

*The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 12, 2021*

**Worship Notes**

*We give thanks* that you have joined us for worship this morning.  
*We give thanks* that we are able to gather in this sacred space to hear and speak to God.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God  
in thanksgiving for the people of Emmanuel by Alice and Wayne Wilson .*

*Our broadcast service is found on FM station 100.1*

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As the Delta variant has brought new health challenges, the vestry and I, in consultation with health professionals, are exercising caution. Due to the recent rise in positive testing rates and in the numbers of cases, Pittsylvania County is now a High Risk area. These decisions were difficult but we feel are prudent. Our new health safety protocols are:

- Regardless of vaccination status, we are all wearing masks while inside either of our buildings. Those serving/leading worship will remove their mask when at the lectern or pulpit.
- Choir members will wear the special choir masks when singing.
- When coming forward during the distribution of the Holy Elements, please:
  - Come forward using the center aisle. Return to your pew via the side aisle.
  - Maintain 6' spacing!
  - Keep your mask on. Receive the bread and wine, step to the side. Then remove your mask. Place your cup on the tray. Put your mask back on.
- As you leave church to serve the Lord, please greet each other **outside**.
- After the service, join us outside for Lemonade on the Lawn, keeping a 6 foot physical distance.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in September

Anne Hunt 15

Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Becky Crites                      Organist and Music Director: Kenyon Scott  
Reader: Tom Dixon    EM: John Geyer

Vestry

Laura Chappell (Sr. Warden) Llewellyn Coles (Jr. Warden),  
Kenyon Scott, Rick Dixon, Betty Camp

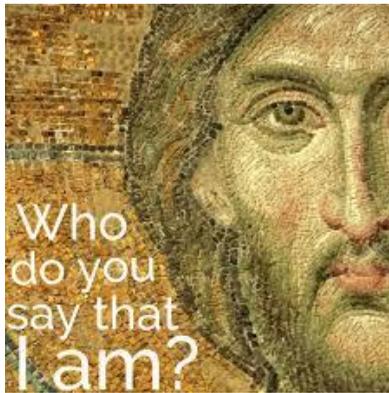
Emmanuel Wonder Wednesdays 11 AM

Join us and our good conversations about living our faith!  
This week what does it mean when we say we are created in the image of God?

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## THE ENTRANCE RITE

Announcements

Prelude

*America the Beautiful*

arr-Charles Callahan

## THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn (*please stand*)

*New Every Morning is the Love*

Blue Hymnal 1982 #10

Vs. 1, 2, 6

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

Hymn of Praise (*standing*)

Hymnal 1982 # S280

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. (*please be seated*)

The First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah. The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Response to the Reading

Psalms 116: 1-8

*read responsively by whole verse*

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

**2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.**

3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

**4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.**

5 The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought very low, and he helped me.

**6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well.**

7 For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

**8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Hymn (*standing*)

*Take My Life and Let it Be*

Hymnal 1982 #707

The Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## The Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father (and the Son)  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

### The Prayers of the People

In remembrance of Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001

With all our heart and all our mind, we pray to you, O Lord. *silence*  
For the peace of the world, that a spirit of reconciliation and harmony may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

#### **Make us instruments of your peace.**

Although it is hard, we pray for our enemies, for those who wish us harm, and especially for those who commit to intentional and violent acts of terrorism; we pray for your light to shine, helping us to grow your spirit of love for within. We pray to you, O Lord.

#### **Where there is hatred, let us sow love.**

For all that suffered, or suffer still, from these violent acts, physically, mentally, or spiritually. We pray for the innocent victims throughout the world for whom the struggle continues. We pray for strength

to plants seeds of healing and mercy in our own hearts and wherever we go in your created world. We pray to you, O Lord.

**Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.**

For all who strive to be your followers. May we imitate your life though the difficult work of tilling the soils of difference so to grow the field of common ground. We pray to you, O Lord.

**Where there is discord, let us sow union.**

For those still lost: lost in their faith, lost in sorrow and grief, lost in anger or remorse, lost in questioning. May this time of remembrance provide nutrients to what lies fallow and so that wholeness of life is found again. We pray to you, O Lord.

**Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.**

For those whose spirit still needs mending, for the continual mending all hearts need. We offer prayers for the persecuted, the lonely, the outcasts, for refugees, for those in danger. As your people, may we live lives that reveal the hope of your dream for us all. We pray to you, O Lord.

**Where there is despair, let us sow hope.**

For those still in living in the shadows of that day, may we be stars of your light for them, emulating the light given by first responders, firefighters, police, medical workers, chaplains and all other helpers on that day. We pray to you, O Lord.

**Where there is darkness, let us sow light.**

For all who died in the terror of September 2001. We remember the light brought about by the heroic action of those on United Flight #93 who voted together, forming a community of sacrificial love, to prevent their plane from hitting its Washington, D.C., target. May all died because of these attacks, rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal in your everlasting arms of love.

**Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.**

For the families and friends who live with the sadness of loss while in the midst of life's celebrations. May joy encircle their pain. For the sadness within us during these difficult days. May we know, and strive to sow, the seed of joy.

Dear Ones, Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled,

**as to console;**

to be understood,

**as to understand;**

to be loved, **as to love.**

In this truth, God's dream is planted: in and through Christ we have been reconciled to God.

We know that it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we reborn to eternal life.

May we become God's Sowers of these prayers. Amen.

Musical Interlude

*Going Home*

Antonin Dvorak

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. We invite your petitions in this silence*

We are surrounded by people who are in pain, physically and spiritually. We pray that they are upheld by our prayer and come to know healing in their lives. We pray for: *Rosemary, Sharon, Ruth, Bill, Ashby, Jane, Charles, Jay, Harry, Macon, Ryan and his parents Morgan and Andrew, Christine, Rick, Brett, Ed, Larry, Dale, William and April.*

*Silence*

We give thanks for all the people of Emmanuel, for whom the altar flowers are given.

In God's close keeping we pray for the forgiveness of our sins:

*Leader and People*

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The Absolution

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People And also with you***

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 2, EOW

Presider The Lord be with you.

***People And also with you.***

Presider Lift up your hearts.

***People We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we now sing:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us with St. Francis and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**People: AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of Bread.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*All are invited to receive communion or a blessing. To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

Hymn during communion

*As the bread of life is broken*

James J. Chepponis, Gustav Holst

*Chorus As the bread of life is broken,  
the cup of love outpoured,  
We Are one in Christ, our Savior,  
and sent to serve the Lord.*

*1 We, the many who are gathered,  
are united now as one.  
In this joyful celebration,  
we recall what God has done.*

*3 In the bread of life here given,  
we become what we receive.  
In the cup of love here offered,  
we affirm what we believe.*

*2 In the word of God proclaimed here  
the good news of truth is heard.  
In the telling of the stories,  
we are open to God's word.*

*4 Sent as blessing for God's people,  
to go forth in love and peace,  
In our witness to God's kingdom,  
may our charity increase.*

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

***Loving God, we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.  
Amen.***

Blessing *(please stand)*

Friends, life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

*Will you come and follow me*

*WLP Hymnal #757*

***Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
  
Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?  
  
Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
  
Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?  
  
Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.***

Dismissal

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God!***

Postlude

*We invite you to be seated for the postlude*

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