

## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

12 September 2021

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Silent Reflection:** “I arise today through God’s strength to pilot me: God’s might to uphold me, God’s wisdom to guide me, God’s eye to look before me, God’s ear to hear me, God’s word to speak to me, God’s hand to guard me, God’s way to life before me, God’s shield to protect me, God’s host to secure me against snares of devils, against temptations of vices, against inclinations of nature, against everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and anear, alone in a crowd.”

- Patrick, *Lorica*, lines 32-48, as translated by Ludwig Bieler  
in *The Words of St. Patrick* (ACW 17; 1953), 70-71

**Words of Welcome** - Welcome, dear friends. Because nothing can “separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39), we have gathered to respond in worship and praise. Please fill out the attendance card in your bulletin and drop them in the offering plates at the end of the service. Thank you!

### WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

**Prelude:** (10:00) *Andante Religioso* Louise Farrenc (France, 1804-1875)

**Call to Worship:** (Psalm 24)

The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who live in it.

**For he has founded it upon the seas and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, and who shall stand in God’s holy place?

**Those who have pure hearts and do not lift up their souls to what is false.**

Let us worship God.

### Prayer of Adoration

**Opening Hymn:** No. 623

I’ve Got Peace like a River

*Peace Like A River*

### Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Forgive us, O God, if we have taken the gifts of life for granted without giving thanks and without sharing. Forgive us, Holy One, if we have refused to hear your voice within our hearts or through the prophets of our day. Help us to put our lives in order, so that we will be worthy to share in the bounty of your realm; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Silent Prayer of Confession

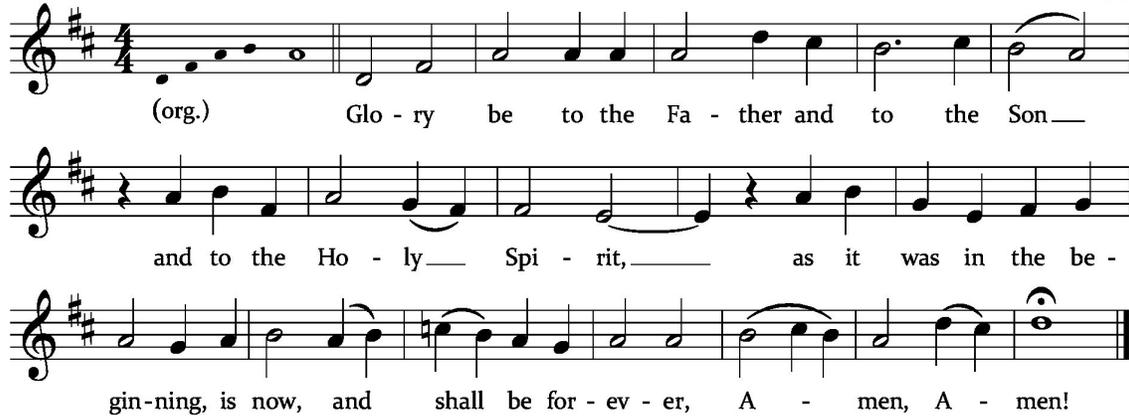
**Assurance of Pardon:**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospels.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## Hymn to the Glory of God:

Kevin Dill (2015)



(org.) Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, as it was in the be -  
gin - ning, is now, and shall be for - ev - er, A - men, A - men!

## GOD'S WORD IS SPOKEN TO US

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Lesson:** Exodus 17:1-7

Pew Bible p. 79-80

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Message for Young Disciples

**Hymn:** No. 735

I Need Thee Every Hour

*Need*

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 21:23-32

Pew Bible p. 28-29

**Sermon:**

**AT ISSUE: CHARACTER**

The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Jensen

## GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

Presbyterian Hymnal p. 35

*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 Ghost,  
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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

### Prayers of the People

#### Joys and Concerns

When the minister prays, "Lord, we lift these joys to you,"

the congregation responds, "**Thanks be to God.**"

When the minister prays, "Lord, we lift these concerns to you,"

the congregation responds, "**Lord hear our prayer.**"

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Presbyterian Hymnal p. 35

*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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

**GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE**

**Hymn of Commitment:** No. 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*Materna*

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude:** (10:00) *Danza Del Espiritu Santo* (Dance of the Holy Spirit)

Robert J. Greene, Jr. (United States, b. 1957)

**The Service is Ended, Go in Peace.**

