

Sunday, August 31, 2008  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 17

The Music

Opening Hymn: *O beautiful for spacious skies* #719

Gradual Hymn: *How Great Thou Art* LEVAS # 60

Post Communion Hymn: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*  
(Pew Rack) verses 1,2, refrain, 3

Closing Hymn: *Lift high the cross* # 473

The Lectionary

**The Collect of the Day**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

**The First Reading—Jeremiah 15:15-21**

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

**The Psalm—Psalm 26:1-8 *Judica me, Domine***

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, \*

- that I may go in procession round your altar,  
7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.  
8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.

**The Second Reading—Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

**THE GOSPEL—Matthew 16:21-28**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

*After the Gospel, the Priest says: The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## The Announcements

**'ARTSY TEA'** The Artsy Tea Group planning committee will meet On Wednesday, September 17 at Prince of Peace at 6:30 PM in the church hall to discuss further plans for the art show and tea to be held on October 25.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
Volunteers are needed to help with our booth at the Dallas Harvest Festival. Helpers are needed to set-up, clean-up, and to 'man' the booth during the festival for shifts of approximately 2 hours. A signup sheet is available in the Parish House. Thanks to all of those who have volunteered to make/donate baskets, we have enough for the raffle.

**THE LAYING-ON-OF-HANDS FOR HEALING**  
Each Sunday at the 10:00 service "The Laying-On-Of-Hands for Healing" is offered. During Communion Chris Sutton will be in the back of the church for anyone who wishes to receive the laying on of hands and prayers for healing. Simply go to her and tell her what kind of healing you want. She will then lay her hands on you and offer a prayer to our Lord for you.

**RUMMAGE SALE** The Rummage Sale will be held on Friday & Saturday, September 5 & 6, 9am– 2pm. Please be sure that all donations are in GOOD condition and note that this year we are NOT able to accept any electronic devices such as computers, televisions, etc. Set up for the sale will be Wednesday, September 3rd from 6:00 to 9:00 and Thursday, September 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Clean up will be Saturday. Volunteers are needed for all days—especially for Saturday clean-up.

**BUS TRIP** Shavertown United Methodist Church is having a bus trip to Sight & Sound in Lancaster, PA on September 25. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Parish House.

**4GIVEN** The Service of Compline normally held in the Memorial Garden on the 4th Thursday of the month will be a bit different in September. It will be held on *Wednesday*, September 24 at 7:00 pm. We will be joined by 4GIVEN a contemporary Christian quartet. Who will perform following a brief service of Compline.

**ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING PROJECT** Each month on the **4th Sunday** we collect aluminum cans for recycling. All money raised benefits the Prince of Peace General Fund. For more information please contact Terry Martin 675-9528.

Beginning in October we will be offering an Alternative Worship one Saturday per month. The services will be held on the second Saturday of the month at 7:00 pm. Various forms of worship will be used. Watch for more information to follow soon!



### *PRAYER LIST*

Please remember to keep those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit in your prayers this week, especially

Therese	Sarah	Madeline
Heather	Thelma	Kirsten
James	Shane	George
Jack	Sandy	Patti
Adam	Jackie	Debbie
Henry	Carol	

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the church office by email or phone or write it in the book in the back of the church. Please also indicate how long we should keep the name on the Prayer list.

*The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the glory of Almighty God in celebration of the Marriage of Jeannine Wood and Andrew Bobkowicz.*

## Ministers

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<b>Celebrant / Preacher</b>	The Reverend James Stevenson
<b>Lector / Intercessor</b>	Chris Sutton
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Hugh Kelley
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBA
<b>Ushers / Oblationers</b>	Carl Goeringer, Terry Martin
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Megan Palmer, Sandy Sheehan, Grace Goeringer
<b>Vestry Counter</b>	George Gwilliam