

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 · GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES ARE IN BOLD, THIS  
NOTATION · MEANS "PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT"

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Deacon of the Week: Kevin Murphy

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather:

In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life,  
in the name of Christ, the pulse of life,  
and the name of the Spirit, the breath of life.

**Holy! Holy! Holy!**

**Earth is filled with God's presence.**

As we gather in worship, we call to mind  
the places where people gather:

to work, to play,  
to grieve, to celebrate,  
to love, to struggle.

There is no place that God is not present,  
no people beyond God's care.

May God be revealed to us in this place,  
and may we see God revealed in all creation.

**Holy! Holy! Holy!**

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## • OPENING HYMN

*Welcome*

## WE PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Today, Sunday, September 25

♥ Worship, 10 am with the Rev.  
Emily C. Goodnow preaching

♥ Council Meeting, 11:45 am

### Tuesday, September 27

♥ Jeanette's Closet, 9-11 am

♥ Staff Meeting, 9:30 am

♥ Prayer Group, 1:30 pm

### Wednesday, September 28

♥ Last Day to Order Flower  
Bulbs

### Next Sunday, October 2

♥ Worship, 10 am with the Rev.  
Emily C. Goodnow preaching.  
Service to include Holy  
Communion

## CENTERING PRAYER

O Love, Most High,  
you are our shelter.  
Under your wings,  
safe from the terrors of the world,  
we rest in you.  
Hold us in the great silence of your Word.

## WE SOUND THE BELL

### ANTHEM

*Blessed be the Tie that Binds*

First Church Senior Choir

## CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

*“If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough.”*  
Meister Eckhart

*As we name the abundant blessings of our lives (anniversaries, birthdays, clean-and-sober milestones, and many more!), we offer a gratitude gift in any amount, so that the blessings we have received from God may be multiplied and shared with all who long to experience God’s extravagant welcome in this church and beyond.*

## A MESSAGE FOR ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

*Go now in peace! Go now in peace!  
May the love of God surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere you may go!*

## SHARING OUR SACRED STORY

Reader: Friends, hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church today!

### Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 CEB

Living in the Most High’s shelter,  
camping in the Almighty’s shade,  
I say to the Lord, “You are my refuge, my stronghold!  
You are my God—the one I trust!”  
God will save you from the hunter’s trap  
and from deadly sickness.  
God will protect you with his pinions;





you'll find refuge under his wings.  
His faithfulness is a protective shield.  
Don't be afraid of terrors at night,  
arrows that fly in daylight,  
or sickness that prowls in the dark,  
destruction that ravages at noontime.  
God says, "Because you are devoted to me,  
I'll rescue you.  
I'll protect you because you know my name.  
Whenever you cry out to me, I'll answer.  
I'll be with you in troubling times.  
I'll save you and glorify you.  
I'll fill you full with old age.  
I'll show you my salvation."

**Luke 16:19-31 NRSVUE**

**The Rich Man and Lazarus**

"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. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his 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 I beg you, father, 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 from the dead goes to them, 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.' "

Reader: This is the story of life for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Emily C. Goodnow

• **HYMN**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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 sins as we  
 forgive those who sin 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. Amen

### OFFERING OF LOVE AND PROMISE

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

#### • WORDS OF THANKSGIVING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God, all creatures here below;  
 Praise God for all that Love has done;  
 Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving and Holy God, we ask that You would pour out Your blessing on this offering today. Guide us in Your way and use these gifts to make our church and our world even more:

*We call out words like “joyful, kind, just” to bless our church and world*

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Please note: our Office Manager, Kylie, is working remotely as she begins a new full-time position and we search for a new on-site Office Manager. In the interim we have fabulous volunteers in our church office Tuesday - Thursday each week to provide warm welcome to all who call or stop in. Thanks to our volunteers for this kindness, and thanks to our church family for your grace and patience as we all adjust to these changes.

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 Centering Prayer is written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes and is published on his website, [unfoldinglight.net](http://unfoldinglight.net).





## 7. Welcome

*Let's Walk Together*

1. Let's walk to - geth - er for a while and  
 2. Let's talk to - geth - er of a time when  
 3. Let's dream to - geth - er of the day when

ask where we be - gin to build a world where  
 we will share a feast, where pride and pow - er  
 earth and heaven are one, a ci - ty built of

love can grow and hope can en - ter in, — to  
 kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least, — and  
 love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, — where our

be the hands of heal - ing, — and to plant the seeds of peace, —  
 joy will set the ta - ble, — as we join our hands to pray, —  
 mourn - ing turns to danc - ing, — ev - ry crea - ture lifts its voice! —

*Refrain*

— Sing - ing wel - come,  
 — Sing - ing wel - come, wel - come to this place. You're in -  
 — Cry - ing wel - come!

vit - ed to come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the

love of God to share — 'cause all of us are wel - come here;

— all are wel - come in this place. —

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## God of Grace and God of Glory

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*Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that  
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;  
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—  
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,  
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,  
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.  
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

*Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.*

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.  
 John Hughes, c. 1907