

**Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas
First Presbyterian Church—Winnsboro, TX**

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**The Chimes, the Flames, and the Waters
Greetings and Announcements.**

(*)-Stand if Able and

We Prepare to Receive the Word

Prelude

Call to Worship:

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples. Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God; tell of all the Lord's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and God's strength; seek the Lord's presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles and the judgments God uttered, O offspring of God's servant Abraham, children of Jacob, the Lord's chosen ones

Let us pray together in unison:

Enfold us into your presence this morning, O God, and give us strength and courage to pass on the light you sent to illuminate our journey through life. We are eager to be fed by your word today. We sing for joy, knowing that we can trust you to guide our path. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise: #122 "Thine Is the Glory"**

1 Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave clothes Where Thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing, For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]

3 No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without Thee; Aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors Through Thy deathless love; Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above. [Refrain]

Confession:

God offers us grace, and yet we grumble. God hears our grumbling and provides, and yet we want more. God's generosity knows no bounds, and yet we begrudge God's goodness. Recognizing the many ways we miss the mark of discipleship, we come to a time of confession, grateful that God's loving kindness persists even in the face of our ongoing sin. (confession of personal sin). . . Amen

Assurance of Pardon

***The 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. Amen."**

We Receive the Word

Prayer for Illumination (In Unison):

Lord, the days run together and our ability to discern your voice through all the world's noise grows difficult. Recognizing that you still speak to us, no less than to Moses or Mary, we ask you to send your Spirit that we might hear the word you have for us this day. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2-15@

Epistle Reading: Phillipians 1:21-30@

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

@- This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "All I Have Needed"

***Hymn 276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (see Announcements page)**

We Respond to the Word

***The Affirmation of Faith— The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He

shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of Intercession/Pastoral Prayer: Response-“Lord, Hear Our Prayer”
The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

***The Doxology**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn # “359 More Love To Thee, O Christ”**

1 More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee!

Hear Thou the prayer I make On bended knee. This is my earnest plea:

More love, O Christ, to Thee; More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

2 Once earthly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest;

Now Thee alone I seek, Give what is best. This all my prayer shall be:

More love, O Christ to Thee; More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

3 Then shall my latest breath Whisper Thy praise;

This be the parting cry My heart shall raise; This still its prayer shall be:

More love, O Christ to Thee; More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

***Benediction**

Congregational Response:

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

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