



16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2020

Prelude

Amazing Grace, Martha Main, YouTube

We are Called to Worship - We come to serve the lord. Be firm, children of God. We gather to be in unity and love. Be firm, children of God. We come to live faithfully and fully in Christ. Let us worship.~*

Gathering Prayer - Love through us, living God, in the power of your Holy Spirit. Love through us, Holy One, by the grace of your child, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, that we may respond with trust and hope. In your might name we pray. Amen.~

Song 1

Day by Day, 449, YouTube

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

A Time of Prayer: *You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.*

The Lord's Prayer (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.

Song 2

Hope of the World, 404 YouTube

We Hear God's Word

Exodus 16:2-15 (NRSV)

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?' ⁸And Moses said, 'When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.'

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." ' ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God." '

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.'

Meditation

Tensions in the Wilderness

Spiritual Practice of the Week

Manna Moments



There are those moments in life when we are running on empty, our fuse is short, and we just don't know if we can keep going. Sometimes in those moments, we notice that God has shown up for us. When the people of Israel were weary from their journey in the wilderness, God gave them manna from heaven, birds from the air, and rest for their souls. What have been those "manna moments" in your life when God has shown up in just the right way for you?

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Offertory

You're invited to take out your checkbook in these moments. As you write out your offering, be prayerful with each letter and number. In times such as these, when money becomes tight and our economy is under strain, God invites us to be generous and give what we can. These are gifts we freely give, as we are able and as we are called.

We ask that you please mail in your offerings to our office.

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***The Doxology (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)**

Version 1

*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.*

Version 2

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

***We Give Thanks** – As we remember your wonderful works, we are grateful for your many blessings, and are honored to return these gifts to you. As we return these gifts to you, bless them and send them forth, that others may be showered with your love and your grace. In faithful trust, we pray. Amen.~

Song 3

You Are My All in All, 427, YouTube

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing -

Postlude

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me, Martha Main, YouTube

Worship Notes: ~Abingdon Worship Annual. *adapted to use more ability-inclusive language