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# Sunday Worship

September 8, 2013 – 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 today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for a pot luck luncheon right after the service.

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

#### ↑Gathering Song #1: Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Lord I lift your name on high. Lord I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life. I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way. From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay. From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky, Lord I lift your name on high!

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#### ↑Gathering Song #2: I Stand In Awe

You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words, too wonderful for comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard. Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom, who can fathom the depth of Your love? You are beautiful beyond description, majesty enthroned above.

*(Chorus:)* And I stand, I stand in awe of You. I stand, I stand in awe of You. Holy God, to whom all praise is due, I stand in awe of You.

You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words, too wonderful for comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard. Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom, who can fathom the depth of Your love? You are beautiful beyond description, majesty enthroned above. *(Chorus)*

↑*All:* Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Please be seated) **A Reading from Philemon**

(1-21)

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

↑**Song of Praise:** Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God. May I be like You. You are the Potter. I am the clay. Mold me and make me. This is what I pray. Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God. May I be like You.

↑**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke**

(14:25-33)

**All:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to

complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord Christ.

## Message (please be seated)

↑**Leader:** Let us stand and 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: Form VI

**Leader:** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. 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 Kathryn, our Presiding Bishop, and Shannon, Susan and Ted, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; for all who serve God in his Church; for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *[Please feel free to add your own petitions either silently or aloud.]* Hear us, Lord;

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

**Leader:** For Zenergy Massage, and the owner Jody Hauschild.

**All:** That this practice would bring many people a deeper sense of rest and well being.

**Leader:** For schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all public schools; for students, teachers and support personnel, including cafeteria workers, building and grounds staff, and school bus drivers.

**All:** That our schools may become powerful centers of learning.

**Leader:** We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *[Please feel free to add your 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. *[Please feel free to add your own petitions either silently or aloud.]*

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.

**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, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; 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

↑ *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 A

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**All:** 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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever 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 your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**Priest:** Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**Priest:** We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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: We Fall Down**

We fall down. We lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus. The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus. And we cry holy, holy, holy. And we cry holy, holy, holy. And we cry holy, holy, holy, is the lamb.

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**↑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 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. Amen.

### **↑Blessing**

### **↑Song of Dismissal: Lead On, O King Eternal**

Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come. Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong and now, O King eternal we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace. For not with swords loud clashing nor roll of stirring drums, but deeds of love and mercy, the heavenly kingdom comes. But deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes!

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears for gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears. Thy cross is lifted over us; we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might! The crown awaits the conquest lead on O God of might!

### **↑Announcements, Prayer Requests, and Dismissal**

**Priest:** Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Remember in your prayers:**

Neale Dickinson  
Eric Wilcken's family  
Christian Families in Pakistan  
Nancy Palmore  
Suzanne Coats  
Michelle Lambert  
Chuck Haack  
Danielle Harris

Mike Kennedy  
Brian  
Ed Lane  
Linda  
Simon Bauers  
Louise & Chris Bennett  
Martha Poole

Helen  
Nancy MacNaughton  
Carolyn Messimer  
Patt Scott  
Jan Gladd  
Virginia Gammon & Family  
Eileen Poole

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**Make yourself comfortable!**

Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with the people of St. Francis Church.

**There is no "one right way" to participate. Join in as much as you want.**

If you wish to sing, all our music is included in the bulletin. We have a lively contemporary band and music is a significant part of our worship experience. However, we recognize that visitors may not know the music. If you and your family are among these, we encourage you to hum along or simply sit back and enjoy the sound.

Filling out a name tag and placing it on your person will permit us all to greet each other by name while visiting here at St. Francis. Likewise, signing our guest roster will permit us to follow-up with you following this Sunday's worship.

If you are a guest today, don't feel obligated to make a financial contribution to the offering.

Rest rooms are located in the entrance Narthex and in the mobile office/classroom building adjacent to the worship hall.

*"We are a welcoming community seeking to share God's unconditional love with all."*

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**Your Vestry Members are:**

**Senior Warden:** Jack Martin

**Junior Warden:** Bill Weatherford

**Other Members:** Peter LeViness  
Ann James

Larry Kidd  
Wayne Connors

**Register:** Marian Elam

**Treasurer:** Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalicers for September and the first Sunday of October. 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>Chalicers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
8-Sep	Larry Kidd	Missy Rand	Susan Kidd, Marian Elam	Paul and Ann James, Larry Kidd
15-Sep	Kathy Gammon	MJ Weatherford	Kathy Gammon, MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
22-Sep	Bill Weatherford	Missy Rand	Bill Weatherford, Ann James	John and Libby Clark
29-Sep	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon	Susan Kidd, Kathy Gammon	Paul and Ann James, Larry Kidd
6-Oct	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Susan Kidd

## ~Announcements~

### Upcoming Important Dates:

Friday, September 13	Kindred Spirits	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 15	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 22	Communion Service followed by Book Study	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Friday, September 27	Kindred Spirits	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 28	Work Day	St. Francis	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 29	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 3	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 5	Blessing of the Animals	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 6	Communion Service followed by Book Study	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Friday, October 11	Kindred Spirits	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 13	Celebration of a New Ministry	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.

**Financial Update**—If you have any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	<b>Operating Funds</b>		<b>Net Gain</b>
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
<b>2013</b>			
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>\$24,463.00</b>	<b>\$20,486.48</b>	<b>\$3,976.52</b>
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>\$21,422.00</b>	<b>\$21,276.96</b>	<b>\$145.04</b>
July	\$6,208.00	\$7,845.81	<b>(\$1,637.81)</b>
August	\$6,727.00	\$7,394.77	<b>(\$667.77)</b>
September	\$1,038.00	\$808.27	<b><u>\$229.73</u></b>
<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>\$13,973.00</b>	<b>\$16,048.85</b>	<b>(\$2,075.85)</b>
<b>2013 Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$59,858.00</b>	<b>\$57,812.29</b>	<b>\$2,045.71</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
<b>YTD 2013</b>	\$32,627.98	\$34,703.69	<b>\$2,075.71</b>

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