

A photograph of a forest path covered in fallen autumn leaves. The path leads into a wooded area with trees showing yellow and orange foliage. The image is framed by a blue border at the top and bottom.

WELCOME
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

BEING CONTENT

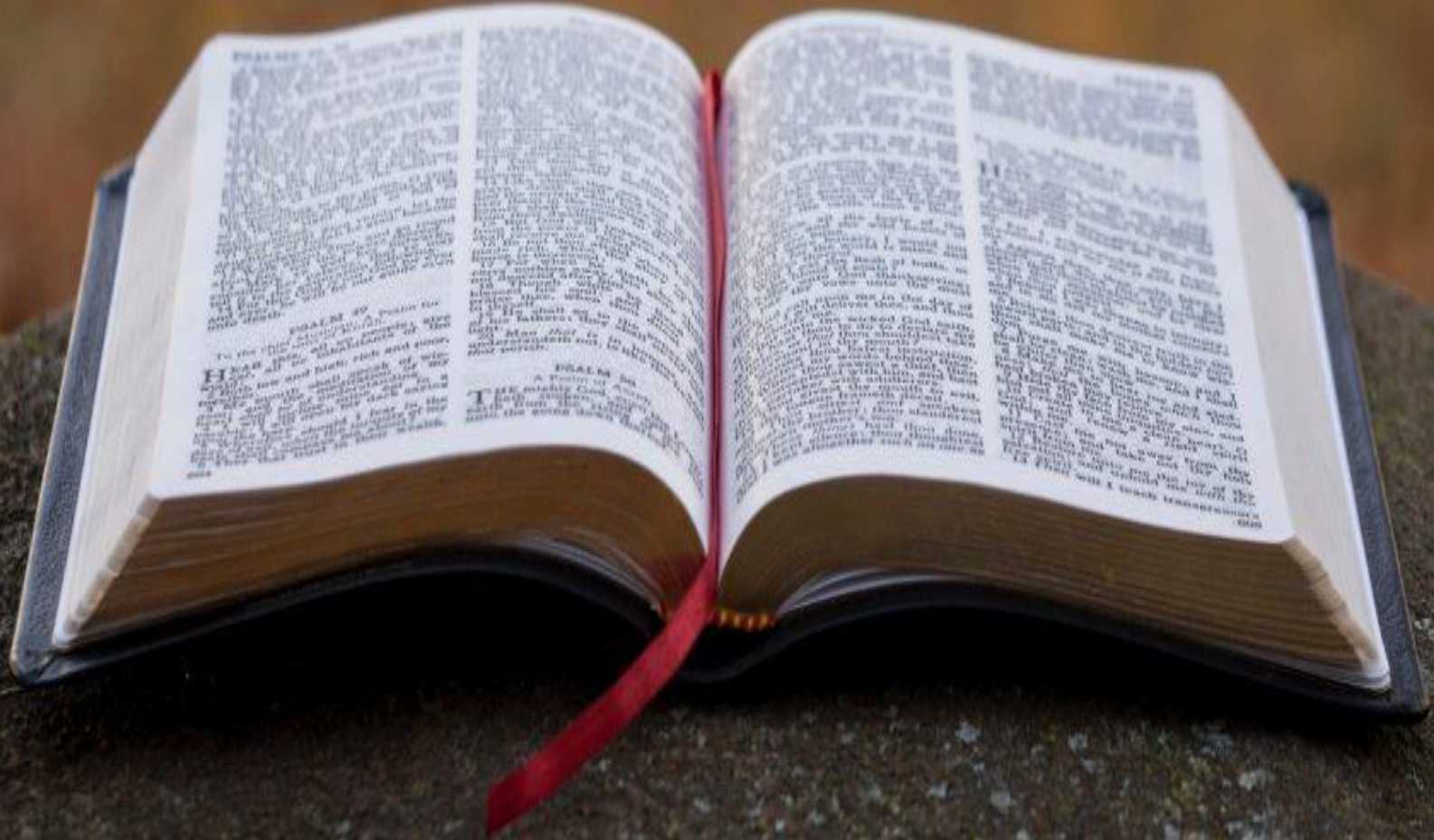
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Neil Parker
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
25 September 2022

MEDITATION & PRELUDE

Tomasz Piętak, organ



WELCOME & CANDLE LIGHTING



OPENING HYMN - CH 216, 1,3,4

Christ the Lord Has Risen Today!

