

BROOKHAVEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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Sunday, September 25, 2022

16th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Beth Wendl & Rev. David Kenley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Generous God, in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical.

**People: Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth
and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom.**

Leader: Help us to keep our lamps trimmed and burning,
so that when you call us, we are ready.

**People: May you always find us doing kingdom work,
serving the people and places to which you call us.**

Leader: May what we are and do and say be our gifts to you
through Christ, who taught his disciples to pray, saying...

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**

OPENING SONGS

"This Is the Day"
Chalice Hymnal No. 286

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.**

“Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)”

Chalice Hymnal No. 111

**Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres Señor!**

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!**

MISSION MOMENT: PRESENCIA

Staff and Mentors from Presencia

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:35-48

Rev. David Kenley

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for the one who rules over them to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door at once when the ruler comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants who are found alert when the ruler comes; truly I tell you, the ruler will get ready, have them sit down to eat, and come and serve them. ³⁸ If the ruler comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those servants.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, that owner would not have let the house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Human One is coming at an unexpected hour.”

⁴¹ Peter said, “Jesus, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?” ⁴² And Jesus said, “Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom the master will put in charge of those enslaved to him, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? ⁴³ Blessed is that manager whom the master will find at work when he arrives. ⁴⁴ Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁵ But if that manager thinks, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and begins to beat the other enslaved people, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, ⁴⁶ the manager’s master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour, and will cut the manager into pieces, and put the manager with the unfaithful. ⁴⁷ The manager who knew what the master wanted, but did not get ready or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. ⁴⁸ But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required, and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

MESSAGE *“Once Upon a Parable: Lessons for Today from Luke’s Gospel* - Rev. David Kenley
The Faithful Servant”

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Greg Sterling, guitar

COMMUNION (our table is open to all) & OFFERING

PRAYERS AT THE TABLE

Meredith O'Connor

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Greg Sterling

CLOSING HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Chalice Hymnal No. 86, all verses

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided-
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

Refrain

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE