

Order of Worship
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ♦ August 31, 2008

Entrance

*Gathering

The people gather and informally greet one another in the name of Christ
Welcome Everyone! *We are delighted to have you worship with us. If you are visiting with us for the first time the ushers have a gift for you. As the registration book is passed during the service, please give us your name, address, phone number and email address. Please contact one of the pastors if we can be of help to you.*

Chimes

The people are seated in preparation for worship.

Welcome, Announcements and Joys

Prelude

Bringing in the light.

*Call to Worship “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me” # 2151

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn “And Are We Yet Alive” # 553

Children’s Time

Special Music “Mighty to Save” Allie Hoffman

Proclamation and Response

Invitation to the Word Lector

May the Holy Spirit calm our hearts. May God speak to our minds. And may Christ enter us in faith as we search for deeper meaning on our journey together. Bless these words and open our eyes to the lessons we are about to hear, that we might recognize God’s voice in the burning bush, calling us to action in the world. **Amen.**

Gospel Lesson **Matthew 16:21-28** Lector

Hymn (remain seated) “Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone” # 424

*Please stand in praise as you are able

Sermon “Suffering, Death, and Resurrection”

Concerns and Prayers of the People on Labor Day Weekend

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology **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.**

Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise the Lord for these wonderful gifts, given from the bounty of our lives! Dedicate these gifts to the service of Christ in the world. With them we will hold fast to what is good—extending hospitality to strangers, and removing stumbling blocks for each other in the world. Hear us now as we pray the prayer you taught us to pray, saying . . .

*The Lord’s Prayer # 895

Sending Forth

*Hymn “Living for Jesus” # 2149

Carrying the Light of Christ into the world Acolytes

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Organ Postlude

Serving in Worship this week:

Acolytes	8:30 – Luke & Alina Grzywacz
	11:00 – Ryan Seabright & Patrick Wilfong
Worship Leader	The Rev. Doug Sasser
Preacher	The Rev. Becky Cloud
Lectors	8:30 – Doug Sasser ♦ 11:00 – Doug Sasser