

# Montgomery United Methodist Church

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**\*\* 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost \*\***

**25 September 2022 - 9:30 am**

**Methodist Heritage Sunday**

**PRELUDE:** "Theme and Variations on 'God Save the King'"  
*by Beethoven*

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

**SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day which the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;

**Let us sing to the Lord with songs of praise!**

**HYMN # 88 - "Maker, in Whom We Live" (vs. 1 & 3)**

1. Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,  
the glory, power, and praise receive of thy creating love.

Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,  
while earth repeats the joyful song, and echoes to the sky.

3. Spirit of holiness, let all thy saints adore thy sacred energy  
and bless thine heart-renewing power.

Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,  
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

**# 881 – THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and GREETINGS (Kid's Corner)**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

• Every day, in countless ways, we are blessed by God.

**God blesses and increases all that I have, all that I give,  
and all that I receive.**

• We live in the constant flow of God's blessings and love.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**OFFERING:** "The White Cliffs of Dover" *Barbara Ewick*

**DOXOLOGY:** Hymn # 95 – "Praise God, from Whom All  
Blessings Flow"

**MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN # 184 - "I Would Be True"**

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;

I would be pure, for there are those who care;

I would be strong for there is much to suffer;

I would be brave, for there is much to dare,

I would be brave, there is much to dare.

I would be friend of all – the foe, the friendless;

I would be giving, and forget the gift;

I would be humble, for I know my weakness;

I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift,

I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift.

**SCRIPTURE: Luke 23: 50-56**

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

*All: Thanks be to God. Amen.*

**SERMON:** *Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Godlefski*

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "Jerusalem" *Chancel Choir-Words on back.*

**HYMN # 66 - "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to the throne thy tribute bring,

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises  
sing. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress;  
Praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.

3. Father-like God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God  
knows; Mother-like, God gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet God's mercy flows.

4. Angels, in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face;  
Saints triumphant, now adoring, Gathered in from every race.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** "God Save the King" *arr. D. Eliot*