

*He asked them,*  
**“But  
who  
do you  
say  
that I  
am?”**

*Mark 8:29, NRSV*



# 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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*Lord of Life Liturgy [Dr. Bradley C. Hunnicutt]*

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel.

This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

## Prelude

# Joys & Concerns

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P.** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**C. Amen**

**P.** Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**P.** God our comforter:

**C. like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

**P.** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**C. Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

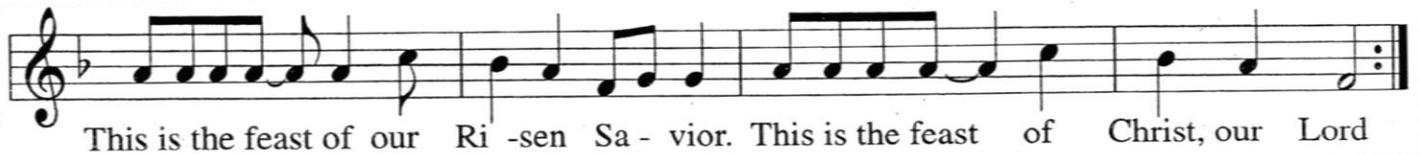
*Lift High the Cross*

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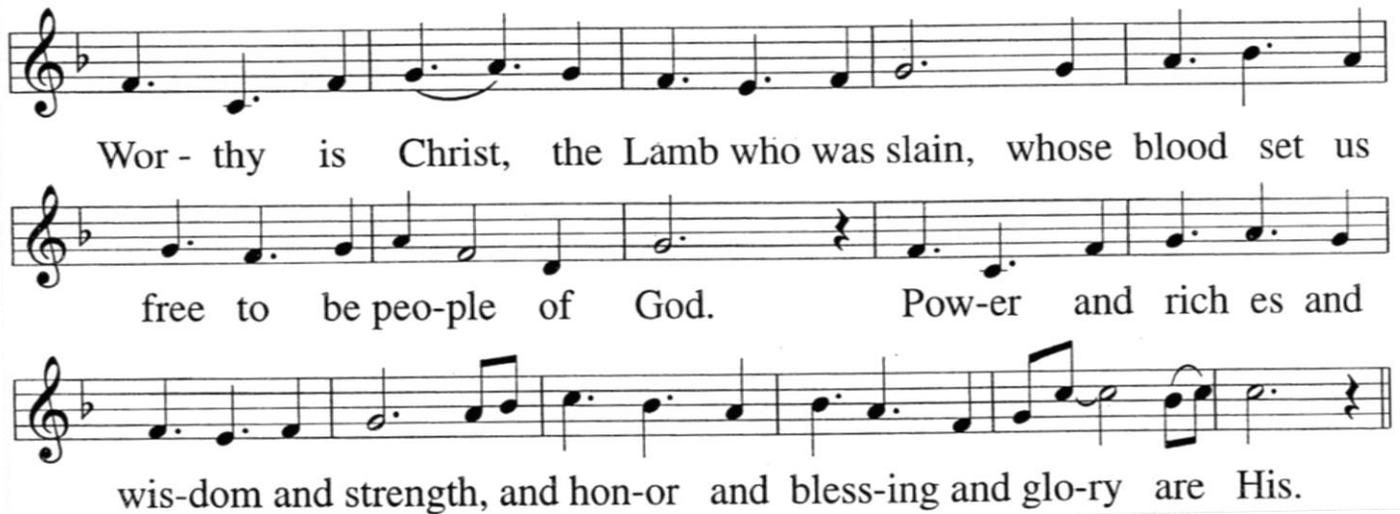
**P.** Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

