

**SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** Prelude on Mississippi (M. D. Himmelman)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/  
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Martha Bailkowski

**INTROIT** A Song of Creation (P. Mayberry arr. D. Kai)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

In these remnant days of summer,  
**we feel the pull of routine.**

In bits and pieces we return now,  
**to church, to school—back to work  
and to what is ‘usual’.**

In the heat of early September,  
**we are thankful for Creation’s gifts  
and for the gifts of rest and relaxation.**

And so we gather in, beginning to reconnect  
in this time of worship;

**celebrating together, worshipping together,  
welcoming one another,**

in the Spirit of the One who is Love.

**Let us worship!**

**\*HYMN** O God beyond All Praising p 7

**PRAYER FOR RENEWAL**

Loving God, we are mindful in these September  
days of beginnings and endings, thankful for these  
days of transition that take us from the easier,  
relaxed days of summer into preparations and  
schedules of all kinds, in all the parts of our lives.

And so we return to the routines that order this time in  
the year, comforted by what ‘the usual’ can bring to us.  
**In these changing days, approaching summer’s end we  
look now to what will unfold for our church  
community with excitement and hope for the future.  
We pray that your presence here within and around us  
may bring us to care for one another in this time so  
that we might naturally reach out beyond ourselves to  
share what we have come to know in you. Open our  
hearts and hands O God. Pour us out into your world.  
God in Community, Holy in One, we pray in Jesus’  
name. Amen.**

**WORDS OF GRACE**

We come to know God’s love in all things.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SUNG RESPONSE** Sing, Sing Out! (Hannah/Melhorne-Boe)  
MV 180 **Sing, sing out! Sing a new song.**

**Sing oh people as one voice! Sing, sing out!  
Sing a new song. Sing of God. Each heart rejoice!**  
*Repeat*

**FINDING GOD TOGETHER**

**SCRIPTURE** The Letter of James 2:1-10, 14-17  
(Faith without works is dead.) p. 229-230 *Pew Bible NT*  
Jennifer Kenwell

**ANTHEM** Wake My Soul (P. Mayberry arr. D. Kai)

**GOSPEL** Mark 7:24-37 p.42-43 *Pew Bible NT*  
( A Syrophoenician woman’s faith.)

*Come to the quiet...a time for reflection*

**SERMON** Outside the Lines

**\*HYMN** My Love Colours Outside the Lines (G.Light)  
MV 138

My love colours outside the lines, exploring paths that few  
could ever find; and takes me into places where I’ve never  
been before, and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines, turns wounds to  
blessings, water into wine; and takes me into places where  
I’ve never been before and opens doors to worlds outside  
the lines.

*We’ll never walk on water if we’re not prepared to drown,  
body and soul need a soaking from time to time. And we’ll  
never move the gravestones if we’re not prepared to die,  
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.*

My soul longs to colour outside the lines, tear back the  
curtains, sun, come in and shine; I want to walk beyond  
the boundaries where I’ve never been before, throw open  
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**SHARING GOD’S LOVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** Petites Litanies de Jésus (Gabriel Grovlez)

**\*DEDICATION** Grateful (T. Tomaszek) MV 182

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son, joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of love. Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word, joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

**PRAYER PRELUDE** There Is Room For All MV 62

**There is room for all in the shadow of God’s wing; there is room for all, sheltered in God’s love. And I rejoice and sing, ‘my refuge and my rock in whom I trust.’ There is room for all, there is room for all.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER**

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**\*HYMN** I Feel the Winds of God Today p 7

**\*COMMISSIONING**

However we have been called to this place of worship—  
**we are sent now to live out what we have learned and know—**  
that God’s love goes with us  
**into every corner of our lives.**

**\*SUNG BLESSING** Wherever You May Go MV 216

**Wherever you may go, I will follow,  
and your people shall be my people too.  
Wherever you may go I will follow,  
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

**POSTLUDE** God is Our Refuge and Strength (R.Powell)



*Back to church with deep thanks...*

*to our worship hosts, guest preachers, scripture readers, musicians, guest soloists, Welcome Table hosts, sound techs, live-stream, and refreshments people for providing excellent leadership and support throughout the weeks of summer. Your ministry over this time was important and much appreciated!*



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**PENTECOST 16**  
**September 8, 2024**  
**11:00 am**

*One child, one book, one pen,  
can change the world.*  
(Malala Yousafzai)



### O God beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendour in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you our God most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown, though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory.

Then, hear O gracious Saviour, this song of praise we sing. May we, who know your favour, our humble service bring; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

### I Feel the Winds of God

I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift, though heavy oft with drenching spray and torn with many a rift; if hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use, I'll seek the seas at his behest, and brave another cruise.

It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears, until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years; if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be, O let me feel your freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.

If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown, lift high the blood-red flag above; it bears your name alone. Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift. I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift.

