

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ❖ September 8, 2024

Sunday Supplement

Today's Hymns (IOAM Only)		
Opening Hymn	Blue Hymnal #8	<i>Morning has broken</i>
Gospel Song	Blue Hymnal #592	<i>Teach me, my God and King</i>
Offertory Hymn	Blue Hymnal #5 I	<i>We the Lord's people</i>
Communion Hymn	Red Hymnal #6	<i>Peace before us</i>
Sending Hymn	Blue Hymnal #347	<i>Go forth to God</i>

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

IOAM: Short Seasonal Reading

Read by a child, when possible

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

— James 3:13

❖ *Please be seated. We will hold a brief silence at this time.* ❖

The First Reading: 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-24, 27-30, 41-43

Reader A reading from the first book of Kings.

Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand... But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Faith: Psalm 84:1-6

How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts! *

**My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, *

by the side of your altars, O God of hosts, my Ruler and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house; *

they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you; *

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height; *

the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.

The Second Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-17

Reader A reading from the letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Celebrant The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

IOAM: Gospel Hymn: "Teach me, my God and King"

Blue Hymnal #592