

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021 \* 9:45AM

*“Rarely do we find [men] who willingly engage in hard, solid thinking. There is an almost universal quest for easy answers and half-baked solutions. Nothing pains some people more than having to think.”*

— *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

PRELUDE *“O Love Divine”* ..... Luigi Zaninelli  
~ *Performed by Suzanne Parmly* ~

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:* God, you call us to see our lives as you see them.

**People:** You have chosen us to be healers of the earth and your agents of transformation.

*Leader:* As we worship, enlarge our hearts, and give us the mind of Christ.

**People:** We offer our lives and our wills as offerings of love.

HYMN #408 *“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”* ..... Sweet, Sweet Spirit

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, we are dimly aware of your presence and of who we are in relation to you. And yet, you are the light in which we see and the ground of our very being. Open our hearts that we may see and give ourselves to your great work in our world. Amen.

## TIME OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## GLORIA PATRI (#581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. A - men, A - men.

## THE PEACE

## Proclaim God's Word

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING ..... Isaiah 50:4-9a (pg. 883 OT)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING ..... Mark 8:27-39 (pg. 53 NT)

SERMON “*Dying to Live*” ..... Rev. John W. Monroe, III

HYMN “*Fix You*” (see insert) ..... Martin, Buckland, Berryman, Champion (Coldplay)

## Respond to God

WE GIVE OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “*Consecration*” ..... John Ness Beck & Craig Courtney  
~ *Performed by Suzanne Parmly* ~

## Go in God's Name

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OUR LIVES IN PRAYER

“The Lord's Prayer” ..... Spoken

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE