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# 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



## SEPTEMBER 4, 2016



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Welcome to Worship!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 4, 2016

8:30 AM

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Music by The Lord's Crew

### Gathering

\*OPENING PRAISE *All My Days*

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

\*PRAISE *Here I Am Lord  
He Leadeth Me  
Shout to the Lord*

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Come Thou Fount*

SCRIPTURE *Mark 12:28-34*

SERMON *\$3.00 WORTH OF GOD"*  
Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING SONG *Jesus Name Above All Names*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Words for Communion  
Communion Song *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*  
Prayer after Communion

### Going Forth to Serve

\*FINAL BLESSING *Just a Closer Walk*

\*CLOSING SONG *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder*

\*Worshippers stand as able



Coffee Hour Today is hosted by

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Altar Flowers

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In Memory of Barbara Unsworth

From Kent Unsworth

Love and Blessings on her 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Kay Walker from her 3 daughters and hubbies, 5 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren

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Arroyo Grande UMM UNITED METHODIST MEN

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- Coco's Restaurant
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CENTERING WORDS

*Count your blessings, yes. But count also the cost of following Christ, of serving others, and of risking all to be disciples of justice and love. By counting both blessings and costs, we discover that the cost of discipleship carries its own blessing.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE *I Know Whom I Have Believed* James McGranahan

\*INTROIT *Come Christians, Join to Sing* verse 1 No. 158

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to Christ, who calls us by name.

**We walk on the path of the cross.**

Come to God, who shapes our lives.

**We walk on the path of growth and change.**

Come to the Spirit, who molds our hearts.

**We walk on the path of new life and rebirth.**

\*OPENING HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies* No. 185

OPENING PRAYER

**Creative and creating God, give us hearts and minds that hear and respond to your call in our lives.**

**Strengthen us in this time of worship, that we may walk in your ways.**

**Shape us for discipleship, that we may take up our cross and follow where Christ leads.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time. Junior and Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.*

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Am Not Alone* Kari Jobe, Marty Sampson, et.al.  
Cristy Van Hook, soloist

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM PRAYER BOOK

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Alleluia* No. 186  
 Congregational Lord's Prayer  
 Choral Response *Alleluia* No. 186

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:28-34

\*HYMN *Take My Life and Let It Be* No. 399

MEDITATION "\$3.00 WORTH OF GOD"  
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OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
 Offertory *In Christ Alone* Getty/Townend  
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 95

*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.*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal, page 15

The Great Thanksgiving  
 Communion Music *Love Was When* Don Wyrzten  
 Receiving the Elements  
 Prayer after Communion

\*CLOSING HYMN *Here I Am Lord* No. 593

\*BENEDICTION

Go forth as disciples of Christ.  
 Carry the cross of love and compassion  
 into this world of hatred and strife.  
 May the grace and peace of God  
 guide you on your way.

\*RESPONSE

**I have decided to follow Jesus,  
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POSTLUDE *As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus* Martin Nystrom

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