

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: Who do you say Jesus is?

People: Jesus is the way for us, so we come to seek guidance from him.

Pastor: Who do you say Jesus is?

People: Jesus is the truth for us, so we come to discover what our priorities should be.

Pastor: Who do you say Jesus is?

People: Jesus is the life for us, so we come to learn how to live in this world without
forfeiting our souls.

Pastor: Let worship the Lord.

#HYMN #111 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

Lord Jesus, you continually challenge us with the question, "Who do you say that I am," and we have come here discover the answer to that question. We know you are calling us to turn from our ways of self-centeredness and obsession with material things and instead take up our cross and follow you. We know that your way of living entails significant sacrifice, and we are not sure we are ready or able to fully embrace it. Be with us now and fill us with your Holy Spirit, dear Savior, so that we might find courage for the journey ahead. Help us as we strive to be your faithful disciples, and grant us the wisdom, strength and resolve we need to be obedient to the unfolding revelation of your will. We ask these things in your name, as we recite the prayer you taught your disciples, saying...

#PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

#GLORIA PATRI (Unison):

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. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 116:1-9 and Mark 8:27-38 (Bible pages?)

SERMON MESSAGE: Who Do You Say Jesus Is? Rev. Gagnon

#HYMN #109 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Invitation to Pray and Receiving the Prayer Request Slips
Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer
Organ Response

OFFERTORY

Offertory Invitation
Offertory Music
Doxology (#45 – Old Hundredth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Caring God, you have called us to a journey of compassion and caring for others without ceasing. What would it profit us if, rather than sharing our wealth, we clung to it so tightly that we ended up losing our souls? Because of our relationship with Jesus and who we say he is, we gladly bring you this offering to help carry on Christ's ongoing, caring work in the world. Bless our gifts for this purpose, we pray, Amen.

#HYMN #103 *Jesus Loves Me*

BENEDICTION

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Pastor: Jesus wants to know, "Who do you say I am?" Do you have an answer to that question?

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People: Jesus is everything we can imagine and no one we can entirely understand.
He is love and light and truth.

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Pastor: He is human yet divine; he died and yet is alive; he is our Lord but is also our brother; Christ is our Savior as well as our friend.

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People: We do not know everything about Jesus because he is so many things; but we leave this place with a strong desire to know to him more dearly, feel his presence around us, and live for him so that he may live through us.

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE