



September 17, 2023
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Pastor Larry

Prelude

Through Cathedral Windows

Guthals

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

*Call to Worship

Carolyn Masters

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?

The LORD Almighty—
he is the King of glory.
(Psalm 24:1-2; 7-10)

***Opening Prayer**

Carolyn Masters

When we feel overwhelmed by the storms of life, enter our hearts with your redeeming love, O Christ. When our fears overtake us and we cannot find our way, give us direction that we might faithfully serve you all our days, singing your praises! AMEN.

*** Hymn**

O Worship the King

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***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Carolyn Masters

Sharing 'The Peace' God makes peace within us. Let us claim it. God makes peace between us. Let us share it. Let us greet another as a sign of God's peace. The peace of God is here... to stay. All Thanks be to God. You are invited to share the peace with your neighbors.

Children's Time

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music

Who Can Satisfy

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Understanding

All Praying

Carolyn Masters

God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Amen.

Colossians 1:9-14

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,^[e] ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you^[f] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

Surely the Presence of the Lord

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Sermon

For Yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen

Pastor Larry

1 Timothy

**Christ appeared in the flesh
and was shown to be righteous by the Spirit.
He was seen by angels
and was announced to the nations.
He was believed on in the world
and was taken up into heaven.**

**At the right time
Christ will be revealed from heaven
by the blessed and only almighty God,
the King of kings and Lord of lords.
He alone can never die,
and he lives in light so brilliant
that no human can approach him.
No one has ever seen him,
nor ever will.
To him be honor and power forever. Amen.**

Morning Prayer

Pastor Larry

Hymn

The Lord's Prayer

Malotte

Offertory Invitation

Carolyn Masters

In gratitude for all the abundant blessings you have showered upon us, we celebrate as we receive our morning offering. AMEN.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Morning Hymn

Zea

**Doxology*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication*

Carolyn Masters

Lord, you have blessed our lives in so many ways. In gratitude for all these blessings and in confidence that our gifts will be used for ministries of peace and hope, we offer these gifts. AMEN.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*** Closing Hymn**

Shalom to You

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Benediction

Pastor Larry

Choral Benediction

Benediction Hymn

**Now may the Lord bless you and keep you
and make his face to shine upon you;
and may God lift his countenance upon you
and give you blessed peace for now and evermore.**

Postlude

The Awakening

Broughton

O WORSHIP THE KING

*O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

*2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.*

*3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

*4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.*

SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

*Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

SHALOM TO YOU

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*