



## 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2026

10:00 am

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\*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.  
Liturgist for today's worship is Linda Dickerson.

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*This is the day that the Lord has made.*  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Remember the wonderful work of the Lord—*  
**who brought us out of captivity;**

*who feed us with bread from heaven*  
**and gave us water from a stone.**

*God will never forget the promise;*  
**therefore let us rejoice and sing!**

HYMN\*    *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*    15

PRAYER OF PRAISE\*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

**Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God.**

**[silence]**

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

RESPONSE TO PARDON    582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## A TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOSPEL– Matthew 20:1-16

Linda Dickerson

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

*“Come, O Spirit, Truth Divine”*

OLD TESTAMENT – Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:2-15

SERMON

Rev. Leigh Anne Ring

*“The Raining-Down-Bread God”*

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

*(from “A Proposed New Confession for the PCUSA”)*

**Heeding the voice of the Spirit, we remember who we are:**

**God’s beloved ones, made in the image of the only true, living God of abundant life, Holy One and Holy Three.**

**Set free in Christ by the Spirit from the falsehood of sin and death,**

**we are the beggar whose pockets are full;  
the rich man who gives away all he has;  
the immigrant who has found her home;  
the soldier who beats their sword into a plowshare.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN\*    *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*    435

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION\*

CHORAL RESPONSE\*

**The peace of the earth be with you,  
The peace of the heavens, too;  
The peace of the rivers be with you,  
The peace of the oceans, too.  
Deep peace falling over you.  
God's peace growing in you.**

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We welcome the Rev. Leigh Anne Ring to our worship service today. She is the new Transitional General Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Peaks. She has earned a Master of Christian Education as well as a Master of Divinity. She has served churches in both capacities, and served on the staff of the Presbytery of the James.