



September 18, 2022  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 a.m.

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

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### Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

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– 1 Timothy 5:9-10

### Gathering Song #466 (sung twice)

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

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!

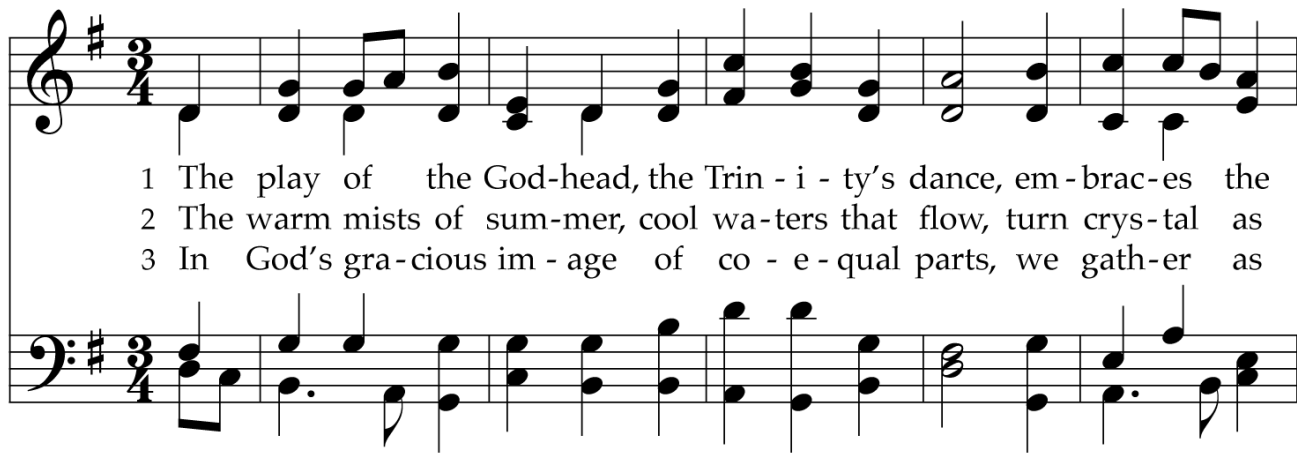
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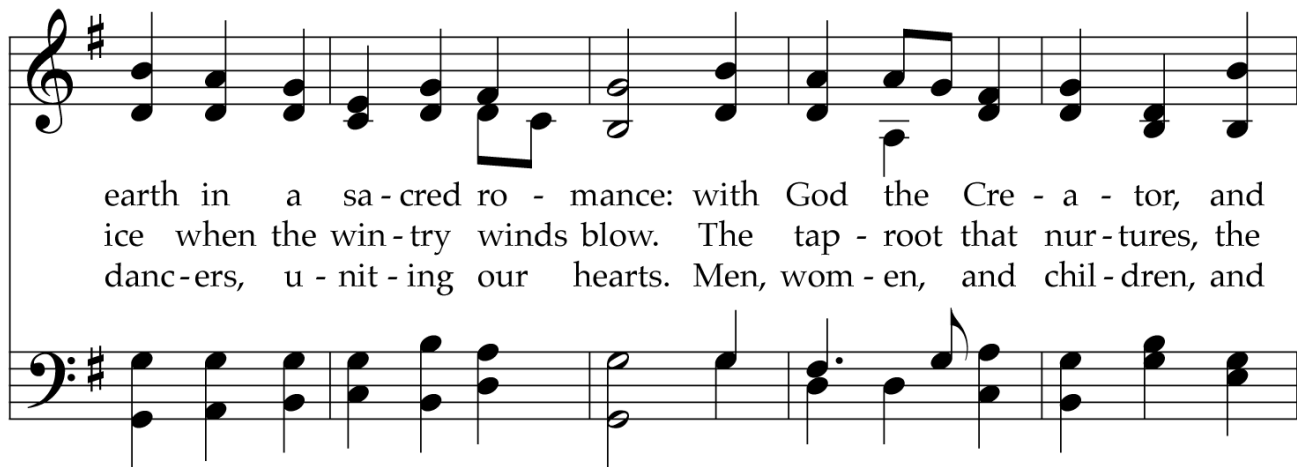
Welcome

