

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost using *Liturgy for Earthkeeping*

Sunday, September 20th 2020

(*) Please stand if you are able

GATHERING

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

P: God of abundance, the land we walk on is holy ground.

C: Send forth your grace to help us heal the wounds of this world.

P: Open up the soil of our hearts to your word of life.

C: May we be strengthened by this time together and grow into who you are creating us to be.

*Gathering Hymn: "**Your River O God**" p.2 in *Liturgy for Earthkeeping* booklet

*Confession and Words of Assurance p. 3 in *Liturgy for Earthkeeping* booklet

*Song of Praise: "**Praise to You**" p.4 in *Liturgy for Earthkeeping* booklet (**verse 3**)

*Prayer of the Day:

C: The eyes of all look to you, O God. Turn our hearts and minds to your open hand that provides for every living thing, so that we may know your generosity and participate in the leaving and restoration of all that you have made, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 145:1-8

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation: "**Hallelujah**" p.5 in *Liturgy for Earthkeeping* booklet (**2x through**)

*Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 20th chapter

C: Glory to you O Lord

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **ELW #688 "Lord of Light"**

*Prayers of the People

*Peace

MEAL

Offering

Offering Song: **"God of Stars and Distant Planets"** p. 6 in *Liturgy for Earthkeeping* booklet
(verse 1 and 3)

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Song: **"Healer"** (verses 1 and 3) p. 7 in *Liturgy for Earthkeeping* booklet

*Prayer after Communion

P: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, **C: you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you reign forever more. Amen.**

Announcements

SENDING

*Blessing:

May God our Creator bless and keep you, may Jesus, child of the earth, walk with you, and may the Holy Spirit, wind and fire, give you hope and peace. Amen.

*Sending Hymn: **"Go Now"** p. 8 in *Liturgy for Earthkeeping* booklet

*Dismissal: AM: Go in peace, care for all creation. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Jonah 3:10-4:11

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

4 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' ⁴And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

⁹ But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' ¹⁰Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20:1-16

20 For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came,

each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'



The LORD is slow to an-ger and a - bound-ing in stead-fast love.

- I will exalt you, my ¹ God and king,
and bless your name forev- ¹ er and ever.
- ²Every day ¹ will I bless you
and praise your name forev- ¹ er and ever.
- ³Great is the LORD and greatly ¹ to be praised!
There is no end ¹ to your greatness.
- ⁴One generation shall praise your works ¹ to another
and shall de- ¹ clare your power. **R**
- ⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor ¹ of your majesty
and all your ¹ marvelous works.
- ⁶They shall tell of the might of your ¹ wondrous acts,
and I will re- ¹ count your greatness.
- ⁷They shall publish the remembrance of ¹ your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully ¹ of your righteousness.
- ⁸The LORD is gracious and full ¹ of compassion;
slow to anger and abounding in ¹ steadfast love. **R**