

Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church



A SERVICE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Barnabas A Community of Encouragement

*Our mission is to seek and encourage deeper relationships with God
and our neighbors, especially through vibrant and spirit-inspired
ministries in our communities.*

Service Participants

Bob Krone, Cherry Perlson, & Adrienne James — Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Kathy Kennedy, Susan Hillhouse, & Deacon Pam Fairley—Altar Guild
Jesse Leo & Cherry Perlson—Lectors
Brad Thomson—Altar Bread Baker
Rob Konkol & Jim Fox —Ushers
Carolyn & Todd Nicholson—Greeters
Dave Rucker—Technology
Julia Leary —Vestry Person of the Day

Altar Flowers

Given by the Harrison family in loving memory of Robin.

Ordinary Time

As we gather, our worship together is marked by the seasons of the year. We are in the season after Pentecost, or as it is sometimes known "Ordinary Time." It is the longest season of the church year stretching throughout the summer and fall. It is a season for growing in our faith and giving thanks for all the ways that God is present in our lives and all of creation. Take time as we begin worship to reflect on what you are grateful for in this season.

It is our hope and prayer that your life and relationship with God will be enriched by your worship with us today. If you are visiting with us today and would like to learn more about Saint Barnabas, we encourage you to fill out a yellow card in the pew (or online at <https://www.st-barnabas.org/newcomers>) and let us know how we can stay in touch with you. We look forward to getting to know you.

Sing with Us! Everything you need for worship is included in the bulletin. Music is found in the Blue 1982 Hymnal or the green Wonder Love and Praise (WLP).

PRELUDE

Michael Chertock

OPENING HYMN 412 — Earth and All Stars

Earth and All Stars

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE S278: Glory to God

Mathias

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people are seated for the lessons and psalm.

THE FIRST LESSON— Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103: 1-7, 8-13

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON— Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and remain standing for the Gospel.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 674 — Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Detroit

THE GOSPEL— Matthew 18:21-35

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Pam Fairley

Please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – Form IV

Intercessor: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant offers a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Deacon and People:

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are seated.

The Welcome and Offertory Sentence

Birthdays and Anniversaries

OFFERTORY ANTHEM— With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw (arr. A. Carpenter)

THE PRESENTATION HYMN 400 v. 7

Lasst uns erfreuen

The people stand to sing the hymn and remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,

O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One:

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please come forward to one of the communion stations to receive the bread, wine, or a blessing. You may receive wine by drinking from the chalice or by intinction (dipping) the bread in the chalice. The gold chalices are for intinction, and the silver chalice in the center is for those who wish to drink from the chalice. You may also receive just the bread. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – PRAYER 1

Enriching Our Worship

The People remain standing

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with

your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

SANCTUS S129

Powell

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Then the Celebrant continues,

Blessed are you gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life, You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took the bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said; "Take, eat; This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you; This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, and all your saints, past, present and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD S155

Near

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who seek God are welcome at Christ's table.

COMMUNION HYMN 325 — Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

Let us Break Bread

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the congregation. All respond: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 671 — Amazing Grace

New Britain

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Michael Cherlock

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