



August 10, 2025
9th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.

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

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Moderato

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

ALL: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.

ONE: By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

ALL: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.

*** GATHERING HYMN 37**

Let All Things Now Living

CALL TO CONFESSION

Allison Hoak

ONE: Sin hinders us and prevents us from receiving God's Word. Let us open our hearts to God's truth and liberate ourselves to walk Christ's path.

** Please stand in body or spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm. We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others. Pardon us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves. Guide us back to harmonious relationships. Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful dialogues filled with grace. Amen.

Personal prayer in silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: As the waters of a river flow freely into the vastness of the ocean, God's grace flows freely onto us. God's love is steadfast. Receive the good news: your sins are forgiven and you are liberated to live in freedom. All glory and honor to God. Amen.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

* GLORY TO GOD 582

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

The musical score is written for a single voice on a treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 12/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: '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. 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.

ALL: And also with you.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 456

Leader All

Lis - ten, 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
English Trans. © 1987 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira (admin. Augsburg Fortress)
Music Arr. © 1987 Austin C. Lovelace (admin. Augsburg Fortress)

NENO LAKE MUNGU
6.4.6.4 with refrain

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 33:12-22

Allison Hoak

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

WORD IN MUSIC

Oh, Me of Little Faith

Matthew West (contemporary)

Honey & Locusts

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-16

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

By Faith

Yena Hwang

We Respond to God's Word

*** SERMON HYMN 306**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Yena Hwang, Megan Klose

We rejoice today as new disciples unite with this congregation. Charlotte McPherson and Hannah Moon come by transfer of membership. Craig Ulsh, Isabelle Ulsh, and Sarah Zakreski come by reaffirmation of faith.

Presentation

Profession of Faith

ONE: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the way of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

ALL: I do.

ONE: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love?

ALL: I do.

ONE: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his
love?

ALL: I will, with God's help.

Apostle's 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,
and 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.**

Prayer

Welcome

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Escape Weekend

Paige Whitlock

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Allison Hoak

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

Please keep in your prayers:

Keith Lenert and family on the death of Keith's mother, Marjean Lenert, on August 4
Maryanne, sister of Gail Warner's friend, in rehab following a stroke at age 39

Elliott Mihelic and Bailey Coleman on the death of Elliott's mother on July 21

Ongoing prayer concerns:

FCPC members: Andrea Brown, Avery Burns, Winnie Harris-Zoellner, Ruth Mileham,
Ken Waugh.

Relatives and friends: Carolyn Armstrong, Scott Armstrong's mother; Vincent DiPerno,
Paige Whitlock's nephew; Cynthia Hintze, Carol Kercheval's sister; Ansley McCraw,
Shawn Sledge's niece; MacKenzie Morgan, Irv Morgan's niece.

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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Megan Klose

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.



OFFERTORY

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Martin How (b. 1931)

Summer Pickup Choir

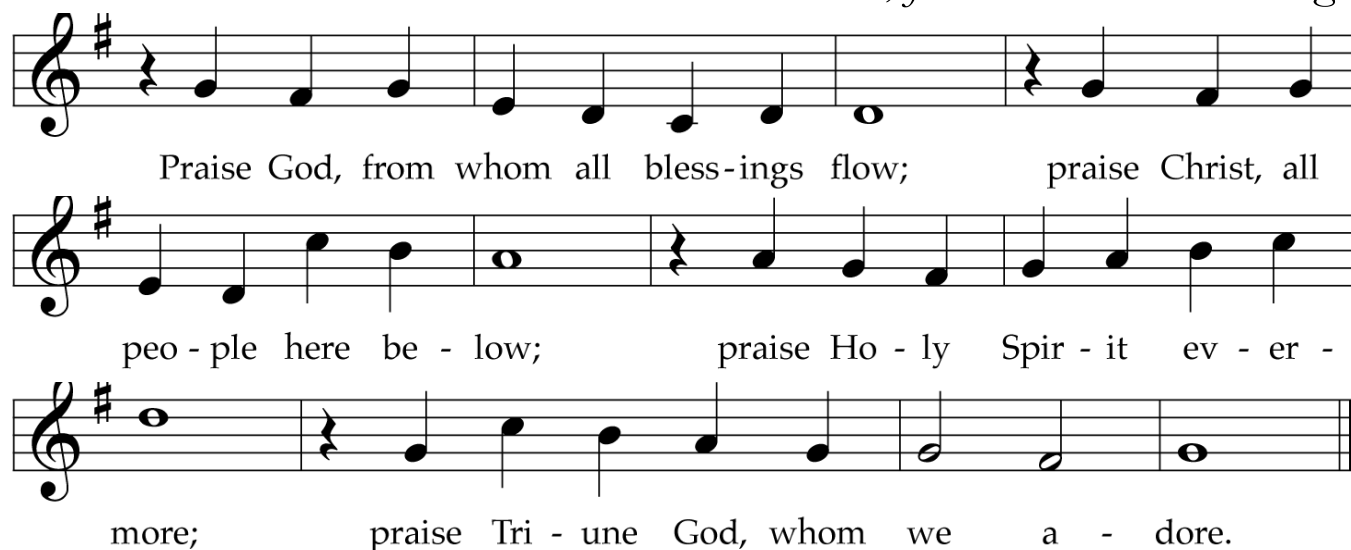
*Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation, Jesus, of God and Mary the Son;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, O thou my soul's delight and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the verdure and bloom of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes the saddest heart to sing.*