\* Song #9

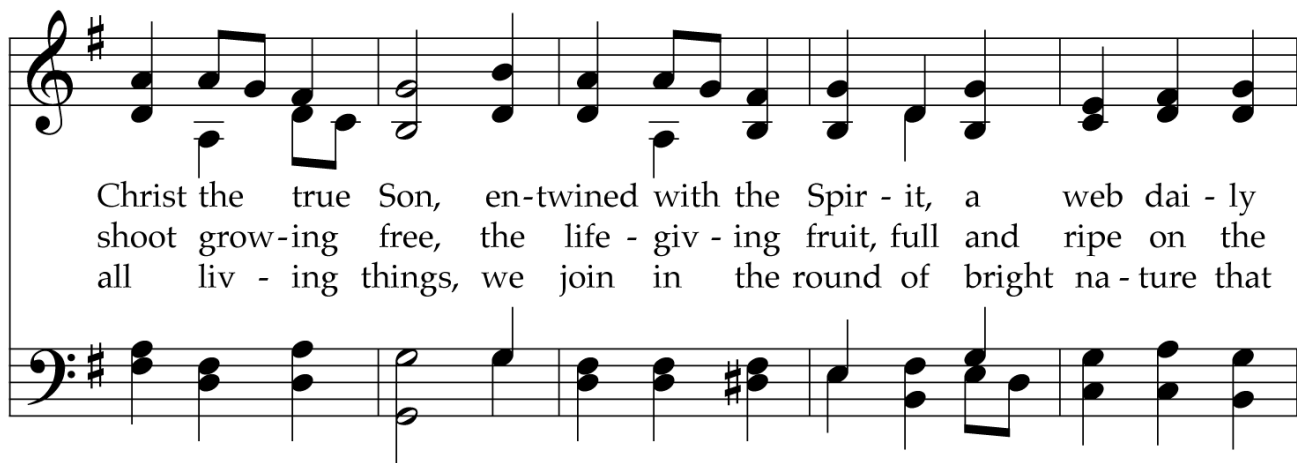
*The Play of the Godhead*



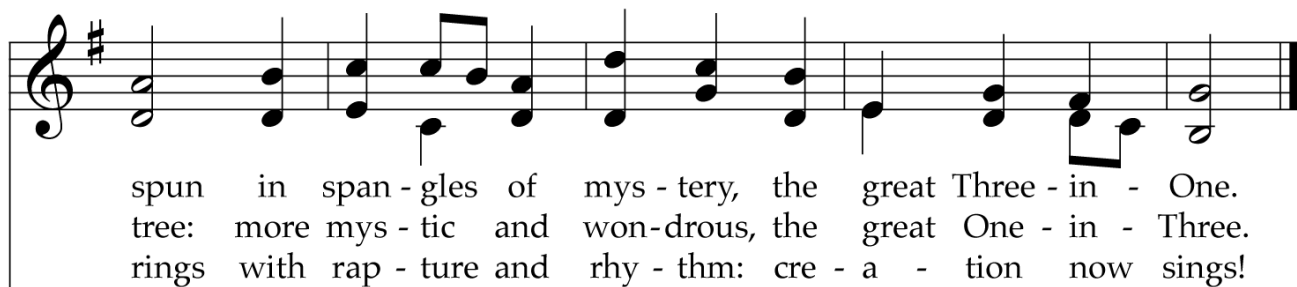
1 The play of the God-head, the Trin - i - ty's dance, em-brac-es the  
2 The warm mists of sum-mer, cool wa-ters that flow, turn crys-tal as  
3 In God's gra-cious im - age of co - e - qual parts, we gath-er as



earth in a sa - cred ro - mance: with God the Cre - a - tor, and  
ice when the win - try winds blow. The tap - root that nur - tures, the  
danc-ers, u - nit - ing our hearts. Men, wom - en, and chil - dren, and



Christ the true Son, en - twined with the Spir - it, a web dai - ly  
shoot grow - ing free, the life - giv - ing fruit, full and ripe on the  
all liv - ing things, we join in the round of bright na - ture that



spun in span - gles of mys - tery, the great Three - in - One.  
tree: more mys - tic and won - drous, the great One - in - Three.  
rings with rap - ture and rhy - thm: cre - a - tion now sings!

