

***16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***  
***September 25, 2022***  
***10:30 am***



***Unity Lutheran Church***  
**South San Francisco, CA**

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## GATHERING

**Prelude**

*On Eagles' Wings*  
*... Michael Joncas, Arr. by Janet Vogt*

Michael Matson

**Invocation**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**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

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.

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,

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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

## **WORD**

### **First Reading – Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

*The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.*

### **Special Music**

*Christ, Be Our Light*  
*. . . Bernadette Farrell*

# WORD

## Gospel Verse

P: The Gospel according to Luke

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

## Gospel – Luke 16: 19 - 31

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

## Sermon

Pastor John Kuehner

## Special Music

*Canticle of the Turning*  
... *Arr. by Rory Cooney*

## 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 God of peace,  
our Creator, † Savior, and Sustainer,  
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

C: **Amen.**

# Sending Hymn

# *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate* ELW 722

1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.  
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,

Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.  
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:

The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme  
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,

to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.  
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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## **Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

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

## **Postlude**

*Christ, Be Our Light*

*. . . Bernadette Farrell, Arr. by Mark Hayes*