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16th Sunday after Pentecost, September 8th 2024

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand*

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *Alleluia*  arr. L. Lamb

The Christ Church Ringers

\*Call to Worship

One: Healing begins with the courage to seek,

All: And to cross the boundaries that divide.

One: When we ask for help and challenge norms,

All: God’s grace unveils new life and endless possibilities.

One: Let our worship celebrate God’s expansive love,

All: Open us, O God, to new life and boundless possibilities!

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**\*Hymn of Praise** 57 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing

my great Redeemer's praise,

the glories of my God and King,

the triumphs of his grace.

2. My gracious Master and my God,

assist me to proclaim,

to spread through all the earth abroad

the honors of thy name.

3. 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.

4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,

he sets the prisoner free;

his blood can make the foulest clean;

his blood availed for me.

5. He speaks, and listening to his voice,

new life the dead receive,

the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,

the humble poor believe.

Opening Prayer

**Holy Trinity, just as you have different shapes and forms, You teach us the beauty of our own diversity. Like the many who sought healing from Jesus, we come with our unique pains and hopes, united in our need for dignity and wholeness. Open our hearts and minds, and let us find You in every face we see, in every hand we hold. Amen.**

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Scripture Lesson   Psalm 125

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,

which cannot be moved but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

so the Lord surrounds his people

from this time on and forevermore.

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest

on the land allotted to the righteous,

so that the righteous might not stretch out

their hands to do wrong.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good

and to those who are upright in their hearts.

But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways,

the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

Peace be upon Israel!

**Music of Preparation** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* S. Eithun

The Christ Church Ringers

Gospel Lesson Mark 7:24-37

Sermon Holding out for God

Musical Response

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor:  Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love.  In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Christ you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God, Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *On Eagle's Wings*

arr. Mark Hayes

Janet Tolman, piano

\*Doxology 95 *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offertory prayer

**\*Closing Hymn** 2186 *Song of Hope*

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      (sing twice)

May the God of hope

go with us every day,

filling all our lives

with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice

speed us on our way,

bringing light and hope

to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace;

singing, share our joy with all;

working for a world that's new,

faithful when we hear Christ's call.

\*Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace

Postlude *Venite!* John Leavitt

Liturgist: Michael Edwards

Stephen Minister: Michael Edwards

Golf Cart Driver: Roger Erickson

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“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739

“Song of Hope”

Words: Alvin Schutmaat

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