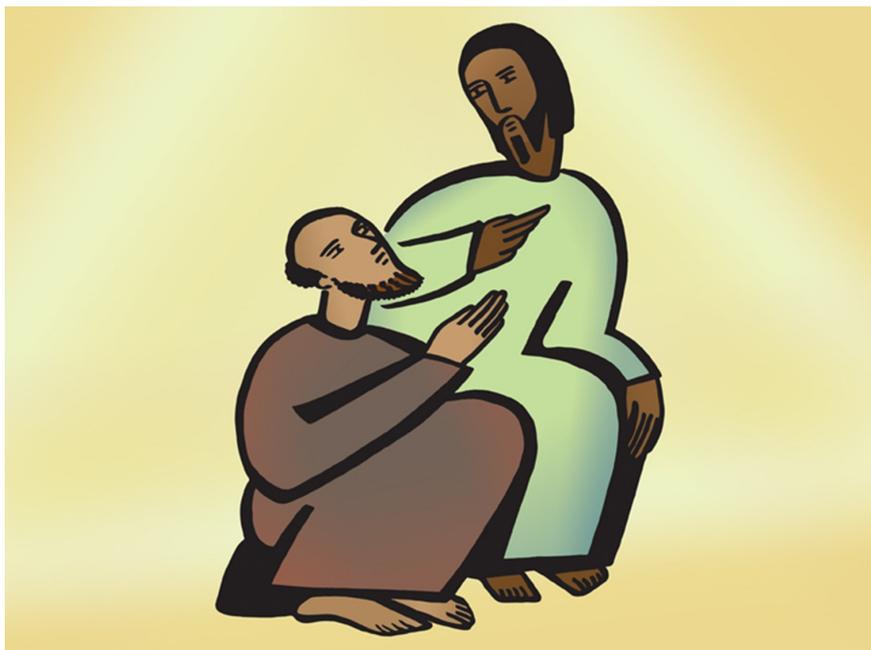


# *Welcome home!* **BAY VIEW** **LUTHERAN CHURCH** ELCA



September 12, 2021  
Traditional  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:00 AM  
Pastor Jeff Greathouse

**PRELUDE:** Janet Anderson

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

~ inspired by Mark 8:29 and posted on Spill the Beans. <http://www.spillbeans.org.uk/>

In the name of the Lord Jesus  
the bread breaker  
the light gatherer  
cross carrier  
welcome

May the peace of the Lord Jesus  
the peace maker  
and the temple disturber  
friend of the sinner  
and companion on the road  
be with us all

Let us draw close to the Lord Jesus  
the saviour  
the healer  
the teacher  
and worship him

and ask ourselves  
who do we say he is?

### **OPENING PRAYER**

~ posted on The Minor Keys. <http://theminorkeys.blogspot.ca/>

Loving God,  
you call us to turn away from our own selfish interests,  
to take up our cross, and to follow you.  
To find our lives,  
may we live them in service of your mission.

As we come before you this morning,  
give us open hearts and open hands.  
Make us eager to hear your voice  
and seek your guidance.

Open our minds to your ever-present spirit  
that is always moving within and around us  
Open our spirits to your nudging  
and open our lives to your love.

## **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

~ written by Chip Hardwick, on Thinking, Praying, Living. <http://www.pcusa.org/blogs/faith/2012/3/30/prayer-confession-march-madness/>

### **Confession**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
We call you Lord,  
Yet it is too easy for us to worship other things.  
Other activities, other relationships, other gods.

You tell us we cannot serve two masters,  
Yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere,  
Diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from  
you.

Forgive us, gracious Savior,  
When our hearts are led astray  
When we serve other gods and worship them.

We turn away from our distractions and sin.  
Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem,  
To take up our cross and follow you.

We pray this, counting on your grace. **Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG: *I've Got Peace Like a River***

### **Verse 1**

I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul

### **Verse 2**

I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul

### **Verse 3**

I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul

CCLI Song # 2154963

Jeffrey Rickard

© Words: Public Domain

Music: 1994 Selah Publishing Company, Inc.

For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com)

CCLI License # 707096

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God,

**through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation,  
and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant  
that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of**

**evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 116:1-9

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave  
came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD watches over the innocent;  
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul.  
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

<sup>8</sup>**For you have rescued my life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

## SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

A reading from James.

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature,

and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give

in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** Pastor Jeff Greathouse

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Take My Life, That I May Be: Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad* (ELW 583)

*Refrain*

Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 1 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*
- 2 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*
- 4 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adap.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875-1955

## CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Remembering in our prayers:*

**Paul** (Jacobson), **Donovan** (Antholt), **Vicki** (Wittenberg), **Mimi** (Zinngrabe), **Janet** (Mickelson), **Deanne & Chris** (Schafer), **Kevin & Cathy** (Clark), **Steven** (Leek), **Dan** (Coyhis), **Sasha** (Hill), **Fred & Darlene** (Kirch), **Sandy** (Scott-Cota), **Rusty** (Feld), **Kayla** (Fleury), **Rich** (Mickelson), **Carl** (Scholz), **Tysha** (Osborne), **Dale** (Lyndahl), **Beth** (Jacobson), **Michael** (Cassity), **Sue** (Strong), **Larry** (Uecker), **Carol** (Bockhop), **Andrew** (Snyder).

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

**MUSIC DURING OFFERING:** Special music by Janet Anderson

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance,  
you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens.  
Accept the gifts you have first given us.  
Unite them with the offering of our lives  
to nourish the world you love so dearly;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come.  
The table is ready.

## COMMUNION

**HYMN DURING COMMUNION:** *Just As I Am, without One Plea* (ELW 592)

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
- 4 Just as I am; thy love unknown  
has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING BLESSING**

~ written by Carlos Fernandez, Pastor of Spiritual Formation at  
Village Church in Beaverton, Orgeon.

Creator God—  
as we return now to our homes, workplaces, and communities,  
may Your Spirit open our eyes anew  
to the vastness and splendor of Your beauty all around us.

May we hear, and smell, and see, and touch  
Your glory evident in all of Your creation.

Above all, let us see Your beauty  
even in the brokenness of our brothers and sisters—  
all of them, created in Your image,  
and waiting to experience that redemption that comes  
only through Christ Jesus our Lord.

We go now to love and serve our Lord—**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: God Be with You Till We Meet Again**  
(ELW 536)

- 1 God be with you till we meet again;  
by good counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

*Refrain*

Till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again,)  
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again.)  
God be with you till we meet again.

- 2 God be with you till we meet again;  
holy wings securely hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*
- 3 God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

From [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com).

Copyright © 2021 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

ONE LICENSE Reprint and Podcast #A:703745.

CCLI License # 707096 Streaming License 20583319

All rights reserved.