
Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.



St. Lucy giving alms, Bernat Martorell, c. 1435
The Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya, Barcelona

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Do you not know that God entrusted you with that money (all above what buys necessities for your families) to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to help the stranger, the widow, the fatherless; and, indeed, as far as it will go, to relieve the wants of all mankind? How can you, how dare you, defraud the Lord, by applying it to any other purpose?

— John Wesley

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Softly and Tenderly

arr. Lawrence Grant (contemporary)

RINGING OF THE BELL AND WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 63

ONE: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.

ALL: **Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.**

ONE: So I will bless you as long as I live;

ALL: **I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

*** HYMN 25**

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

DRAW NEAR TO GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE

Abundant God, too often our behavior is rooted in envy.

You have given us our manna – our daily bread – but we want more.

We have allowed ourselves to be seduced by commercialism,
telling ourselves that we are not complete, not enough,
until we have all the nicest things.

Forgive us when our actions convey that you are not enough for us.

Help us to live our lives simply and faithfully,
trusting in your steadfast love to provide all that we need.

Silence for personal reflection

SUNG RESPONSE

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Chords: D, Bm, D, A

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!

TEXT and MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982
Text and Music © 1991 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

CONFITEMINI DOMINO
Irregular

** Please stand in body or spirit*

RECEIVE GOD'S LOVE, GRACE, AND PEACE

* SING GLORY TO GOD

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

* PASSING THE PEACE

ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (sung twice)

Leader Lis - ten, *All* lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

TEXT: Kenyan; trans. Howard S. Olson, 1987
MUSIC: Kenyan; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1987
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Music Arr. © 1987 Austin C. Lovelace (admin. Augsburg Fortress)

NENO LAKE MUNGU
6.4.6.4 with refrain

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

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ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Give Me Jesus

arr. Richard Billingham (contemporary)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 12:32-40

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ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

SPIRITUALITY OF MONEY

James Sledge

We Respond to God's Word

* HYMN 711

Lord of All Good

* RESPONSE OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 THE PEOPLE

Suzanne Martin

The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder currently serving on Session (governing council) or other members of the congregation.

Prayer Concerns

Bill Kercheval, in Inova hospital following cardiac arrest

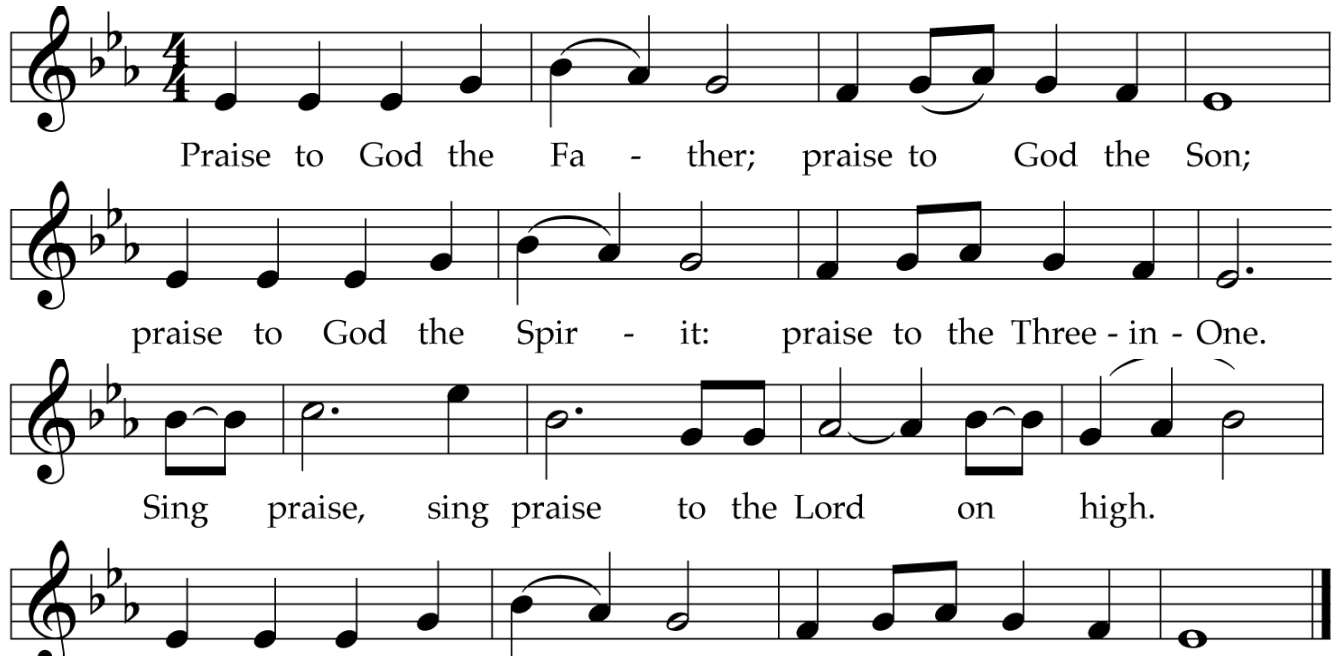
Continued Prayers

Kris Barth, Sarah Barth, Ally Campbell, Allan Capon, John Drinkell, Neill Ferill, Steve Graff, Mike Hugo, Elina Kent, Nora Long, Rusty Lynn, Ruth Mileham, Bob Moore, Sharane Patek, Cort Peret, Ken Waugh, Christa Young

Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors James and Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

* DOXOLOGY



Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

TEXT: Anon.

MUSIC: Ghanaian melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011

Music Arr. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

DA N'ASE

Irregular

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

ONE: It is truly right...

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of
(E) (F#m)(A) (F#7) (B) (E) (A)(E7)
F Gm Bb G7 C F Bb F7
pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
(A) (D)(A) (E) (F#m7)(F#7) (B)(Bm)(D7)
Bb Eb Bb F Gm7 G7 C Cm Eb7
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blessed is the
(G) (C) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G) (Am7)
Ab Db Ab Db Gb Db Ab Bbm7
One, blessed is the One, blessed is the One who
(C) (A7) (D) (G) (C) (G)
Db Bb7 Eb Ab Db Ab
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na! Ho -
(C) (F) (C) (G) (C) (D7) (G) (C) (G)
Db Gb Db Ab Db Eb7 Ab Db Ab
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: David E. Poole, 2007
Music © 2007 David E. Poole

SANCTUS (Poole)

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements

*** HYMN 761**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*** OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*** POSTLUDE**

Kingsfold

arr. Robert J Powell (b. 1932)

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Supporting us in Worship

Worship Leader	Suzanne Martin
Ushers	Jay Campbell, Bob Purks
Communion Servers	Suzanne Martin, Jack Sarver, Marnie Sarver
Music	Lisa Bloy, David Schoonover
Audio/Video	Xander Burdette
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Carol and Chet De Long, in memory of loved ones and in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary.

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red friendship pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor. If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, visit www.fallschurchpresby.org.

Masks in Worship

Masks are strongly recommended but no longer required in worship. Please consider those who are immune compromised or unable to be vaccinated and continue to mask up.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. Child care is available for **children up to age 4** in Room 201. Parents may drop off and pick up children throughout this time. Godly Play for older children is on hiatus for the summer.

Fellowship Time

Join us in the parlor for light refreshments and fellowship immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Hosted by Kathy Chavez and Community Building Ministry.

Sermon Talkback

Ever wanted to ask a question about a sermon? Have a comment or a thought that you'd like to share? Join Pastors James and Megan for a conversation around the sermon and the worship service. Sermon Talkback meets in the library at 9:30 a.m. and again at noon.

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¹The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. ¹²When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; ¹³bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation-I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. ¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, ¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. ¹⁹If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; ²⁰but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Second Scripture Lesson: Luke 12:32-40

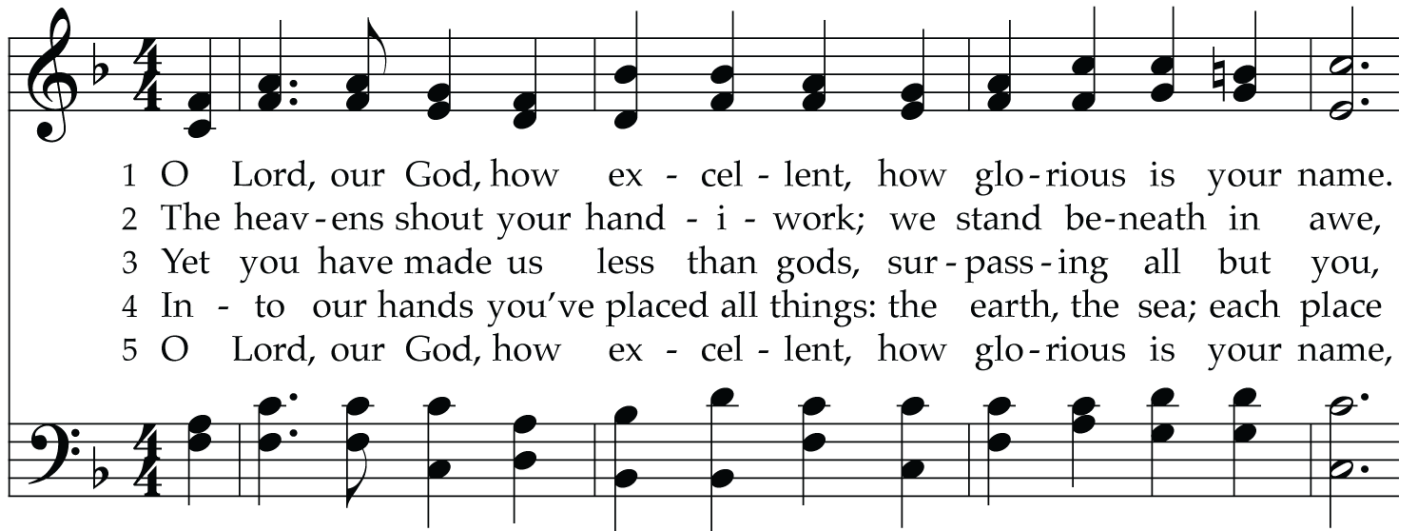
³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

