September 16, 2018
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
11 o'clock

You are encouraged to use the time of music being played in the Prelude to quietly center yourself for worship. We request that you silence your cell phone. You are encouraged to sit down during the Postlude and listen to the music in a time for reflection.

Prelude Be Thou My Vision Ben Logan

Welcome Rev. Cynthia E. Skripak

Please refer to the announcements in the bulletin. Please take a moment to sign the welcome card in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Gathering Words

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Call to Worship**

Leader: When our minds are full of noise and clatter,
People: Your peace is just a breath away.
Leader: When we are weary and bored,
People: The wonders of your creation invite us to fall silent with awe.
Leader: So many times you call,
People: And we refuse to listen.
Leader: May our worship open our hearts to your call
People: A call that draws us into life. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** And Are We Yet Alive Red Hymnal #553

Morning Prayer *(in unison)*

God of wisdom and truth, speak to us now. Inspire us with your word. Speak clearly to our hearts, that we may walk in your ways and live in your love. In the name of Christ, our messiah, we pray. Amen.

Responsive Reading Psalm 19 *(sing Response 1)* Red Hymnal p. 750

Response Gloria Patri Red Hymnal #71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayer and Lord's Prayer Red Hymnal #895

Prayer Response Spirit of the Living God Red Hymnal #393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

***Passing the Peace** *Please greet others by saying "Peace be with you."*

Ministry of Music

Gospel Reading Mark 8:27-38 Pew Bible pg. 41 N.T.

Sermon Words With Friends Rev. Cynthia E. Skripak

***Hymn** How Great Thou Art Red Hymnal #77

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory Morning Prayer Laura Bergquist

***Response** Doxology Red Hymnal #95

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn** Take Up Thy Cross Red Hymnal #415

***Benediction**

Carrying Out the Light

Postlude I Sing the Mighty Power of God Barbara Boertje

If you need to leave during the Postlude, please exit quietly as worship continues.