

16th Sunday After Pentecost September 12, 2021 9:30 am
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Gathering and Welcome

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: The risen Christ is with us.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

\*Opening Hymn      "Lift High the Cross"      No. 159

\*Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen**

Scripture Reading      James 3:1-12

\*Hymn of Preparation      "Take Up Thy Cross"      No. 415

Scripture Reading      Mark 8:27-38

Sermon      Be Careful What You Say      Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

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\*Closing Hymn      "How Great Thou Art"      No. 77

\*Blessing and Benediction

**Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. If you would like one, please see an usher.**