\*Singing Our Faith # **389** *“Freely, Freely”*

\*Benediction

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen!**

\*Postlude

**Scatter to Serve God & Neighbor**

*Welcome to all! We gather to praise God for the innumerable blessings given to us and to grow deeper in the Spirit. Joyfully, let us lift our hearts to God.*



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10:30 a.m. ~ September 17, 2023 ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is ***“to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

***Welcome! Join us in worshiping God!***

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Announcements Judy Robertson

*Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord. Please register your attendance, printing your name, address, phone, and email, on the attendance pad provided on your pew. Thank you for silencing cell phones as we gather to worship God.*

Invocation

Call to Worship

Giants loom large and the ground shakes,

**but God says, “Do not fear.”**

The ship is tossed by the storm,

**but Christ says, “Peace, be still.”**

When danger, fear surround us, the Spirit calls:

**Come to worship and find courage, come worship and find peace.**

Singing Our Faith **# 327** *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, we confess we have not lived as you would have us live.** **We have not relied on your word or wisdom; we have not shown any concern or** **compassion when we should have; we have not loved our neighbors as we love**

**ourselves. We have remained silent when we should have spoken and spoken when we should have been silent. Forgive us our sins and hear our silent confession:**

Silent Confession

Words of Pardon and Assurance

Hear the witness of scripture:

**God listens; God helps. Now is the day of salvation.**

**We open wide our hearts and receive God’s forgiveness.**

**As we are forgiven, we forgive one another.  Amen.**

Special Music *“Victory in Jesus”*

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Prayer of Illumination Ann Robbins

**God of the ages, open our ears to hear Your Word.**

**Open our hearts to be warmed by Your love.**

**Free us from our lonely prisons of fear and selfishness.**

Scripture Lesson 1 Samuel 17:24-30, 37, 45-49 Ann Robbins

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Singing Our Faith **# 170** *“O How I Love Jesus”*

The Good News Kim Ness

 ***“The Big Guy vs. The Much Bigger Guy”***

Bringing Forward God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Doxology **# 95 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all Creatures here below;** **praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer

**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, forever. Amen.**

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