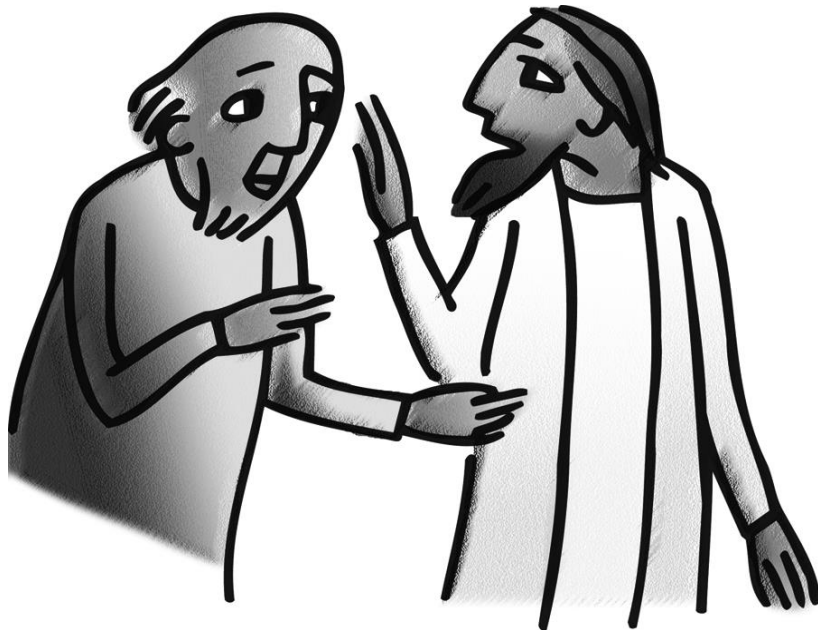


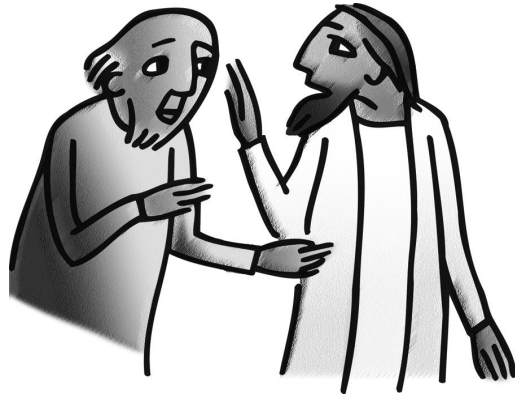
***16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***  
***September 12, 2021***  
***10:30 am***



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## **GATHERING**

**Prelude**

Michael Matson

**Invocation**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

**Welcome**

Pastor John Kuehner

Refrain

Come to us, you who say, "I will not for-get you." Be with us, you  
 who say, "Do not be a-fraid." Take hold of us, our hearts, our  
 minds, our whole be - ing. Make us your own, now is the time.

Verses 2

Cantor All

1. Spir-it of love, crush the pain of ha - tred.  
 2. Spir-it of peace, si - lence tongues of an - ger.  
 3. Spir-it of faith, rise a - bove our doubt-ing.

Cantor All Cantor

1. Spir-it of hope, stand be - fore our eyes. Spir-it of light,  
 2. Spir-it of life, break the chains of death. Spir-it of joy,  
 3. Spir-it of truth, save us from our lies. Spir-it of God,

All to Refrain

1. dance with-in our dim-ness. Make us your own, now is the time.  
 2. o - ver-come our sad-ness. Make us your own, now is the time.  
 3. walk a-mong your peo - ple. Make us your own, now is the time.

\*Last time, repeat final phrase twice.

## **Prayer of the Day**

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O God, through limitless love you bring forth our salvation, and by the transformation of the cross you restore our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

## **WORD**

### **First Reading – Psalm 116:1-9**

*The Psalmist walks in the presence of the Lord.*

### **Special Music**

“Take Up Your Cross,” the Savior Said  
. . . Charles W. Everest

# WORD

## Gospel Verse

P: The Gospel according to Mark

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel – Mark 8: 27 - 38

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor John Kuehner

## Special Music

Embrace the Cross

. . . John G. Elliot

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the  
power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father.  
He will come again to  
judge the living and the  
dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Response to each petition*

A: Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

## Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **And also with you.**

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

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

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

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**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 and ever.  
            Amen.**

## SENDING

### Blessing

P: The blessing of God,  
    who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
    ✠ be upon you now and forever..

C: **Amen.**



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## **Announcements & Stewardship Update**

To support Unity mission, we have online donation options under the CONNECT menu at [www.unityssf.org](http://www.unityssf.org).

PayPal Giving Fund is the best option (user-friendly, secure, no fees), or donations can be mailed to the church office at 609 Southwood Drive South San Francisco, CA 94080

If you haven't had a chance to donate since being "present in the pews" helps you remember, please take a moment to share and catch up your pledges with Unity to help maintain operations. Thank you!

## **Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

**Special Congregational Meeting  
on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 11:30 am  
to approve a revised 2021 budget  
for the remainder of this year  
and review a preliminary 2022 budget.**

**Meeting will be held by Zoom and phone.**