

James Island Presbyterian Church
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2020

Order of Worship

Preservice *Gabriel's Oboe* arr. Phillip Keveren

Words of Welcome

Prelude *Fugue in E flat Major* Domenico Zipoli

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord!
Call upon the name of the Lord!
God's love and mercy are given daily for each of us.
God's forgiveness and tenderness are poured out for us.
Praise be to God who deals so kindly with us.
Lord, help us offer the same compassion to others. AMEN.

Hymn *Fight the Good Fight* DUKE STREET

Prayer of Confession James Kirk

Everlasting God of grace and mercy, we confess that we rarely look beyond the cares of this lifetime to see the eternal blessings that have been prepared for us in Christ. We live for ourselves and not for You or your people. We give way to fear of suffering and death. Forgive us, Lord. Strengthen, unite, and move us together as one body so that we may live our lives in a manner that is worthy of the gospel of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria *Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 16:2-15 Carlen Quinn

Children's Time RoxAnn Stalvey

Anthem *How Can I Keep from Singing?* Bradley Ellingboe

New Testament Lesson Philippians 1:21-30

Sermon Reverend Cameron Smith

FINDING PURPOSE IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
African American Spiritual

arr. Hugh Knight

Doxology

Benediction

Postlude

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Edward John Hopkins

Reverend Cameron Smith
Hugh Knight, Organist
RoxAnn Stalvey, Children's Time

Thank you to the Flower Guild for providing the weekly chancel arrangement.

Special Thanks:
Jan Pesavento, Preservice
Carlen Quinn, Scripture Reader

Hymn Singers

Elisha Clyburn, Cam McLoud, Alex Parler, and Tim Cobaugh

Virtual Anthem

Chancel Choir Ladies and Friends
Oboe, Zippy Hood; Piano, Hugh Knight; Audio, John O'Neill

Taylor Keathley, Anthem Video and Technical Support

2020 STEWARDSHIP

Amount Received to Date \$602,085
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Exodus 16:2-15 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

16 ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?"^[a] For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Philippians 1:21-30 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

1 ²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.