

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

The Opening of the Scriptures and Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Welcome to Worship Laura Edgar

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... PRAISING

* The Call to Praise Carolyn Grimes

Leader: With love and goodness, God created all things!

People: God made the highest hills and the deepest seas.

Leader: We discover wonder and majesty in the beauty of creation.

People: God created the artistry of the spider's web and the intricacy of each molecule.

Leader: We foster humility and awe as we examine the landscape of the world.

People: God created the design of the leaf and the wings of a bird.

Leader: The goodness of creation sings of God's joy and grace!

People: We join our voice with all of creation, giving thanks to God!

* Hymn 341 *For the Beauty of the Earth*. DIX
st. 3 - women only • st. 5 - organ only • st. 6 - all unison (melody)

* The Invocation Carolyn Grimes

The Scripture Reading *Psalms 19* Dale Peterson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Instrumental Interlude

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... SHARING

Prayer Concerns of Our Church and World Tripp Martin

The Preparation for Prayer Medema
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

**Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.**

**Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

The Ministry of Silence

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Tripp Martin

Our Father, which 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.

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... PROCLAIMING

* Hymn 646 *Teach Me Your Way* CAMACHA

The Children's Period Tripp Martin

The Preparation for Scripture *Ancient Words* DeShazo

**Ancient words, ever true,
changing me and changing you;
we have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.**

The Scripture Reading *Mark 8:27-38*. Laura Edgar

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Choral Worship *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God*. Marcello
Sanctuary Choir

The heavens declare the glory of God;
The earth sings forth His holy name:
The hills and plains sing praise to Him.
New songs of joy they raise to Him.
Both day and night His might proclaim.

The day shows forth His majesty.
The night sings praise eternally.
Their voice is sounding, resounding praise to Him.
Let all creation lift its voice,
All nature and humankind rejoice.

The Sermon Tripp Martin

The Whisper of God's Love

OUR FAITH FAMILY ... RESPONDING

* Hymn of Commitment 307 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
All Creatures of Our God and King
st. 5 - unison (melody)

This hymn affords all of us a chance to consider our response to today's worship. The minister will welcome you at the front of the sanctuary if you would like to make a public commitment today.

The Receiving of New Members

* The Offertory Prayer Laura Edgar

The Offertory *Prelude on ROYAL OAK*. S. Vann
Barbara Acker-Mills, organist

The Introduction of New Members

* The Spoken Benediction Tripp Martin

* The Sending Out of God's Light and Word

* The Sung Benediction *Peace to You*. Murray/Larson

**Peace to you, sisters and brothers,
peace that no words define.
Christ keep you safe in spirit.
Christ Jesus in you shine!**

* standing as able

ushers will seat worshippers

In order to preserve an atmosphere of worship, we respectfully ask that all electronic devices be silenced.

Children's worship activity kits are available for children in grades K-3 at each entrance to the sanctuary. You are welcome to take one for your child as you enter, then please return it as you exit the sanctuary. Children in kindergarten/first grade will return to their class after the Children's Period. If this is your child's first time to participate with this group, please accompany them to complete an emergency-information card.

The Lay Worship Leader for September is Carolyn Grimes. Carolyn has been a member of AFBC since 1996. She is presently active in Sanctuary Choir, First Bells, Pilgrims Sunday School class, and committee service. She retired from Auburn University in 2007. Carolyn has three children and eleven grandchildren.

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