



ST. FRANCIS
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CHURCH

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Sunday Worship

September 13, 2015 – 10:00 AM

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Word of God

Welcome & Quiet Time (* indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin, and come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Prelude

***Gathering Song: O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing**

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Glory to God praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Song of Praise: Everlasting God - Brenton Brown**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign for ever. Our Hope, our strong Deliverer.

(Chorus:) You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God. You do not faint, You won't grow weary. You're the defender of the weak; You comfort those in need; You lift us up on wings like eagles.

***All:** O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from Isaiah

(50:4-9a)

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens -- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Song:** When I Needed A Saviour – Matt Redman

Looking back on time seeking to remind myself of all Your mercies, I can testify on every page of life Your grace just keeps unfolding and unfolding.

You made me fruitful in the land of my suffering, Father. You made me hopeful in the place of no hope, poured oil of gladness on the wounds of my struggling, and You poured oil of healing on the depths of my soul.

When I needed a Saviour, You were there, You were there. When I needed a Healer, You were there, You were there. When I needed my Father, You were there, You were there. You are here, You are here.

Ever since the day I looked upon the cross I've realized Your mercy. For every stage of life, sweet and bitter times Your grace just keeps unfolding and unfolding.

You made me fruitful in the land of my suffering, Father. You made me hopeful in the place of no hope, poured oil of gladness on the wounds of my struggling, and You poured oil of healing on the depths of my soul.

When I needed a Saviour, You were there, You were there. When I needed a Healer, You were there, You were there. When I needed my Father, You were there, You were there. You are here, You are here with me.

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark**

(8:27-38)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon (please be seated)

***Priest:** Let us profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Prayers of the People**

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*Silence*)

For all people in their daily life and work;

All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

All: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Katherine our Presiding Bishop, and Michael our Presiding Bishop elect, Shannon, Susan, and Ted our Bishops; and all bishops and other ministers;

All: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For healing for the sick, especially_____. Hear us, Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

Leader: For Broadview Mini Storage; Elliot Cooke, manager. The presence of God in the community and a strong business community. Hear us, Lord;

All: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: For the clergy and people of Cople Church, Hague; St. Martin's, Richmond; St. Paul's, Montross that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. Hear us, Lord;

All: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: For all the baptized in their daily life and work that all would be empowered to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God. Hear us, Lord;

All: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: For all public schools; for students, teachers and support personnel, including cafeteria workers, building and grounds staff, and school bus drivers; for all private and religious schools, preschools and daycare centers, and for children in home-schools. Hear us, Lord;

All: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (*The People may add their own petitions.*) Hear us, Lord;

All: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*) We will exalt you, O God our King;

All: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (*The People may add their own petitions.*) Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All: **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. (*Silence*)

All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and through the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

All: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Exchange of Peace**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: Knocking On The Door Of Heaven - Matt Redman

We will give ourselves no rest 'till Your Kingdom comes on earth; We've positioned watchmen on the wall. Now our prayers will flow like tears, for You've shared Your heart with us. God of Heaven, on our knees we fall.

Come down in power, reveal Your heart again. Come hear our cries, the tears that plead for rain.

(Chorus:) We're knocking, knocking on the door of heaven. We're crying, crying for this generation. We're praying for Your Name to be known in all of the earth. We're watching, watching on the walls to see You. We're looking, looking for a time of breakthrough. We're praying for Your Word to bear fruit in all of the earth, all of the earth.

***Doxology: 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.**

***Eucharistic Prayer**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All (Sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of his glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Priest: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection

under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia.**

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]

Communion Song: Faithful One - Brian Doerksen

Faithful one, so unchanging; Ageless one, you're my rock of peace; Lord of all I depend on you; I call out to you, again and again. I call out to you, again and again.

(Chorus:) You are my rock in times of trouble; You lift me up when I fall down; All through the storm, Your love is, the anchor; My hope is in You alone.

(Repeat Verse and repeat Chorus 2 times)

My hope is in You; My hope is in You; Our hope is in You alone.

***Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

***Blessing**

Song of Dismissal: Holy Is The Lord – Jeff Searles

Holy is the Lord, Holy is the Lord. As we bow before Your throne, majesty and honour to You alone, majesty and honour to You alone.

Worthy are You Lord, worthy are You Lord, sweet Lamb of God the Chosen One. Our lives we gladly lay before Your throne, our lives we gladly lay before Your throne.

No longer will we give our hearts to the things of this world. For a debt of love we will offer to You. We look for the day when every knee will bow. We will join with the angels around Your throne, and we will sing:

Holy is the Lord! Holy is the Lord! Holy is the Lord! Holy is the Lord!

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve God.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd (Jr. and Sr.)	Sonny Baharloo	Rachel Pizarz
The Symphony Retirement Community	Paula Gordon	Ken Killian
John Madden	Linda Eggleston	Joseph Moore
Carl Burton	MJ Weatherford	Allie and Jenni Morris
Wayne Conners		

What if you have a question or concern for the vicar? Here are five ways you can communicate with the vicar:

1. Ask the vicar directly
2. Ask for a meeting at a later date
3. Sit at the vicar's table at the monthly pot luck
4. E-mail or phone call
5. If you feel the need, ask a vestry member to come along to a meeting with the vicar – this is an essential ministry of vestry members

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin	Junior Warden: Richard Walker
Other Members: Larry Kidd	Libby Clark
Register: Marian Elam	Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalcers. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalcers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
13-Sep	Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker	Bill Weatherford, Richard Walker	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
20-Sep	Jack Martin	MJ Weatherford	Jack Martin, MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
27-Sep	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
4-Oct	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday, September 16	Family on Mission Learning Community	St. Francis	6:15 p.m.
Sunday, September 20	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 23	Family on Mission Learning Community	St. Francis	6:15 p.m.
Sunday, September 27	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

Clean-Up Day was postponed to Saturday, October 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com.

Food Collection for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please continue to bring non-perishable food to donate. The Food Pantry takes pet food and will accept open bags. Please place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

Bishop Goff will be visiting St. Francis on the afternoon of Sunday, October 25, 2015. She will preside at the liturgy, preach, and confirm and receive our new members. If you would like to join St. Francis by being confirmed or received, please let John know as soon as possible at vicar@stfrancisva.org. If you have been confirmed in another Episcopal church but never transferred your membership to St. Francis, please contact John as soon as possible so arrangements can be made for you to transfer your membership at vicar@stfrancisva.org.

Our Missional Communities:

The Parke will meet for pot luck and fellowship on September 20th at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker. Contact Richard at richardandhedy@yahoo.com.

Symphony will meet at Symphony Assisted Living for worship on September 27 at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Bobbie Leviness to join in: bobbiedrew@yahoo.com

Financial Update - If there are any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	Operating Funds		Net Gain
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
2015			
1st Quarter	\$23,344.99	\$24,228.82	(\$883.83)
2nd Quarter	\$20,771.99	\$23,203.94	(\$2,431.95)
July	\$6,547.33	\$7,745.82	(\$1,198.49)
August	\$6,441.33	\$7,410.25	(\$968.92)
September	<u>\$1,050.00</u>	<u>\$951.85</u>	<u>\$98.15</u>
3rd Quarter	\$14,038.66	\$16,107.92	(\$2,069.26)
2015 Year-To-Date	\$58,155.64	\$63,540.68	(\$5,385.04)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2015	\$32,005.82	\$26,620.78	(\$5,385.04)

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