

September 4, 2016  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude:** Prelude in A Minor J.S. Bach

**Chiming of the Hour**

**\*Hymn:** #14 *The God of Abraham Praise*

**Welcome**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Choral Introit:** *Be Still and Know That I Am God*

**Call to Worship**

One: Hear the choices God sets before us:  
life and prosperity or death and adversity.

**All: O God, you have searched us and known us.  
You know our thoughts and every move we  
make.**

One: Listen to the ordinances of our God; love God and  
walk in the way God commands.

**All: O God, we will listen for your words. We will  
seek to walk on the paths you intend.**

One: Happy are those who delight in God's law;  
Blessed are all who meditate on God's Word.

**All: Wonderful are all your works, O God.  
We are your creation; we are in your hands.**

One: Come let us worship together!

**Prayer of Invocation (In unison)**

Like a skilled potter, O God, you have shaped each one of us as a unique design. You know us better than we know ourselves. You value us more highly than we can imagine. You weep when we are marred or broken through our own misdeeds or the world's cruelty. We gather now to assemble our prayers for one another and all the world's people in a chorus of devotion. Hear us, gracious God. Amen.

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Awesome God, we confess that we have become slaves to our own narrow self-interest. We pay more attention to our possessions than you. We try to hide from your all-seeing eye, for we are guilty of devotion to false gods. We are attracted to wicked advice and sinful pursuits that direct our steps away from you. We act without thinking or planning or consulting with you. O God, show us the way to a better life. Hear now our silent confessions as we turn to you seeking mercy, forgiveness and grace. Amen.

***Moment of Silence***

**Assurance of God's Love**

**\*Gloria Patri:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**Responsive Reading – Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

(Page 710 HS in the pew bible)

**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures –  
Jeremiah 18:1-11**

(Page 881 HS in the pew bible)

**\*Hymn:** #280 *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

**Sacrament of Communion**

*The cut bread on the communion plate is gluten-free.*

*The communion wine is non-alcoholic juice.*

**Communion Prayer**

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love by bringing us to this meal. We go from this table, renewed in faith, renewed in courage, and strengthened by your presence. Thank you for loving us so tenderly. Thank you for challenging us to know you better and to receive you more fully. It is in Christ's name that we pray. Amen.

**Solo:** *Ave Maria*

Franz Schubert

Rebecca Palmer, soprano

**Offering of Gifts**

**Anthem:** *Like as a Father*

Luigi Cherubini

**\*Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Gospel Reading – Luke 14:25-33**

(Page 94 NT in the pew bible)

**Sermon:** *In the Potter's Hands*

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

**Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Response:** *Spirit of the Living God*

**\*Hymn:** #414 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

**Benediction**

**Response:** *All Christly souls are one in him*

**Postlude:** *Fugue in A Minor*

J.S.Bach

(\* Please stand if able)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. Our hosts today are Clare Rashkoff and Sheryl Knapp.*

*Hearing assist devices are available; please see an usher if you would like to use one.*

Our Lay Reader today is Sarah Zarbock.

Our communion servers today are Larry Blades & Theresa Carroll.

Our ushers today are Joe Catania & Vance Hanlon.

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Prayer List

Lynne Kronholm, Paul McAbee, Mark Lundeen, Jose Luis Marti, Kay & Stan Norman, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellogg, Barbara Jacqueline, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Betty Scribner, Charles Cook, family and friends of Norman Sills.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

Today 2 pm Service at Noble  
Monday 7pm Jazz Rehearsal  
Thursday 8:30 am "Silent" Retreat  
7 pm HousaTonics  
Friday 7:30 am Men's Bible Study  
9 - 12 pm Sinfonietta Rehearsal  
Sunday 9 am Mindful Meditation  
11:15 am Christian Action Meeting  
11:30 am Trustees Meeting

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**TIME FOR MINDFULNESS BEFORE WORSHIP**

A group gathers on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 am in the Parish Hall Library for meditation prior to the worship service. Open to all!

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Will start on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall Library. The group will be exploring the Book of Acts. All are welcome ~ no bible experience necessary.

**DEDICATE A HYMNAL**

New hymnals are available to purchase for the church. Multiple copies may be purchased, dedicated and donated. Each hymnal is \$25.00. You can pick up a dedication form at the church or download the form from our website.

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