



September 24, 2023  
17th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:45 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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### ***We Gather to Praise God***

#### **PRELUDE**

*Prelude in E-flat Major*

Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)

#### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

#### **INTROIT**

*Hear the Glad Sound*

Stan Pethel (b. 1950)

#### **WELCOME**

Diane Maloney

#### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever.

**ALL: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

ONE: Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

#### **\* HYMN 613**

*O Lord, Our Lord*

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lynn Wagner

**ONE:** The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. With that assurance and the promise of God's grace through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**ALL:** Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble and complain against your goodness as the Israelites did in the desert, as the elder brother did to his father, as the workers in the field did to the landowner. We judge and weigh your gifts according to our standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your grace with thanksgiving and joy. Help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace, that we may welcome the chance to serve in your kingdom and all who join with us. Forgive us, Lord, in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Personal Prayer in Silence*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

**ONE:** The Lord is good to all, and the Lord's compassion is over all the creation. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**ALL:** Thanks to be God. Alleluia! Amen.

## \* SING GLORY TO GOD

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 12/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 12/8 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (half), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008  
MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008  
Text Adapt. and Music © 2008 Paul M. Vasile

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

**\* PASSING THE PEACE**

Yena Hwang

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

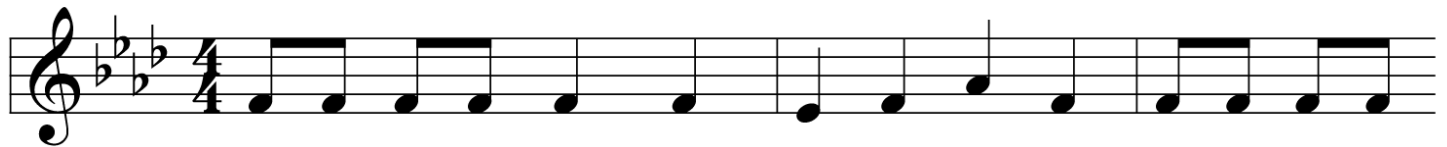
ALL: And also with you.

*Children ages 4 through grade 3 are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in room 59.*

***We Listen for God's Word***

**SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

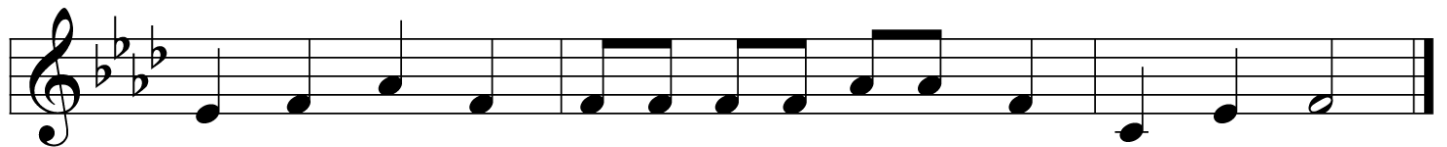
*Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken*



Lis - ten to the word that God has spo - ken; lis - ten to the



One who is close at hand; lis - ten to the voice that be -



gan cre - a - tion; lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

TEXT: Anon. Canadian, alt.  
MUSIC: Anon. Canadian; adapt. *Church Hymnary, 4th Edition*, 2005

LISTEN  
10.10.11.10

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 145:1-8

Lynn Wagner

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 20:1-16

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

*It's Not Fair!*

Yena Hwang

## ***We Respond to God's Word***

### **\* HYMN 36**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

### **\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**LEFT:** We, the communion of saints, called from the entire human family, are united by God.

