

Seneca Presbyterian Church

September 17, 2023

FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS

“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”



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WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 a.m. Praise & Worship - 10:00 a.m. Blended Worship September 17, 2023

PRAISE & WORSHIP

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

All the People Said Amen

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

The Community Tree

Jerry Crabtree

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior

arranged by Dale Wood

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Dear God, we come to worship you today. We come to sing, pray, and listen. We give thanks that you always hear us. As we approach you this day, we ask that you help us to hear you. Amen.

POURING OF THE WATER

Congregational Response:

Baptized in Water (verse 1)

Hymn 482

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King; heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: **Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

—Psalm 32:1-2

*GATHERING PRAYER

Great God, you have been generous and marvelously kind. Give us such wonder, love, and gratitude that we may sing praises to you and joyfully honor your name through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 439

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer (vs. 1-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

**my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

O people of God, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem his people from all their iniquities.

—Psalm 130

(silent prayers of confession)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (vs 1)

Hymn 423

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God’s Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God.

People: Thanks be to God.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Glory to God

Hymn 583

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 103

ANTHEM

Psalm 150

(Harper)

SPC Choir

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering

The Great I Am

SPC Sign Language Team

*Doxology

Praise to God the Father

Hymn 605

Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son; praise to God the Spirit: Praise to the Three-in-One. Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high. Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.

*Prayer of Dedication

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SENDING

***HYMN 610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

BENEDICTION

RETURNING INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in B-flat Major

by Jonathan Battishill

*Let those who are able stand

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. David Howell

Shawn Thomas, Director of Music & Communication

Becky Hetherington, Liturgist

Steve Cooper, Organist