



## The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 9, 2018 at 10:30am

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Beecher</i>	John Asunder
<b>Entrance</b>	<i>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	Hymnal 470
<b>Offertory Anthem</b>	<i>O God, you speak your beauty every hour</i>	Howard Helvey
	<i>O God, you speak your beauty ev'ry hour, from soaring peaks to valleys fed by springs. In ev'ry living soul and fragrant flow'r your handiwork is seen creation sings! As people in your image, we aspire and live to mirror your creative fire.</i>	
	<i>O risen Christ, we seek to understand the vastness of your wide-embracing love, With mercy from your gentle, guiding hand, we move from depths below to heights above. May we, with hearts uplifted by your grace, extend your love to ev'ry land and race.</i>	
	<i>O Spirit, giving breath to all the earth, we grow in faith and strength from your clear flame. O Wind of Heaven, recalled at our rebirth, the world awaits the unity we claim. With zeal we strive, assisted by your might, to fill the earth with everlasting Light. We'll fill the earth with everlasting Light.</i>	
<b>Communion Hymns</b>	<i>Welcome Table</i>	LEVAS 148
	<i>Surely it is God who Saves Me</i>	Hymnal 679
<b>Exit</b>	<i>God of Grace, and God of Glory</i>	Hymnal 594
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Cwm Rhonda</i>	David P. Dahl

### The Ministry of the Word

#### The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**1st Lesson** *Please be seated*

**Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

A good reputation is better than much wealth; high esteem is better than silver and gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord made them both. Those who sow injustice will harvest evil; the rod of their fury will come to an end. Happy are generous people, because they give some of their food to the poor. Don't steal from the poor, because they are poor.

Don't oppress the needy in the gate. The Lord will take up their case and press the life out of those who oppress them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 125** *sing the refrain after the choir, and where indicated.*



Show your good - ness, O \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, to the true of heart.

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Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem;  
so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore. **Refrain.**

The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just,  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good  
and to those who are true of heart.

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers;  
but peace be upon Israel. **Refrain.**

## 2nd Lesson

**James 2:1-10**

My brothers and sisters, when you show favoritism you deny the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been resurrected in glory. Imagine two people coming into your meeting. One has a gold ring and fine clothes, while the other is poor, dressed in filthy rags. Then suppose that you were to take special notice of the one wearing fine clothes, saying, "Here's an excellent place. Sit here." But to the poor person you say, "Stand over there"; or, "Here, sit at my feet." Wouldn't you have shown favoritism among yourselves and become evil-minded judges? My dear brothers and sisters, listen! Hasn't God chosen those who are poor by worldly standards to be rich in terms of faith? Hasn't God chosen the poor as heirs of the kingdom he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Don't the wealthy make life difficult for you? Aren't they the ones who drag you into court? Aren't they the ones who insult the good name spoken over you at your baptism? You do well when you really fulfill the royal law found in scripture, Love your neighbor as yourself. But when you show favoritism, you are

committing a sin, and by that same law you are exposed as a lawbreaker. Anyone who tries to keep all of the Law but fails at one point is guilty of failing to keep all of it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel** *please stand*

**Mark 7:24-37**

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus left that place and went into the region of Tyre. He didn't want anyone to know that he had entered a house, but he couldn't hide. In fact, a woman whose young daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard about him right away. She came and fell at his feet. The woman was Greek, Syrophenician by birth. She begged Jesus to throw the demon out of her daughter. He responded, "The children have to be fed first. It isn't right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." But she answered, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." "Good answer!" he said. "Go on home. The demon has already left your daughter." When she returned to her house, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone. After leaving the region of Tyre, Jesus went through Sidon toward the Galilee Sea through the region of the Ten Cities. Some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly speak, and they begged him to place his hand on the man for healing. Jesus took him away from the crowd by himself and put his fingers in the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. Looking into heaven, Jesus sighed deeply and said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Open up." At once, his ears opened, his twisted tongue was released, and he began to speak clearly. Jesus gave the people strict orders not to tell anyone. But the more he tried to silence them, the more eagerly they shared the news. People were overcome with wonder, saying, "He does everything well! He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who can't speak."

The Gospel of our Savior.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The altar flowers are given today by Patti Thorp  
in thanksgiving for the ministry of Connor Scott.*

## Worship Leaders

Preacher	The Rev. Mike Angell
Celebrant	The Rev. Marc Smith
Deacon	The Rev. Chester Hines
Crucifer	Scott Ferguson
Lectors	Cecily Hawksworth, Cassandra Gonzalez
Intercessor	Julie Farrar
Chalice	Bill Haggerty, Josephine Ezenwa
Acolytes	Chloe Olliff, Clara Olliff
Greeters/Ushers	Paul Mensah, Peter Tchoukaleff
Children's Chapel Leader	Heidi Olliff
Altar Guild	Edna Allen, Esther Ezenwa

## Announcements

**Reception for Connor Scott:** Join us after the service in thanking Connor for his years of ministry as our Organist. Be assured that we will begin a comprehensive search for his successor in the very near future. Substitute organists will play for our services until a permanent organist is hired.

**Parents' Day Out: Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3:00pm.** Enjoy free time with your significant other while your children are cared for at Holy Communion. All we ask is that you sign up by noon on Friday, September 14 so that we will have an adequate number of attendants. Sign up at the welcome table or by calling the Parish Office.

**Pilgrimage Class – Sept. 16 (12:15pm)** Pilgrimage, our course exploring themes in Christian thought and practice through the Episcopal tradition, is especially suited for newcomers but open to all who are exploring. Pilgrimage will take place across four monthly sessions on Sunday afternoons, beginning with lunch at 12:15 and finishing by 2:45. Register at [holychommunion.net/education/pilgrimage/](http://holychommunion.net/education/pilgrimage/).

**Laundry Love – Tuesday, September 18: (6:30pm)** Our volunteers take over Classic Coin Laundry (7200 Balson Ave., U City) If you'd like to volunteer, please come at 6:00pm for volunteer orientation. Read more and sign up at [www.holychommunion.net](http://www.holychommunion.net).

**Concert Across America:** September 23 at the 10:30 service, our Music Festival will remember the forgotten victims of America's gun violence epidemic.

**St. Francis Sunday – Sunday, September 30 at 10:30am:** Bring your animals for a shortened service of Holy Eucharist. Following Communion, the animals will all process out to the front lawn for a blessing, and a reception with treats for people and animals. Non-aggressive dogs are welcome on leashes. All other animals need to be in carriers.

**Adult Forum:** Next Sunday, September 16, The Rev. Melanie Mullen, the Presiding Bishop's Director of Reconciliation, Justice and Creation-care, will lead the Adult Forum in a discussion of the ways in which The Episcopal Church is working throughout the world for justice and reconciliation.