, pour the wine Come and dine.

# TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:
God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
AMEN.

#### **BLESSING**

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

# SENDING HYMN Canticle of the Turning #723 (red hymnal, rear section)

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn.

#### **REFRAIN**

My heart shall sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.
Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show
your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.
REFRAIN

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from their throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. REFRAIN

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.

This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. REFRAIN

#### **DISMISSAL**

#### **POSTLUDE**

# **Ina Davenport**

# Thank you to:

- **Joyce Bauer** for assisting in worship.
- Nancy Koppl, for teaching Sunday School.
- Sandy McMillan and others for counting the offering.
- **Ina Davenport** for accompanying worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** for streaming worship and assembling worship bulletins.
- Nancy Padilla, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback,** for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo,** for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks** for his handyman work.

#### Events this week:

- **All are welcome** to linger after worship for conversation and fellowship, with real coffee and goodies.
- **The Zoom discussion group** will meet tonight at 7:00 pm, discussing an update about the Gen Zer's who viewed the first season of *The Chosen*.
- **Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, September 28th, 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- You are encouraged to bring in your donations to the church for the **October 1**<sup>st</sup> **Rummage Sale.** Actually, the Sale begins on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 to 7:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for help in receiving donations. Thanks to all who can help with this very important fund raiser!
- **Sundy Undies!** This is our last Sunday of ingathering for "Sundy Undy"! We're collecting underwear and socks in all sizes for Iglesia and the Prado center. If you prefer, you may make a cash donation instead of shopping for undies. Just place your donation in an offering envelope and mark it "undies".
- **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 am,** worship in the sanctuary, Sunday School in the social hall, fellowship after worship.
- The Church Council, in its meeting last Thursday, voted to **lift the mask mandate for worship and other events**. We will be returning to coffee, juice and goodies for **Sunday fellowship hour** as well. We are grateful that COVID cases are going down in our area, and know that many people will feel more comfortable wearing masks. Thanks to all for your compliance these past many weeks!
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to start receiving his weekly emails.
   (bsteinwebber@gmail.com)

# **Don't forget** to check the **Calendar website page** for upcoming events: morrobaylutherans.org