

**Brief Order of Worship for Live Streaming Worship –
Sunday September 20, 2020
16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude

Greeting

Invocation

Confession & Forgiveness

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Call To Worship

Faith Choir

Gathering Song:

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW #733

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Be cause we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

Message

Hymn of the Day: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

ELW #659

QUILT BLESSING LITANY

Please place your hands on a Quilt as we dedicate them to serve those in need.

L: Gracious God, as we place our hands on these Quilts, we join giver and receiver, recognizing the unity of all your people in the body of Christ.

C: **We celebrate being the children of God.**

L: We give thanks for the variety of gifts that compose these Quilts: donations of fabric, thread and sewing machines, the faithful people who cut the squares, design the patterns, sew the tops, make backs and fillers, tie and stitch the bindings, provide publicity, donate boxes, pack the Quilts, bring food to sustain the quilters and contribute the money which make the shipping of these Quilts possible.

C: **We celebrate generosity.**

L: We send these Quilts as a sign of God's love and blessing for each person who receives one, trusting that their Quilt will be a source of comfort and hope in the midst of disaster and fear, a symbol of Christ's love to those who suffer, a reminder that each recipient is a beloved child of God.

C: **We celebrate hope in the midst of life's trials.**

L: We remember those who have received our Quilts in the past and pray that their lives have returned to stability.

C: **We celebrate the gift of life.**

L: We ask that you bless the fruits of our labor and the whole mission of Lutheran World Relief, that together we may minister to our neighbors in need.

Bless all who give and all who receive, as we are sewn together in the unity of your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Apostle's Creed "The Immigrants' Creed"

I believe in Almighty God,
who guided the people in exile and in exodus,
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,
the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,
who was born away from his people and his home, who fled
his country with his parents when his life was in danger.

When he returned to his own country
he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate,
the servant of a foreign power.

Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, and unjustly condemned to death.

But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead,
not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries,
and reunites all races.
I believe that the Church is the secure home
for foreigners and for all believers.
I believe that the communion of saints begins
when we embrace all God's people in all their diversity.
I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal before God,
and in reconciliation, which heals our brokenness.
I believe that in the Resurrection
God will unite us as one people
in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.
I believe in life eternal, in which no one will be foreigner
but all will be citizens of the kingdom
where God reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Passing the Peace: "The peace of God be with you"

Offering

Offertory

"We Are An Offering"

ELW #692

Communion

Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Remembering
Lord's Prayer
Sharing of the Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Announcements

Sending Song: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Benediction: The grace of God, deeper than our imagination; the strength of Christ, stronger than our need; and the communion of the Holy Spirit, richer than our togetherness; guide and sustain us today and in all our tomorrows. Amen.

Postlude