

Worship for September 12  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**GATHERING MUSIC – Dr. Christy Wisuthseriwong, electronic piano**

**WELCOME HYMN**

**Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary, for you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Home at its best is a place of rest, a sense of peace.

**Our home is in the Lord.**

Home is a generous welcome, a refuge from fear.

**Our home is in the Lord.**

Home is an open table, the satisfaction of all our longings.

**Our home is in the Lord.**

Come home with what you have today. For you who come with gladness know that your joy will be multiplied; And you who grieve this day know that your sorrow will be shared.

**Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.**

Come home with what you have today. For you weighed down by too many 'shoulds' and 'what-ifs', know that here you may lay down your burden of guilt and shame.

**Accepting God's love for us, we are set free to live anew.**

Come home with what you have today. For you who have the answers know that new questions await you; And you who come seeking, know that your questions are safe in the presence of God.

**Accepting God's love for us, we are able to love one another.**

**OPENING MUSIC – Andrew Hays, saxophone; Dr. Christy Wisuthseriwong, electronic piano**

**SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we give you thanks that by your power you created us and by your goodness you call us to be your people. We confess that we have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (silent prayers)**

(Book of Common Worship p.537)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

**HYMN – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, Hymn 39, Verses 1&3**

**Children’s Conversation - Cindy**

**Pennies for Hunger collection**

**SPECIAL MUSIC - Andrew Hays and Dr. Christy Wisuthseriwong**

**SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 1:1 – 2:3**

**Paul Parker, Karena Porter, Neil Huffman, Jaimie Irvan, Steve Walton**

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters...

**SERMON – *Homesick***

**Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee**

**ANTHEM – *How Can I Keep from Singing*, Greg Gilpin**

**Chancel Choir**

**Why do you call Starmount home? - Connie Kronenfeld**

**LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

O Lord our God, for the vision of those who planned for this congregation, and for the commitment and dedication of all who served together at the time of origin,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who have willingly given of themselves to teach, encourage, and serve others... For those who have provided leadership as Elders, Deacons, and Staff... For those who have been a part of our fellowship for so many years, and now serve you in the church triumphant,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For the ways in which we have been able to care for one another in the journey of life... For baptisms we've celebrated, professions of faith we have heard, and feasts shared at your Table... For answers to prayer that we have experienced,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For a congregation that has desired to worship you faithfully and vibrantly, hearing your Word, singing your praise, and seeking your strength... For a commitment to remain true to your Word in a world of confusing and conflicting voices... For the children and youth who were trained in your Word, and now grown, serve you in their homes, schools, and places of work, **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For generosity that has enabled us to reach beyond this community with the word and witness of the Gospel... And for a free and prospered land that has given us the opportunity to thrive and worship and serve for the sake of your Kingdom, **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Music by Andrew Hays and Dr. Christy Wisuthseriwong**

**HYMN – *How Great Thou Art*, Hymn 625, Verses 1,3,4**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Dr. Christy Wisuthseriwong**