

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2016 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Leader: If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

People: 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. Amen.

***Hymn #139**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Opening Prayer

God, like a baker woman, you bring the leaven which causes our hopes to rise. With your strong and gentle hands, shape our lives. Warm us with your love. Take our common lives and touch them with your grace, that we may nourish hope among humanity. We pray trusting in your name, through Jesus our Christ. Amen. *(prayer by Ruth Duck)*

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 18:1-11

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Psalter – Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

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***Gloria Patri #70**

Epistle Reading – Philemon 1-21

***Hymn #398**

Jesus Calls Us

***Gospel Reading – Matthew 19:16-26**

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Message

Sermon - "Discovering Gravity"

Pastor Alan

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith #881 – The Apostles' Creed**

Prayers of the People

The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our Prayer.

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace**

Offering & Offertory

***Doxology (UMH #95)**

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

***The Great Thanksgiving (UMH, pg. 17, Setting A)**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Receiving (UMH, pg. 11)

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn #399**

Take My Life, and Let It Be

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**For those who are able, please stand*