*\* Please stand in body or spirit*

## Opening Prayer

### Scripture

1 Timothy 5:1-16

*<sup>5</sup> Do not speak harshly to an older man, but speak to him as to a father, to younger men as brothers, <sup>2</sup> to older women as mothers, to younger women as sisters—with absolute purity.*

*<sup>3</sup> Honor widows who are really widows. <sup>4</sup> If a widow has children or grandchildren, they should first learn their religious duty to their own family and make some repayment to their parents, for this is pleasing in God's sight. <sup>5</sup> The real widow, left alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, <sup>6</sup> but the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. <sup>7</sup> Give these commands as well, so that they may be above reproach. <sup>8</sup> And whoever does not provide for relatives, and especially for family members, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

*<sup>9</sup> Let a widow be put on the list if she is not less than sixty years old and has been married only once; <sup>10</sup> she must be well attested for her good works, as one who has brought up children, shown hospitality, washed the saints' feet, helped the afflicted, and devoted herself to doing good in every way. <sup>11</sup> But refuse to put younger widows on the list, for when their sensual desires alienate them from Christ, they want to marry, <sup>12</sup> and so they incur condemnation for having violated their first pledge. <sup>13</sup> Besides that, they learn to be idle, gadding about from house to house, and they are not merely idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not say. <sup>14</sup> So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, and manage their households, so as to give the adversary no occasion to revile us. <sup>15</sup> For some have already turned away to follow Satan. <sup>16</sup> If any believing woman has relatives who are widows, let her assist them; let the church not be burdened, so that it can assist those who are real widows.*

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**



<https://thewellesleynews.com/2021/05/09/how-marvel-failed-black-widow-and-women-in-the-mcu/>

### Reflection

Megan Klose

# Offering Gifts and Song #301

## *Let Us Build a House*



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek  
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground  
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,  
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us  
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;  
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

