



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

arr. Andrew Duncan

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: In our world, where many journey alone, nameless in the bustling crowd, Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may scatter and isolate; but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ, gathers a new community —

All: those who by God's gift put their trust in Christ.

Liturgist: In the new community all are welcome: the homeless come home, the broken find healing, the sinner makes a new start, the despised are esteemed, the least are honored, and the last are first.

All: Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.

Our World Belongs to God – 34

Choir: "Song of Generations"
See insert, all standing to sing final refrain

Benjamin Kornelis

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing:** 529 “Gather Us In”
Singing verses 1, 2, and 4

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Hope Church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy.

All: **Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness.**

Liturgist: Restored in Christ’s presence, shaped by his life, Hope Church seeks to live out the ongoing story of God’s reconciling love, announce the new creation, and work for a world of justice and peace. *Our World Belongs to God – 39*

All: **We grieve that the church, which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and spans all time, place, race, and language, has become a broken communion in a broken world.**

Silent Reflection and Confession

Liturgist: When we struggle for the truth of the gospel and for the righteousness God demands, we pray for wisdom and courage.

All: **When our pride or blindness hinders the unity of God’s household, we seek forgiveness.**

Liturgist: We marvel that the Lord gathers the broken pieces to do his work and that he blesses us still with joy, new members, and surprising evidences of unity.

All: **We commit ourselves to seeking and expressing the oneness of all who follow Jesus, and we pray for brothers and sisters who suffer for the faith.**
Our World Belongs to God – 40

* **All Singing:** 334 “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

Liturgist: Joining the mission of God, Hope Church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe.

All: **The Spirit calls all members to embrace God’s mission in their neighborhoods and in the world: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner.**

Liturgist: We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.
Our World Belongs to God – 41

Choir: “Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee” Dan Forrest

Jesus, Lord, we look to thee, let us in thy name agree
Show thyself the Prince of Peace, bid all quarrels forever cease.

By thy reconciling love, every stumbling block remove
Each to each unite, endear, come and spread thy banner here.

Make us of one heart and mind, courteous, pitiful, and kind
Lowly, meek, in thought and word, altogether like our Lord.

Let us for each other care, each the other's burdens bear;
To thy church the pattern give, show how true believers live.

Free from anger and from pride, let us thus in God abide;
All the depths of love express, all the heights of holiness.

Charles Wesley

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Minister: God gives this world many ways to know him.

All: The creation shows his power and majesty.

Minister: He speaks through prophets, poets, and apostles and, most eloquently, through his Son.

All: May the Spirit, active from the beginning, moving human beings to write the Word of God, open our hearts to God's voice.

Our World Belongs to God - 31

Scripture: Deuteronomy 3:23-29

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: A Liminal Ledge

* **All Singing: 370 "My Soul Finds Rest"**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Roseland Christian Ministries

OFFERTORY "Morning Song"

arr. Joseph M. Martin

* **All Singing: 358 "Give Thanks"**

Sending

* BENEDICTION

Liturgist: We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God.

All: We will take our place in the new creation, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, and the Lord will be our light.

Liturgist: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Our World Belongs to God - 56

