



September 17, 2023
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ENTRANCE

** indicates to please stand as able*

Gathering & Greeting

***Introit**

Blessed Be the Name
USA Campmeeting Chorus

UMH #63

Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
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***Call to Worship**

Psalm 103:1-4; Romans 8:28

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

People: All that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

And do not forget all God's benefits.

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with
steadfast love and mercy.

**The Lord works all things for good for those who love
God, who are called according to his purposes.**

***Hymn of Praise** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy UMH #121
Hymn by WilFrederick W. Faber; Tune: WELLESLEY

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty

There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word:
And our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

**Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in
your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

The Word in Song

Deep River

African-American Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

Sally Osborne

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 50:15-21, NRSV

15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of God for the people of God:
Thanks be to God

The Message
Rev. Jon Snape



***Hymn of Response Make Me a Channel
 of Your Peace¹**

TFWS #2171

Words & Music by Sebastian Temple
adapted from the Prayer of St. Francis;

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

Prayer of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

“My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus” Philippians 4:19

Giving Options

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Offertory

Leah Krenek

*Doxology

UMH #95

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn

Freely, Freely²

UMH #389

Words & Music by Carol Owens

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his love as he told me to

**REFRAIN: He said, “Freely, freely, you have received;
Freely, freely give.**

**Go in my name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live.”**

All power is given in Jesus' name
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share his power as he told me to (Refrain)

***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Benediction Hymn**

September Daily Prayer

Lord, I trust in your unfailing love, in your promises. I give this day and all that it holds to you. May I walk in your goodness, knowing your gentle hand will guide me and keep me. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY, September 17: Blood Drive

9:00am-2:00pm in the Quad Room

Monday, September 18: Ladies' Bunco

6:30pm every 4th Monday, room 106

Wednesday, September 20: Pickrell Park Food Distribution

8:00am every 3rd Wednesday

September 23: Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Retreat

A morning retreat for women and girls.

September 23: Love Where You Live Fall Service Day

register to volunteer at lwylschertz.com/fall-service-day

1. Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple

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2. Freely, Freely

Carol Owens

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