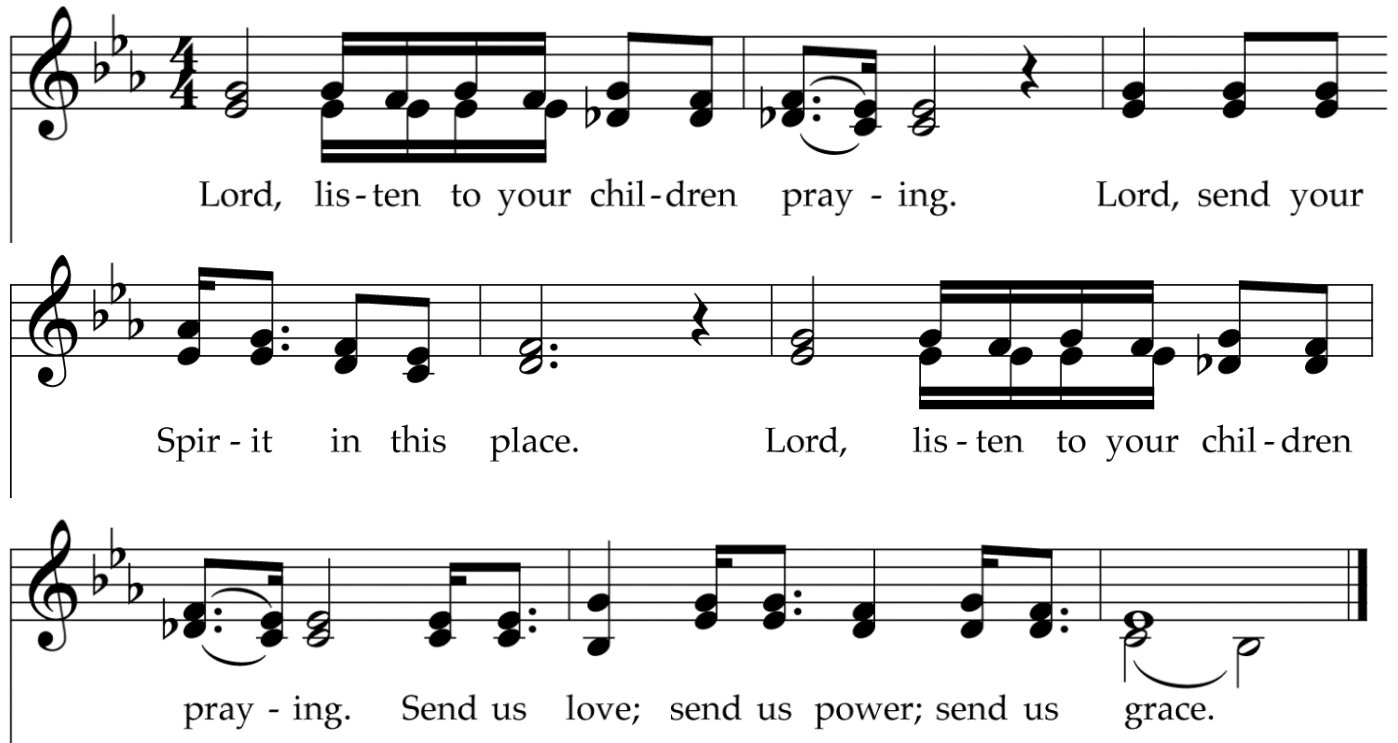


all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

# Prayers of the People

Marnie Sarver

*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. At the end of each petition, we will sing:*



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your  
Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren  
pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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## *Prayer Concerns*

Steve Graff, at home in hospice care

Avery Burns, recovering from Covid

Linda Garvelink on the death of her sister, Marilyn Miedema, on Sept. 1

Jenny Lansbury, recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery on Sept. 1

Bill Kercheval, in rehab at Arleigh Burke Pavilion, Vinson Hall

Nanette Rutsch on the death of her sister, Marcia Wilkinson, on Aug. 19

## *Continued Prayers*

Kris Barth, Sarah Barth, Ally Campbell, Allan Capon, John Drinkell, Neill Ferill, Mike Hugo, 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](mailto:prayers@fallschurchpresby.org).*

# Communion of the People

## Invitation to the Table, Prayer of Thanksgiving, the Lord's Prayer

**ALL:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## Distribution of the Elements

*Communion is by intinction. Receive bread into your open hand and dip it in the cup. Bread is gluten-free and cup is non-alcoholic. Those joining us on livestream are invited to use whatever elements you have at home to join in the Lord's Supper.*

## Communion Song #520

*Taste and See*

Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness  
of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and  
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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## Post-Communion Prayer

\* Song #542

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's  
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's

coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -  
 wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -  
 per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -  
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -

fold you:  
 vide you:  
 round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 fore you:

TEXT: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880, alt.  
 MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

GOD BE WITH YOU  
 9.8.8.9  
 (alternate tune: RANDOLPH, 541)

**Our Life Together as the Body of Christ**

**The Peace**

**ONE:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

**Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you, everywhere, everywhere, you may go.**

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## **Supporting us in Worship**

Worship Leader      Marnie Sarver  
Music                  Don Armstrong, Wendy Hellmann  
Audio/Video         Alex Hess, Diane Maloney

## **A Warm Welcome**

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. If you would like to learn more about our community of faith, please visit [www.fallschurchpresby.org](http://www.fallschurchpresby.org).

## **Children in Worship**

Children are always welcome in our services. Coloring sheets and crayons are available on the side table for our youngest disciples.

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The Rev. James Sledge, Pastor  
The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor  
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