**RIGHT:** As the people of God, we love one another.

**LEFT:** We experience, practice, and pursue community with one another.

**RIGHT:** We give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another.

**LEFT:** We are a benefit and blessing to one another.

**RIGHT:** We share one faith and have one calling.

**LEFT:** We are one body, and are of one soul and mind.

**RIGHT:** We have one God and Father.

**LEFT:** We are filled with one Spirit.

**RIGHT:** We are baptized with one baptism.

**LEFT:** We eat of one bread and drink of one cup.

**RIGHT:** We confess one name and are obedient to one Lord.

**LEFT:** We work for one cause and share one hope.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

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

Diane Maloney

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lynn Wagner

**ONE:** Lord in your mercy,

**ALL:** Hear our prayer.

*The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder who is currently serving or has previously served on Session.*

*The full prayer list can be viewed by scanning the QR code.*



*Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors Yena and Megan at [prayers@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:prayers@fallschurchpresby.org).*

### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Diane Maloney

*Please support the mission and ministry of the church with your financial contributions.*

*Offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, given online through our secure giving portal ([fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online](https://fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online)), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.*



## OFFERTORY

*We Come to Thee*

Valerie Showers Crescenz (contemporary)

## \* DOXOLOGY

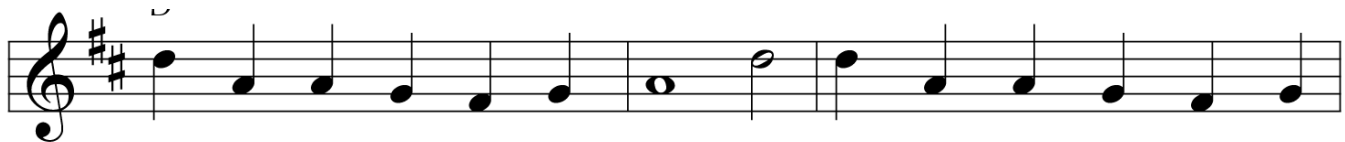
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



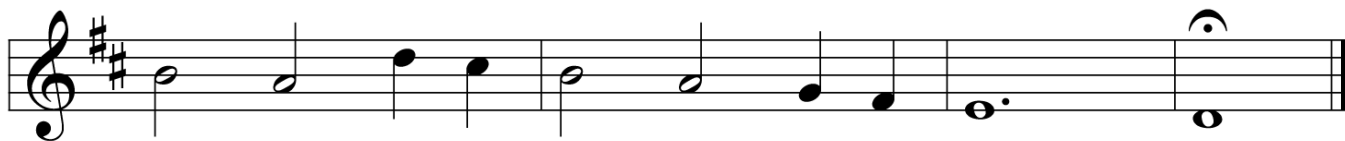
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1989

MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; harm. Hal H. Hopson, 1998

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Music Harm. © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

LM with alleluias

(alternate harmonization, 10)

## \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Diane Maloney

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.

## \* HYMN 31

*Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*

## \* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Yena Hwang

Friends, go into the vineyard and seek the good of all, at all times of the day and week. Do not grumble, but be generous, in need and in spirit. Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

*As We Now This Place Depart*

Stan Pethel

## **POSTLUDE**

*Postlude*

Rosalie Bonighton (1946-2011)

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### ***Supporting us in Worship***

Worship Leader

Lynn Wagner

Ushers

Chuck Hobbie, Young Hobbie

Audio/Video

Alex Hess

Sexton

Lynn Wagner

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Martin family in memory of Suzanne Martin's father, Robert DeMass, on his September 24 birthday.

### ***A Warm Welcome***

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red welcome 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, please visit [www.fallschurchpresby.org](http://www.fallschurchpresby.org).

### ***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. For children **4 years old through grade 3**, Godly Play is offered in Room 59 following the Passing of the Peace.

### ***Fellowship Hour***

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

## ***Sunday Spiritual Growth Opportunities***

### **September 24**

- **Matthew 25 Group**, 9:30 a.m., Library. Begins today and meets through Nov. 26. Join as your schedule allows to discuss *Notes of a Native Son*, by James Baldwin.
- **Youth Sunday School**, 9:30 a.m., Third Floor. Using videos from the Bible Project, we'll discuss particular Bible stories and what they mean to us and our lives. Breakfast snacks included. For grades 6-12.

### **October 1**

- **Connecting Faith & Justice**, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Using the lectionary as a jumping off point, we will actively engage the intersection of faith and justice, and explore why our faith compels us toward justice. Begins Oct. 1 and meets through Nov. 19.
- **Matthew 25 Group**, 9:30 a.m., Library, *Notes of a Native Son*
- **Youth Sunday School**, 9:30 a.m., Third Floor

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