16th Sunday After Pentecost

10 A. M. Worship for Sunday, July 5, 2026
First Memorial Presbyterian Church of Dover, New Jersey

Gathering and Focusing during Prelude:

Thank you for choosing to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with us today.
**** We invite you to stand if you are able, for those portions of the liturgy marked with an asterisk.***

Prelude

- Henry Repp, Director of Music

"Cantilene"

- Rheinberger

The Call to Worship:

- Elder Megan Quinones

Leader: God knows our hearts and sees beyond what others see. We come together with different experiences, opinions, and the way we understand faith.

All: Let us remember not to judge one another for those differences, for judgement is a job only for God.

Leader: We come together today as one people, because we belong to Christ.

All: We are the Lord's! Amen.

Children's Message:

- Elder Megan Quinones

Hymn of Praise No. 364* **- Henry Repp

"I Sing A Song of the Saints of God" **- Lesbia Scott, 1929**

Call to Confession: **- Elder Megan Quinones**

Leader: Good morning Saints! Let us confess our sins to our one true God and forgiver of sins.
Let us pray together…

Unison Prayer of Confession:

All: ***O Lord, far too often we are quick to notice what others are doing wrong while overlooking our own wrongdoings. We make assumptions about other people, thinking we know their whole story, when we don't. We criticize when you taught us to have compassion, we judge when you taught us to have grace. We come before you, O Lord, to confess these sins and forgiveness. We will try to do better. Amen.***

(We pause here for a few moments of silent, personal confession…)

Assurance of Pardon **- Megan Quinones**

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, by the mercy of Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

All: ***Let us be at peace, for we have been freed from sin that we may serve with righteousness, to the glory and praise of God.***

- The Call, Prayer and Pardon (above) are as found on page 57 of Feasting On the Word, Liturgies for year A, vol.2.
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**Congregational Gloria No. 577:* - Richard K. Avery & Donald S. Marsh, 1967

Glory be to the Father, and the son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Celebrating the Peace Jesus Came to Bring:* **- Megan Quinones

Leader: The peace we offer each other today isn't based on whether we agree with one another, it is based on something much greater: the peace of Christ that has already been given to us. So let us greet one another - not as judges, but as sisters and brothers in Christ. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: ***And also with you.***

Leader: Please take the next few moments to share a warm greeting and a sincere sign of God's peace with those around you AND also share with someone you call or meet this week.

**Affirmation of Faith:* The Apostle's Creed (Traditional):

Leader: Please join me in confirming what we believe by reciting the Apostle's Creed.

All: ***I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen***

Gospel Lesson: **- Elder Megan Quinones**

Romans 14: 1-12

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church…

[1]Welcome those who are weak in faith, but do not argue with them
about their personal opinions. [2]Some people's faith allows them to eat
anything, but the person who is weak in the faith eats only vegetables.
[3]The person who will eat anything is not to despise the one who doesn't;
while the one who eats only vegetables is not to pass judgment on the
one who will eat anything; for God has accepted that person. [4]Who are
you to judge the servants of someone else? It is their own Master who
will decide whether they succeed or fail. And they will succeed, because
the Lord is able to make them succeed.

[5]Some people think that a certain day is more important than other
days, while others think that all days are the same. We each should firmly
make up our own minds. [6]Those who think highly of a certain day do so in
honor of the Lord; those who will eat anything do so in the honor of the
Lord, because they give thanks to God for the food. Those who refuse to
eat certain things do so in honor of the Lord, and they give thanks to God.
[7]We do not live for ourselves only, and we do not die for ourselves only. [8]If
we live, it is for the Lord that we live, if we die, it is for the Lord that we
die. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. [9]For Christ died and
rose to life in order to be the Lord of the living and the dead. [10]You then,
who eat only vegetables - why do you pass judgment on others? And do
you who eat anything - why do you despise the believers? All of us will
stand before God to be judged by him. [11]For the Scripture says, "As surely
as I am the living God, says the Lord, everyone will kneel before me, and
everyone will confess that I am God." [12]Every one of us, then will have to
give an account to God.

-THE GOOD NEWS TRANSLATION

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord…

All: ***Thanks be to God!***

Adult Message: "Who Are We to Judge?" **- Elder Megan Quinones**

Romans 14:10 - "…All of us will stand before God to be judged by him."

Call for the Offering: **- Megan Quinones**

Leader: We are grateful to have you with us as we worship together on this 16th Sunday after Pentecost, and we hope you can be stewardship partners with us in our ministry as you have been partners with us in our worship.

IF you are able, please consider mailing an offering to our church office this week at 51 West Blackwell Street, Dover NJ 07801.

Offertory **- Church Choir**

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

**A Disciple's Response:* "Doxology" - Thomas Ken, 1693, 1709

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication:

Leader: We give you thanks for all that you have given us—for the blessings we recognize, for the blessings we sometimes overlook, and for the grace that surrounds us. As we bring these gifts before you, remind us that everything we have ultimately comes from you. May our gifts—and our lives—reflect your generous love.

All: Amen.

Joys and Concerns: **- Elder Kim Forrester**

Prayers of and for the People and Lord's Prayer: **- Megan Quinones**

Leader: We pray for our community and for our world.
We pray for people who are judged because of their

circumstances, their mistakes, their appearance, their beliefs, their past, or the choices they have made. Help us to remember that we rarely know the whole story. Give us the wisdom to pause before we criticize, the courage to listen before we assume, and the compassion to love before we judge. Make us people who build bridges instead of walls. All while we pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

All: ***…Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name…***

Hymn of Parting No. 372* - **Henry Repp

"Lord, I Want To Be A Christian" **– African - American Spiritual**

Charge and Benediction: **- Elder Megan Quinones**

Leader: Go now into the world remembering that you do not know the whole story. When you are tempted to judge, pause. When you are tempted to criticize, listen. When you are tempted to assume, remember that there may be more to the story than you can see. Please leave the judgment to God. Go into the world not as judges, but as people who have received grace. And let that grace overflow into everything you do.

Now, may the God who knows you completely, and loves you completely, go with you and be with you now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated for a moment of reflection and to enjoy the Postlude)

Postlude: **- Henry Repp**

"Tocatta" **- Leclerc**

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