**C. And also with you**

*This is the Feast*



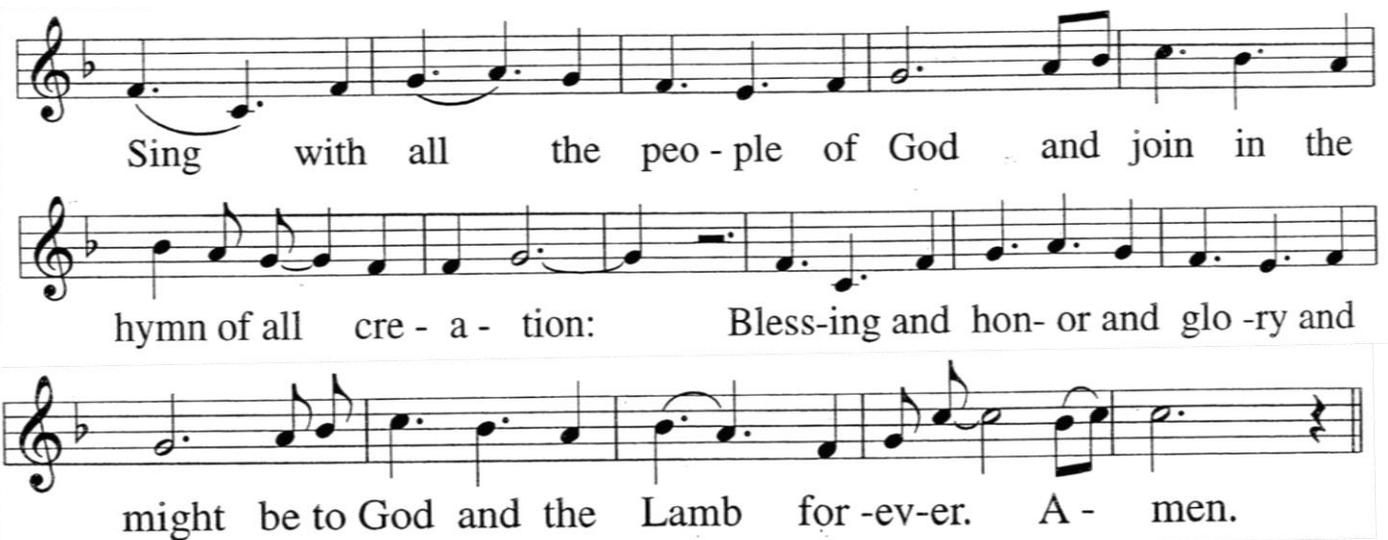
This is the feast of our Ri-sen Sa-vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord



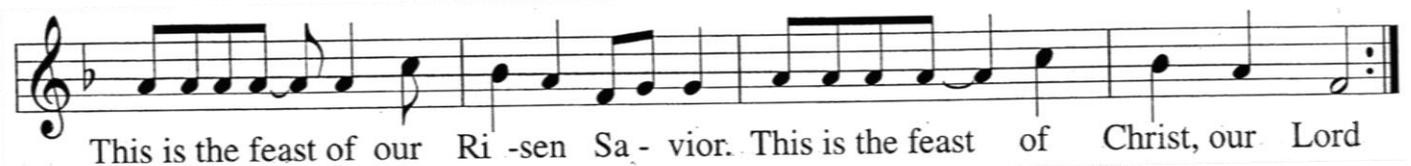
Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich es and wis-dom and strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are His.