1 Christ the Lord is risen today - Alleluia!
All creatuibm join to stay - Alleluia! Raise
your joys abnd triumphs high - Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens and earth reply - Alleluia!

3. Love's redeeming work is done - Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won - Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise - Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. - Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
Alleluia! Following our exalted Head,
Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise,
Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the
skies, Alleluia!



SPECIAL PEOPLE

FIRST READING - *1 Timothy 6:6-19*

Read by Helena Krivan

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before

Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

SECOND READING: *Luke 16:9-31*

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried.

In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.

And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

PSALM READING: *PSALM 96:1-6, 14-16*

Pastor Neil

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

“Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

SERMON:

**BEING CONTENT WITH WHAT WE HAVE;
BEING CONTENT WITH WHO WE ARE**



RESPONSIVE HYMN - CH 583

Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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The background of the slide is a photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon to the right, casting a warm orange and yellow glow across the sky and water. The ocean has small waves with white foam. A large, semi-transparent square frame is centered on the image. Inside this frame, the word "OFFERING" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is slightly shadowed to stand out against the background.

OFFERING

Tomasz Piętak, organ

DOXOLOGY - CH 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen



COMMUNION APOSTLES CREED

Congregation

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth. I believe in
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who
was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION & MEDITATION

By the Waters of Babylon, Don McLean
Tomasz Piętak, organ



ANNOUNCEMENTS



CLOSING HYMN - CH 577

On Eagle's Wings

(Solo)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in
whom I trust!"

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand

(Solo)

The snare of the fowler will never capture
you

And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge, His
faithfulness your shield

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand

(Solo)

You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you, near you
it shall not come

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand

(Solo)

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone

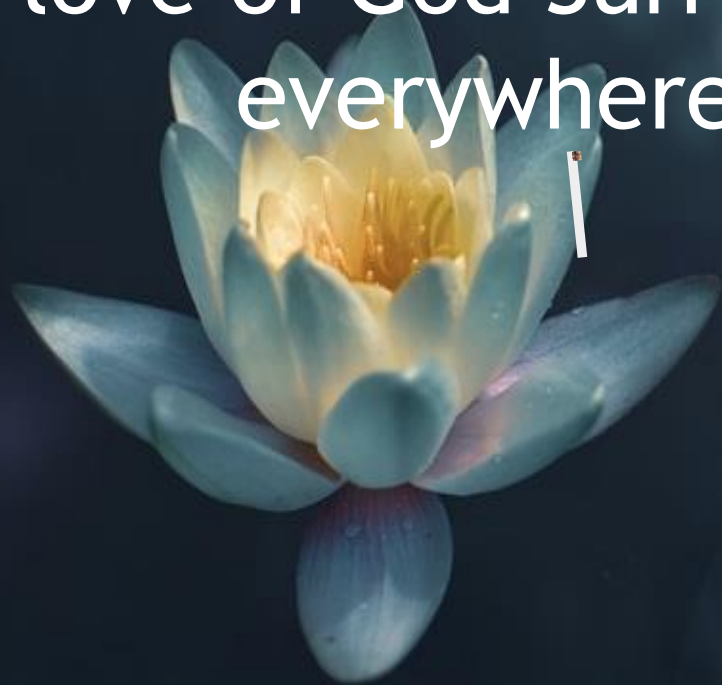
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CLOSING - CH 47

Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may
the love of God Surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.



BLESSING



Go in peace to love
and serve the
Lord.

Thanks be to God



*Tomasz
Piętak, Organ*

POSTLUDE