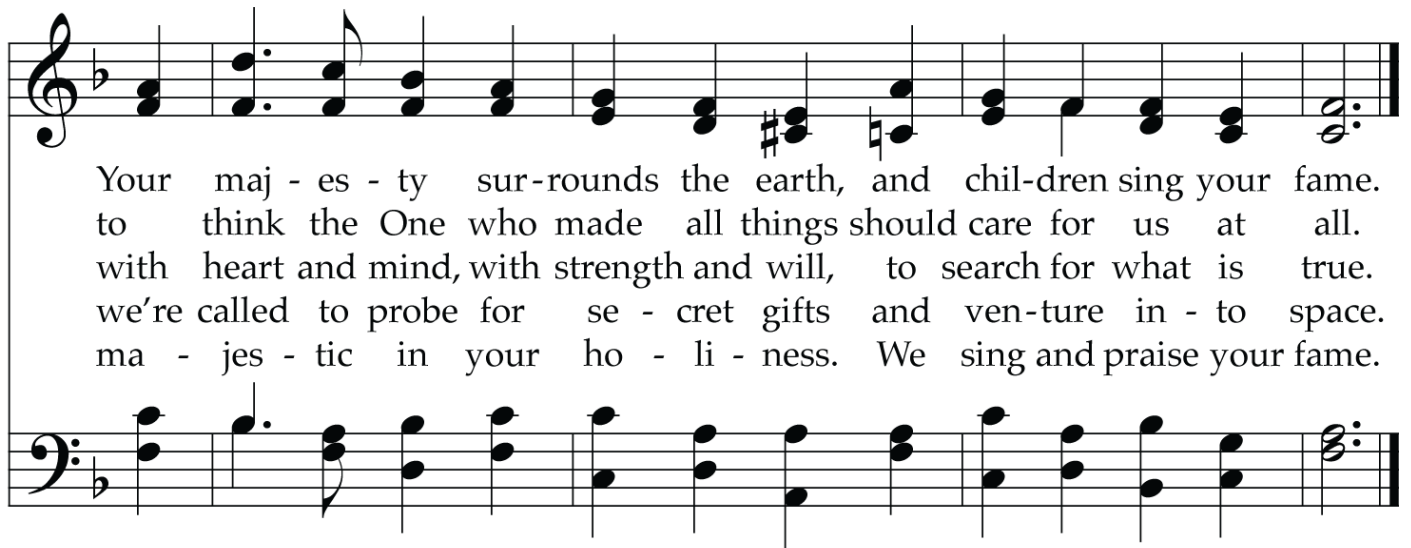
³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent 25

(Psalm 8)



1 O Lord, our God, how ex - cel - lent, how glo - rious is your name.
2 The heav - ens shout your hand - i - work; we stand be - neath in awe,
3 Yet you have made us less than gods, sur - pass - ing all but you,
4 In - to our hands you've placed all things: the earth, the sea; each place
5 O Lord, our God, how ex - cel - lent, how glo - rious is your name,



Your maj - es - ty sur - rounds the earth, and chil - dren sing your fame.
to think the One who made all things should care for us at all.
with heart and mind, with strength and will, to search for what is true.
we're called to probe for se - cret gifts and ven - ture in - to space.
ma - jes - tic in your ho - li - ness. We sing and praise your fame.

The middle stanzas of this paraphrase of Psalm 8 probe the ancient but enduring paradox of declaring the grandeur of God's creation while realizing how small mortals are in the midst of it all. These words are set to one of the most durable 18th-century English psalm tunes.

TEXT: Fred R. Anderson, 1986

MUSIC: Este's *Psalmes*, 1592; harm. George Kirbye, 1592

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1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
 2 We give our minds to un - der - stand your ways;
 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,
 hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de - sign;
 Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,
 heart with the flame of your own love a - blaze,
 Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

that our whole life is of - fered to your will.
 till for your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.
 to you with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

