

# Service of Worship

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2015

10:30 am

*Scot McKnight, One Life: Jesus Calls, We Follow*

"Those who aren't following Jesus aren't his followers. It's that simple. Followers follow, and those who don't follow aren't followers. To follow Jesus means to follow Jesus into a society where justice rules, where love shapes everything. To follow Jesus means to take up his dream and work for it."

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship, 20th century*

"To deny oneself is to be aware only of Christ and no more of self, to see only him who goes before and no more the road which is too hard for us."

## GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Prelude on St. Anne*

Manz

#### CHIMES

## THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

### CALL TO WORSHIP (from Mark 8:27-38)

One: Jesus asks the disciples:

**All: "Who do people say I am?"**

One: They answer,

"Some say John the Baptist; some say Elijah;  
and others say one of the prophets."

But Jesus presses them:

**All: "Who do you say I am?"**

One: Peter answers,

"You are Christ—God's anointed one,

God-with-us!"

Now Jesus pushes *us*:

**All: "What about you?"**

**Here, in this moment, in this community,  
Who do you say I am?"**

One: Come, let us walk in the ways of Wisdom, let us  
follow Jesus to live for God and God's people.

Come, let us worship God.

**All: Let us worship God.**

**\*HYMN # 64**

*We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God*

**\*PRAYER OF APPROACH (let us pray together . . . )**

**Holy Wisdom of God You call to us from the depths  
of our hearts, where we long for connection with you  
and with one another. You call to us from busy  
streets and neighborhoods, where human pain and  
possibility are most urgent. You call to us from our  
sacred stories, where God, Christ, Spirit create,  
challenge, comfort. Guide us on an adventure of  
hope, and help us see with your eyes the ways which  
lead to beloved community where Christ Jesus is at  
the center. Amen.**

**\*MUSICAL RESPONSE**

*Alleluia*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Alleluia response. The first staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single line with a common rest. Above the staff are the chords: A, E, D E A, D, E. Below the staff is the lyrics: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!. The second staff is identical to the first, but with a Bm chord above the staff. Below the staff is the lyrics: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!.

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## ANTHEM

### GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 3:1-12 pg. 230

CHILDREN'S MOMENT 2015 VBS  
(Children may go to the nursery following the Children's Moment.)

GOSPEL READING Mark 8:27-38 pg. 43

## SERMON

### GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

#### PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

The Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive  
us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not  
into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* Manz

**\*Doxology** *(page 48 in hymnal) tune: TALLIS' CANON*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
One God triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication** *(let us pray together . . . )*

**Source of all goodness and compassion, move us this  
day to be generous in our giving so that others might  
find hope in this life, in this time. Amen.**

### GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

**\*HYMN # 21** *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *God of Grace* Manz

*\*those who are able, please stand*

## NOTES AND NOTICES

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### Worship Service Participants

*Ushers and Greeters*

*Worship Leader*

*Nursery Volunteers*  
the Bertram family,  
Logan Schmidt

*Flowers*

*Coffee Hour*

Gloria and Don Lawson

### Life in the Parish Week of September 13

**TODAY – September 13**

*Rally Day*

9:15 am – Pancake Breakfast,  
sign-up for Sunday School  
9:15 am – The Well resumes  
10:30 am – Worship service

**MONDAY – September 14**

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

**TUESDAY – September 15**

2:00 pm – Bridge group meets  
6:30 pm – Trustees meeting

**THURSDAY – September 17**

*Office closed*

Noon – Bible Study Group  
7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

**SUNDAY – September 20**

9:15 am – Sunday School  
classes, The Well  
10:30 am – Worship service  
11:45 am – Christian Education  
Ministry meets

### **Food Pantry - NEEDED!!!**

Manwich, chicken in the can,  
roast beef in the can, small can  
diced tomatoes, peanut butter  
and jelly, and snacks for  
children for after school.

**2015 Covenant Share Offering – New York Conference, United Church of Christ.** Since 2013, individuals have been invited to contribute to a special annual offering that targets the ministries of the United Church of Christ in New York. These ministries include such things as the assistance provided to congregations in pastoral transition, the New York School of Ministry, State Youth Event, Church Revitalization Events, Authorized Ministry Retreats, Justice Advocacy such as Black Lives Matter, and many more programs and services. The goal for the 2015 Covenant Share Offering is \$353,000 which amounts to approximately \$10/member of the UCC New York Conference. There is a recognition that some are able to contribute more and others less. You may give online at [www.uccny.org](http://www.uccny.org) or pass along your gift to HCC and designate your check or cash to “UCC Covenant Share.” A focus on Covenant Share will take place on September 13. For more information contact one of your Conference delegates, Belinda Burtner or Vicki Johnson.

***Please note:** Christian Education Ministry is no longer collecting returnable bottles and cans and the barrel has been removed from the kitchen. If another committee or group is interested in resuming this fundraiser, please let Donna know.*

The office will be closed Thursday, September 17. Newsletter deadline is Wednesday, September 16.