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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 28th, 2025

\*Please stand as you are able

**Welcome and Announcements**

Trinity Chimes

Prelude *Pastorale* Alan F. Schultz

\*Call to Worship

One: We are the salt of the earth:

All: sent to season, preserve, and heal as the Body of Christ.

One: We are the light of the world:

All: Sent to shine out in the darkness as a beacon, a reminder that no one is alone, that we walk together.

One: We are salt, we are light:

All: This is what Christ names us, the salt of the earth, the light of the world, so let us live with flavor and shine out with love!

**\*Hymn of Praise** 2001

*We Sing to You, O God* DARWALL'S 148th

1. We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth, let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth. To you, O God, let songs be raised  in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.

2. We wandered far from home out in a desert land, you shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band.

You kept us safe with in your arms

and sheltered us against the storm.

3. You bear us through the world, an eagle to her young, who rises on her wings and bears us toward the sun.

We ride the vaults of light and air

and trust in your unfailing care.

4. O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings, the everlasting arms to whom our praises ring. Your word is true, your way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

**Opening Prayer**

**O God of all creation, what a wonder it is that we live and move and have our being in you. Remind us to be salty, so that life never loses its flavor and your love is never tasteless. Brighten us so that we shine as your light, which is never hidden. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16**

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,will say to the Lord,

**“My refuge and my fortress;  
    my God, in whom I trust.”**  
For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;  
and will cover you with his pinions,  
     **under the Lord’s wings you will find refuge; God’s faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**You will not fear the terror of the night  
    nor the arrow that flies by day,  
**nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness  
    nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

Because they cleave to me in love, I will deliver them;  
**I will protect them because they know my name.**  
When they call to me, I will answer them;  
    I will be with them in trouble;  
    I will rescue them and honor them.  
**I will satisfy them with long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.**

**Music of Preparation**

*On Eagle's Wings* Mark Hayes

The Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson Matthew 5:13-16

**Sermon**

Walking the walk: Being salt and light

Pastor Beth

Music of Response

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor:  Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love.  In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God, Amen.**

The 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 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. Amen

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*

arr. Howard Helvey

Wendy West, solo

\*Doxology 94

*Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Offertory Prayer

Welcoming New Members

**\*Sending Hymn**   569

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

MESSAGE

1. We've a story to tell to the nations,

that shall turn their hearts to the right,

A story of truth and mercy,

a story of peace and light,

a story of peace and light.

**REFRAIN**

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,

And the dawning to noonday bright;

And Christ's great kingdom shall come to earth, the kingdom of love and light.

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations,

That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,

A song that shall conquer evil

And shatter the spear and sword,

and shatter the spear and sword.

**REFRAIN**

3. We've a message to give to the nations,

That the Lord who reigneth above

Hath sent us his Son to save us,

And show us that God is love,

And show us that God is love.

**REFRAIN**

\*Benediction 585 *This Little Light of Mine* LATTIMER

This little light of mine,

I’m goin’a let it shine,

This little light of mine,

I’m goin’a let it shine;

This little light of mine,

I’m goin’a let it shine,

Let shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Every where we go,

we’re goin’a let it shine,

Every where we go,

we’re goin’a let it shine,

Every where we go,

we’re goin’a let it shine,

Let shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Postlude  *Fowler's March*

William P. Rowan

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“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

Words: H. Ernest Nichol, 1896

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