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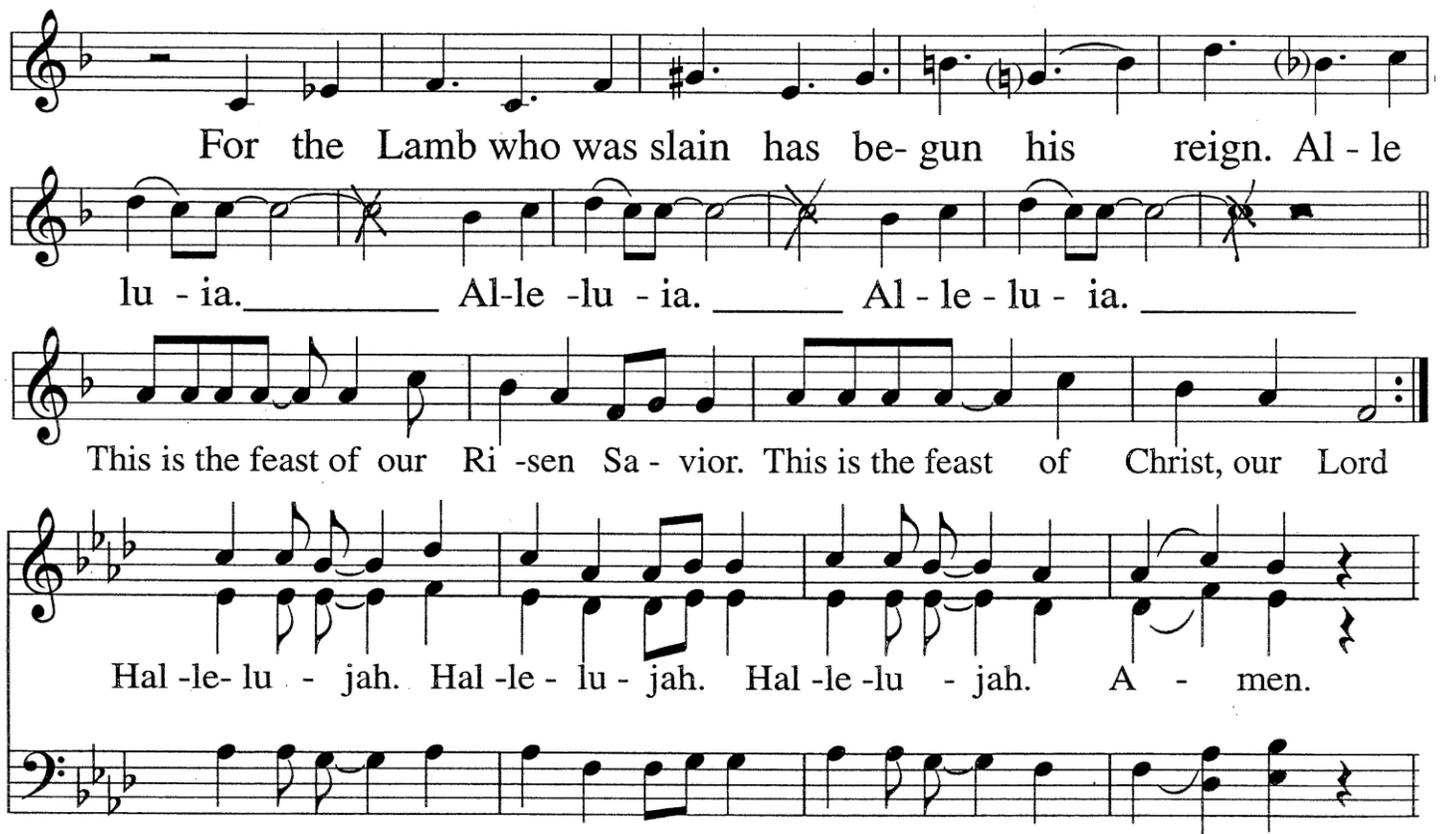
Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of our Ri-sen Sa-vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord

P. This is indeed the feast of our Risen Savior . . .

. . . And His glorious resurrection has indeed become the Lord of Life!



For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le  
lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
This is the feast of our Ri - sen Sa - vior. This is the feast of Christ, our Lord  
Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. A - men.



Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. A - men. A - men.



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## Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. **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**

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.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

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.

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;

he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**



## Isaiah 50:4

The Sovereign LORD has given me his words of wisdom,  
so that I know how to comfort the weary.

Morning by morning he wakens me  
and opens my understanding to his will.



**Second Reading**

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 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. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 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. 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! 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. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le-lu -ia. Al-le- lu -ia.

P. The Holy Gospel according to Mark, chapter Eight.

## Mark 8:27-38

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?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

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. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 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."

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. 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 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."



P. The Gospel of the Lord



Sermon

"The Tongue of a Teacher"

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Hymn of the Day

*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

ELW 808

# Apostle's Creed



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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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

**P.** Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word.  
Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared.  
Lord in your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

