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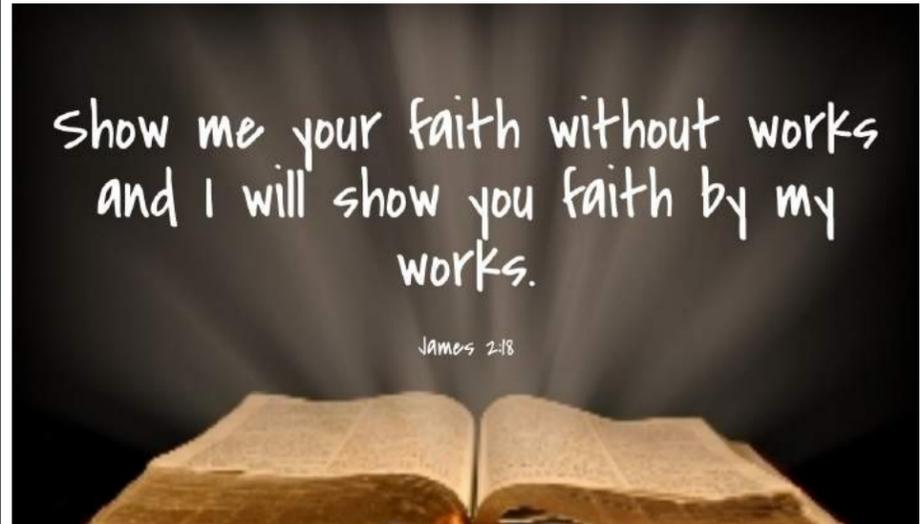
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## 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



# OCTOBER 16, 2016



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

Music by the Lord's Crew and the Grande Ringers

### Gathering

\*OPENING PRAISE Our God Is an Awesome God

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WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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\*PRAISE Heal Our Land All Who Trust

\*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 Offering

SCRIPTURE Romans 2:21-31, James 2:14-24

SERMON "FAITH THRESHOLDS" Rex Miller

OFFERING SONG I Just Want to Praise You

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Words for Communion  
Communion Song On Bended Knee  
Prayer after Communion

### Going Forth to Serve

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CENTERING WORDS

"Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart."  
~Mahatma Gandhi

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Children of the Heavenly Father* Don Hustad

BELL CHOIR INTROIT *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Arnold Sherman

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sweet are the words of God,  
**they are the words that call us here.**  
Precious are the lessons of life,  
**they are the lessons we learn together.**  
Blessed are the people of God,  
**they are the people forged through worship.**  
Powerful are the prayers of the faithful,  
**they are the prayers we lift now to God.**

\*OPENING HYMN *God of Love and God of Power* No. 578

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God, we bring our prayers and our needs to you this day.  
Even as we bring our gratitude and our praise,  
hear our prayers and our longing.  
As you guide our steps to walk in your ways,  
open our minds to receive your wisdom.  
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM *Again I Say Rejoice* arr. Lloyd Larson

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Leonard Lutz

*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.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM PRAYER BOOK

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Faith is Patience* FWS #2211  
 Congregational/Lord's Prayer Hymnal No. 895  
 Choral Response *Faith is Patience* TFWS #2211

CHOIR ANTHEM *Lord, Be Glorified* Kilpatrick and Purifoy

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\*HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah No. 127

SERMON "FAITH THRESHOLDS"  
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OFFERING  
 Call to Stewardship and Mission  
 Offertory *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* arr. Wilbur Held  
 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.*

\*CLOSING HYMN *He Leadeth Me* verses 1-3 No. 128

\*BENEDICTION  
 Amazing God, journey with us this day.  
 Open us to wonder, to connections, to possibilities.  
 Let us see hope reborn, joy rekindled and energy renewed.  
 Great God of light, help us to communicate your wondrous love  
 in the words we say  
 in the lives we live  
 and the love we give.  
 Today and Always

\*RESPONSE *Go Now in Peace*  
*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.*  
*God will go with you each hour of every day.*  
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