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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 17, 2023 ~ 8:30AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

*Trio en Chaconne*

(Andre Raison)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #298

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

11:00 BAPTISM

Frances Elizabeth Corley  
Daughter of Shelley and Terry Corley

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED

\*GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

*Elevation*

(Alexandre Guilmant)

\*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

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PSALTER # 787 (8:30)

Psalm 62:5-12

HYMN OF PREPARATION #172

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-23

SERMON

"In His Hands, In His Spirit"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *UMH#13*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN #420

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Prelude on the Fifth Tone*

(Gilles Jullien)

✠ Stand as able

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Cheri's mother, Rose Vredevelt, by Cheri and Jerry Forte.

**Assisting in Worship Today:** Dr. Darren M. McClellan; **Liturgist:** Katie Turner

**Acolytes:** (8:30) Anne Frances Bobo (11:00) Ellie Strunk

**Communion Servers:** (8:30) Phyllis and Craig Helms, Kinga and Duke Low  
(11:00) Gene Kirchoff, Carol Willis

**Music Team:** John Richardson, Chancel Choir **Media and Sound:** Josh McClellan, Colin Richardson

**Music Notes**

Andre Raison (c. 1640-1719) was a French Baroque organist and composer of two collections of organ works including the prelude for today's service. Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911) was organist at *La Trinite* in Paris, founded the *Schola Cantorum* where he taught organ, and also performed widely across Europe, Canada, and the United States. Gilles Jullien (c. 1651 - 1703) became organist at Chartres Cathedral as a very young person and served there until he died. All of his surviving music - about 80 pieces including today's postlude - is contained in his *Premier Livre d'orgue* (1690).

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SINGING OUR PRAISES

*Graves Into Gardens*  
*God of Wonders*  
*Jireh*

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### GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you come before God to receive this Holy Meal,  
You are invited to bring all of who you are as an offering  
to the one who has given all of who he is for us.

*\*\*\*Baskets are available to present your offering  
as you come forward to receive the bread and cup.*

### INVITATION TO PRAYER AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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