Welcome, friends, from far and near.
Let us worship God who is surely here.
Let us pray, sing, share the Word and give;
then let us joyfully go into God's world to live. *Please indicate your desires for visitation, or information about joining Celebration Church on the Ritual of Friendship Pad. *Prayer cards are provided for sharing your joys and concerns. Please write your prayer requests on a card and the ushers will collect them.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:
“The deepest of level of communication is not communication, but communion. It is wordless ... beyond speech ... beyond concept.” — Thomas Merton

Sunday, September 4, 2016 16th Sunday after Pentecost

THE CHURCH GATHERS
Prelude
Chiming the Hour and Lighting the Christ Candle
*Hymn No. 509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly HOLY MANDA
Greeting The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.
Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Prayer Cards, Announcements and Opening Prayer
*Sharing the Peace of Christ The Peace of Christ be with You. And also with you! (Please exchange signs of Christ’s peace with those near you.)

TO WORSHIP THE LORD OUR GOD
*Responsive Call to Worship Liturgist: Elizabeth Wills
Out of our different lives, we gather here this morning both for receiving sustenance and giving praise.
We come in great thankfulness for your generosity that surrounds us, for your forgiveness, for your call to life.
Different backgrounds, different races, different languages, different ages, different genders - You make of us one body, one family, one heart of caring in Christ.
May we here know our oneness, share our lives, and join in praise of all you do.
Gracious God, may we feast at your abundant table and find our hungers met.

*Hymn No. 515 I Come with Joy DOVE OF PEACE
Call to Confession Liturgist: Elizabeth Wills
Friends, we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The good news is that with God, grace abounds and forgiveness is real to all who confess. Let us confess our sins collectively and then personally.

Unison Prayer of Confession Liturgist: Elizabeth Wills
In the words of the Psalms, we pray, “O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” May it be so, Gracious God, as in Christ’s name we pray, AMEN.

Silence for Personal Confession

TO WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND SHARED STEWARDSHIP
Prayers of the People – Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
Prayer of Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer (“debts and debtors”)
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 of us are not divided in him, but belong together as brothers and sisters, all of us poor sinners, all of us rich through his mercy. Amen.” — Karl Barth

TO WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD AND SACRAMENT
Scriptures 1 Corinthians 11:17-26 NRSV
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God
Sermon GOD AND FOOD Rev Becky Kiser
*Hymn of Preparation No. 521 In Remembrance of Me
Invitation to the Lord’s Table / Words of Institution / Prayer of Consecration and Preparation
Sharing the Bread and Cup (Distribution by Elders)
Prayer after Communion
You have given yourself to us, Lord. Now we give ourselves to others. Your love has made us new people; As a people of love we will serve you with joy. Your glory has filled our hearts. Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD
*Charge and Benediction
*Choral Response Hymn No. 748 Go with Us, Lord TALLIS’ CANON
*Postlude

(*If able, please stand at these points in the service.)
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“The measure of your solitude is the measure of your capacity for communion.” — Henri J.M. Nouwen

“For if we see that the sun, in sending forth its rays upon the earth, to generate, cherish, and invigorate its offspring, in a manner transuses its substance into it, why should the radiance of the Spirit be less in conveying to us the communion of his flesh and blood? John Calvin

“Food matters because it’s one of the things that forces us to live in this world -- this tactile, physical, messy, and beautiful world -- no matter how hard we try to escape into our minds and our ideals. Food is a reminder of our humanity, our fragility, our createdness.” — Shauna Niequist

JOIN US AT CELEBRATION
We are Christ followers who are open, accepting, loving and welcoming to all!

OUR MISSION is to Proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior, Praise and Worship God, Prepare our hearts to share God’s Word, and Provide Love and Service to ALL!

OUR PURPOSE is to Celebrate God’s Glory by Reaching, Teaching, and Sending People to Love and Serve the Lord.