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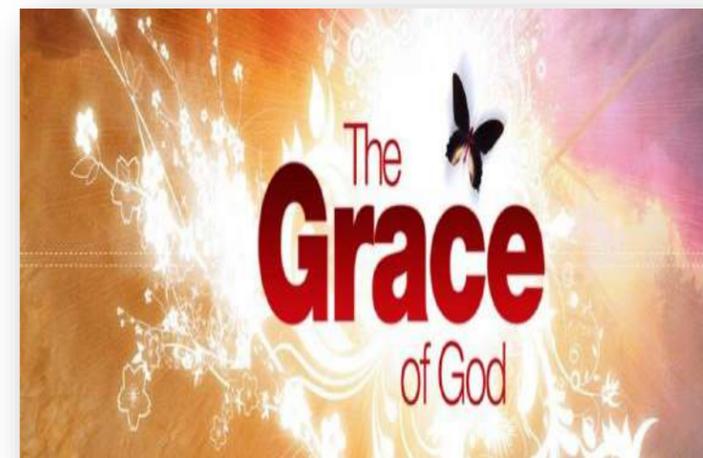
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# 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



## September 24, 2017



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Welcome to Worship!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 24, 2017

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Music by the Lord's Crew

### Gathering

\*OPENING PRAISE *Let All the Earth*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

\*PRAISE *Forever  
How Great is Our God  
More Love More Power*

\*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 *God of All Splendor*

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OFFERING SONG *For the Beauty of the Earth*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG *Speak to Me Lord*

\*FINAL BLESSING *Doxology*

\*CLOSING SONG *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

\*Worshippers stand as able

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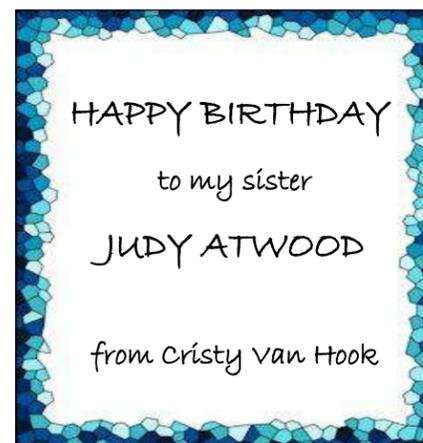


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### CENTERING WORDS

Quickly, bring out the robes, the best ones.  
Put them on—and these golden rings, too!  
For my children who were lost are now found.  
Let us celebrate and rejoice!

### WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE *I Know Whom I Have Believed* James McGranahan

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We worship a God of Grace who says to all,  
"Bring out the best robes and put them on  
my returning children!  
Put rings on their fingers and sandals on their feet!  
Prepare a feast and let's celebrate,  
for they were dead, but now are alive;  
they were lost, but now are found!"  
Thank you, God, for your forgiveness and for your faithful love!  
Thank you, God, for rolling away our disgrace  
and making us new creations! Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 89

### OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Loving Parent, Mother, Father God,  
when we wander to distant places,  
you watch the road and are ready to greet us  
when finally we come home.  
Whenever we are far from you,  
remind us that we are your children,  
the longing of your heart,  
and give us the strength and courage  
to return to your open arms.  
When we have sinned against heaven and before you,  
forgive us, for we are coming home! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Patti Melsheimer

*Nursery care is available.  
Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.*

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

Choral Call to Prayer      *Awesome God*      TFWS #2040  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Choral Response      *Awesome God*      TFWS #2040

**ANTHEM**      *Grace Alone*      arr. Molly James  
 Lisa Davidson, violin    Rosslyn Claussen, cello

**SCRIPTURE**      Luke 15:20B-25, 31-32  
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**HYMN (remain seated)**      *This is My Father's World*      No. 144

**SERMON**      REUNION: *Return to Grace*  
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**OFFERING**

Invitation to the Offering  
 Offertory      *Lamb of God*      Twila Paris  
 \*Doxology/Blessing of the Offering

*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.*

\*HYMN      *How Great Thou Art*      No. 77

**\*BENEDICTION**

Go forth knowing you are the sons and daughters of God!  
**We rejoice that we are welcomed and unconditionally loved.**  
 Wear your robe and ring with great joy!  
**We will celebrate God's forgiveness and amazing grace!**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*      John Zundel

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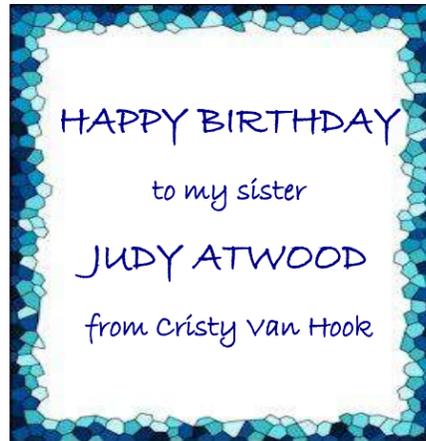
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