**P.** Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Amen.**

## The Peace

**P.** The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**



## The Offering

### Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 188

### Offertory Prayer

- A. 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.
- C. Amen

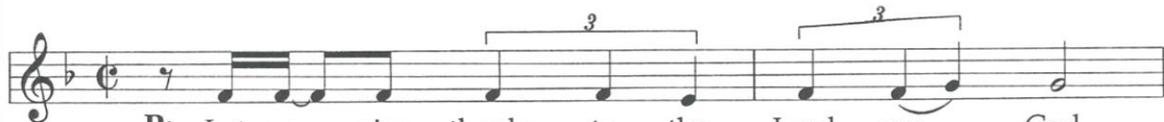
### The Great Thanksgiving



**P:** The Lord be with you. **C:** And al- so with you.



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

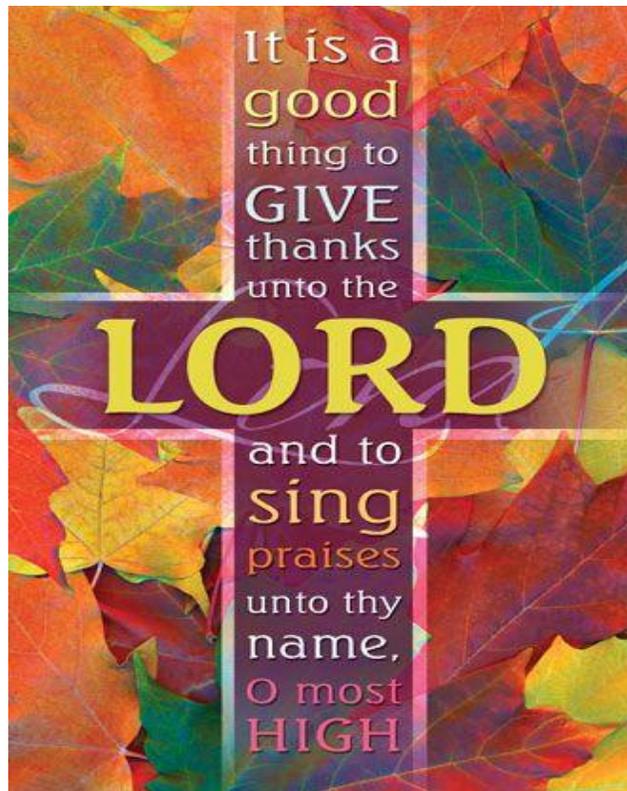


**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

- P.** It is indeed right and salutary ...  
join in their unending hymn:



## The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might: heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
*slower* san - na in the high - est. *a tempo* Bless - ed, bless - ed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est

## Words of Institution



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

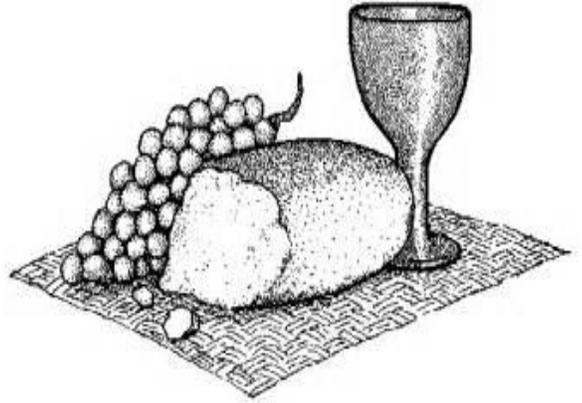
## Invitation to Communion

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

C. Amen.

P. The body of Christ broken for you. (Congregants eat the bread.)

P. The blood of Christ shed for you. (Congregants drink the wine.)



## Lamb of God

*slowly*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, bear-er of our sins, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world, give us your peace.

## Communion Hymns

*O God in Heaven*

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

ELW 748

ELW 471

ELW 583

## Post Communion Blessing

P. The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and preserve us with His Grace and Peace.

C. Amen

## Post Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry - one what  
God has done. Let ev'-ry - one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name.  
He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peop - ple  
forth in joy with shouts, with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al -  
le - lu - ia.

*Al-le-lu-ia!*

## Post Communion Prayer

P. 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.

C. Amen.

# Benedictus

*Presider*  
The Lord bless you and keep you. The

*Congregation*  
The Lord bless you and keep you, too.  
Lord make his face shine on you and be gra-cious to  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
you. The Lord look up-on you with fa-vor and  
and be gra-cious to you. The  
give you peace. A - men.  
Lord look up-on you with fa - vor and give you peace. A - men.

## Sending Hymn

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

ELW 733

## Dismissal

- A. Go in peace. Remember the poor.
- C. Thanks be to God.



## Servers for Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

Assisting Minister ..... Alecia Harrison  
Reader ..... Sylvia Lambert  
Altar Guild ..... Helen Holderman  
Greeters/Counters ..... Linda Garoutte / Tess Andrews  
Acolyte ..... Antonio Smith

Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.

**Candles** for the month of September are given by Tom & Alecia Harrison in honor of their children's baptisms.



**Flowers** this week are given by Dennis & Ginny King in celebration of Grandparent's Day.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the hallway.



*Today, is Rally Day!  
Please join us after worship for  
Fellowship and a  
Pot Luck Luncheon.*



## It's that time of year again!

The time where your past treasures become someone else's exciting new find.  
It's **Yard Sale time!!** Our annual yard sale will take place on **September 25<sup>th</sup>** from 7 am to Noon. So, start gathering all those treasures that you want to part with!

# WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!

