

**16th Sunday after Pentecost
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Welcome and Announcements

**Children's Message (Faith)
Harvest Blessing (Rock Creek)**

Sunday School Share

Opening Hymn

O Day Full of Grace LBW 161

O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon, bring light from our God that we may be replete in his joy this season. God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.

O day full of grace, O blessed time, Our Lord on the earth arriving; then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all retrieving; for Jesus all mortals did embrace, all darkness and shame removing.

For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging; and then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging, might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.

God came to us then at Pentecost, His Spirit new life revealing, that we might no more from him be lost, all darkness for us dispelling. His flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all his healing.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, **you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, teach us to share out of our abundance with those in need, without judgment, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message (Rock Creek)

1st Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, ⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; ⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! ²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.** ³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help. ⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.** ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God; **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;** ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free. ⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. ¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires

that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation

Listen, listen, God is calling through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said: ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things,

and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

One Bread, One Body WOV 710

(refrain) One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing that we bless, and we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more (refrain)
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (refrain)
Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all (refrain)

Quilt and LWR Supply Blessing (Rock Creek)

Apostles' Creed (Faith)

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, **hear our prayer**

Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

Words of Institution

On the night...remembering, therefore, Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming again in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence the prayer that Jesus taught us...

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.

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

God of the abundant table, **you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Here I Am Lord (I the Lord of Sea and Sky) WOV 752

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

(refrain) Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my peoples pain.

I have wept for love of them, They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send? (refrain)

Dismissal Worship has ended. Now the service begins. **Thanks be to God!**