

Order of Worship
September 09, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: "Safely through Another Week" (verse 3) insert

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (responsively) (Psalm 146:5-8)

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

People: For our God made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

Leader: It is the Lord, our God, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed.

People: It is God who gives food to the hungry, and sets the prisoners free.

Leader: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind and lifts up those who are bowed down.

All: Therefore, we will praise the Lord as long as we live.

*Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" # 263

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison) (Based on Psalm 51)

"¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit." Then I will open my mouth, O God, and sing the praises of your mercy and steadfast love shown to us in Jesus Christ, and it is in his name that we pray. Amen.

Confession Response: **"Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us."** # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: James 2:1-10 and 14-17

Sermon: "A Tale of Three Churches"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West" # 439

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the 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.

*Hymn: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" # 466

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response: "Amen"