



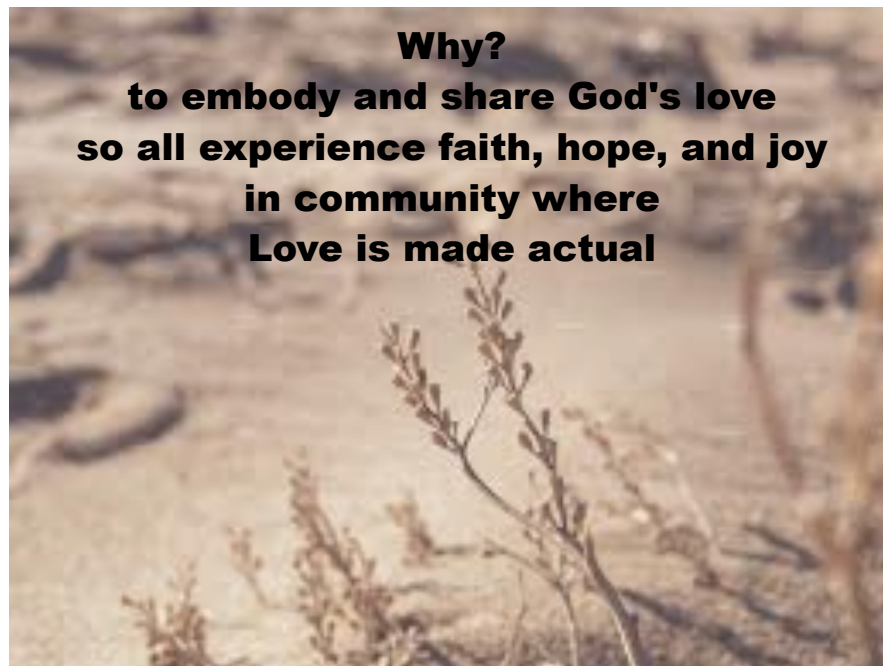
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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost *September 25, 2022*



Mini-Message

Diane Highnam

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Organist

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Guest Preacher

John Mardis

Worship Leader

Gina Greene

Director of Youth

Abbie Chronister

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

Custodian

Kyle Lindaman

*No matter who you are or where you are
on life's journey, you are welcome here*

Prelude	Improvisation on " <i>The Lord's My Shepherd</i> "	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
Introit		
Welcome / Church Life and Mission		Gina Greene
Responsive Reading		(from Isaiah 40:28-31)
	Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard?	
	People: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.	
	Leader: He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.	
	People: God gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.	
	Leader: Even youths grow tired and weary, and young people stumble and fall;	
	People: but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.	
	Leader: They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.	
*Opening Hymn	<i>God Gives His People Strength</i>	(See Screen) M.T. Winter
Mini-Message		Diane Highnam
Joys & Concerns		Gina Greene
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>They will know we are Christians by Our Love</i>	(See Screen)
Invitation to Offertory		Gina Greene
Offertory	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Dedication		Gina Greene
Old Testament Reading	Micah 6:6-8	John Mardis
Choral Anthem	<i>Hear My Prayer</i> Moses Hogan/arr. Emerson - Hal Leonard Corporation	Chancel Choir

New Testament Reading	Matthew 25:31-40	John Mardis
Message	Why? A tale of two projects <i>(Includes unison reading of #885 in NCH)</i>	John Mardis
Special Music	<i>The Church Within Us</i> Greg Hoekstra	John Mardis &
Benediction		John Mardis
Postlude	<i>Psalm XIX</i> - Benedetto Marcello	Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* You are invited to Stand

(Hearing assistance devices are available in the cabinet in the back of the sanctuary.)

Childcare for students up to 5th grade is provided after the Children's Message through the end of service. We welcome your child(ren) to follow youth staff to the childcare room (located at the bottom of the steps closest to the sanctuary) at the conclusion of the Children's Message.

The flowers on the altar are provided by Rich and Janice Akin & family and Nancy Heinick in memory of Frank F. Heinick and in honor of Rich and Janice's anniversary.