

**“School of Rock: Confession 101”**

Rev. Dr. Mary Miller, September 2, 2018, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 16:13-19 New International Version (NIV)

**Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah**

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, [a] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades[b] will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be[c] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be[d] loosed in heaven.”

**Footnotes:**

- a. Matthew 16:18 The Greek word for Peter means rock.
- b. Matthew 16:18 That is, the realm of the dead
- c. Matthew 16:19 Or will have been
- d. Matthew 16:19 Or will have been