*Fair are the flowers, fairer still the children of God, In all the freshness of youth arrayed:
Yet is their beauty fading and fleeting; My Jesus, thine will never fade.*

* DOXOLOGY 608

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 2008
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg
Music © 2008 Hal H. Hopson

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)
LM

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Megan Klose

We Are Sent into the World

*** SENDING HYMN 694**

Great God of Every Blessing

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Yena Hwang

POSTLUDE

Wade in the Water (traditional spiritual)

arr. Eve Cassidy

Honey & Locusts

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Allison Hoak
Ushers	Lowell Schuyler, Marsha Schuyler
Audio/Video	Xander Burdette
Sextons	Clay Warner, Allison Hoak
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Hobbie family and in memory of our beloved Young Ei Shin Hobbie, whose smile dances in our hearts on Chuck and Young's wedding anniversary.

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.

There are nametag boards outside of the sanctuary side entrance. Please make a nametag and wear it as a sign of hospitality.

Large-print bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances. Portable electronic assistive listening devices are available in the narthex or from an usher.

A recording of today's service can be found at www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon.

If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, talk to one of the pastors or email Pastor Yena (yhwang@fallschurchpresby.org) or Pastor Megan (mklose@fallschurchpresby.org). Please visit our website for more information.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. **The Kids' Corner** at the front right side of the Sanctuary is where children and their grownups can play, read, or color quietly while in worship. **Children up to age 4:** Child care is offered in Room 201 by paid nursery staff. Godly Play and BibleFun, for children ages 4 and up, are on break for the summer.

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.

Announcements

The Personnel Team would like to inform the congregation that Financial Administrator Yolanda Darden is no longer on staff at FCPC as of July 22, 2025. We wish her well in her next chapter. Former Financial Administrator Mary Salpini has graciously agreed to step into the position until a new Financial Administrator is hired.

Middle and High School youth: Come “hang out” and reconnect with friends on Thursday, Aug. 14, from 4 to 6 p.m. on the third floor. Games and snacks provided. Feel free to bring a friend!

Wanted: Magazines. If you have magazines you would like to repurpose, our Welcome Table guests would appreciate them. Guests arrive at 3:00 p.m. and wait for dinner to be served at 4:00. They enjoy coffee and catching up with friends and would love to have some magazines to peruse. Magazines can be dropped off in the marked bin by the Fellowship Hall coat closet.

Nourish Our Neighbors: 22 bags and boxes of food and personal items were delivered to Knox Pantry this week because of your generosity. Thanks to all who took a bag and returned it to help nourish those in our community.

Prayer & Pose Yoga, Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Join us in the Fellowship Hall Loft for gentle yoga on Mondays at 5 p.m. Whether you are a devoted yogi or have never done yoga before, you are welcome. Led by Isabelle (Izzy) Ulsh. Bring your own yoga mat, water, and towel.

Project 66/52. The congregation is reading the entire Bible in 2025. More information is in the Friday egram and at fallschurchpresby.org/6652. Week 32 reading plan:

Sun 8/10	Jeremiah <u>16, 17, 18</u>
Mon 8/11	Jeremiah <u>19, 20, 21</u>
Tue 8/12	Jeremiah <u>22, 23, 24</u> ; Psalm <u>112</u>
Wed 8/13	Jeremiah <u>25, 26, 27</u>
Thu 8/14	Jeremiah <u>28, 29, 30</u>
Fri 8/15	Jeremiah <u>31, 32, 33</u> ; Psalm <u>113</u>
Sat 8/16	Jeremiah <u>34, 35, 36</u>

Register for Escape Weekend! Don't forget to register for Escape Weekend at Shrine Mont, Oct. 31-Nov. 2. If you are a family with Trick-or-Treat plans for Friday night, this year we are offering a one-night package—Saturday night plus four meals. Still have questions? Visit <https://www.fallschurchpresby.org/escape/> or talk to someone on the Escape Weekend Planning Team: Paige Whitlock, Marnie Sarver, Megan Klose, Marsha Schuyler, Susan Beeman, Mary Salpini, Anna Knes, Sue Armstrong.

Church Calendar

Sunday, Aug. 10 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

New members received in worship

Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person and online

Monday, Aug. 11

Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Loft

Community Building Ministry Team, 7:00 p.m., Library

Tuesday, Aug. 12

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m., Zoom

Session, 7:00 p.m., Library

Wednesday, Aug. 13

66/52 Bible Book Club, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Wednesday Evening Project 66/52 Group, 7:00 p.m., Zoom. Contact Pastor Megan.

Thursday, Aug. 14 – Youth Summer Hangout, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Third Floor

Friday, Aug. 15 – *No scheduled events*

Saturday, Aug. 16

Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

Museum of the Bible outing. Meet at FCPC at 10:00 a.m. if you'd like to caravan to D.C.

Sunday, Aug. 17 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 25 Group, 9:00 a.m., Room 303

Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person and online

Worship Ministry Team, 11:00 a.m., Conference Room

Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, “working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.” Falls Church Presbyterian is also a Matthew 25 church seeking to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.

The Rev. Yena Hwang, Pastor | The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor

Dr. Don Armstrong, Director of Music | Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

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Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 the hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony

God's ban-ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:

as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

TEXT: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.

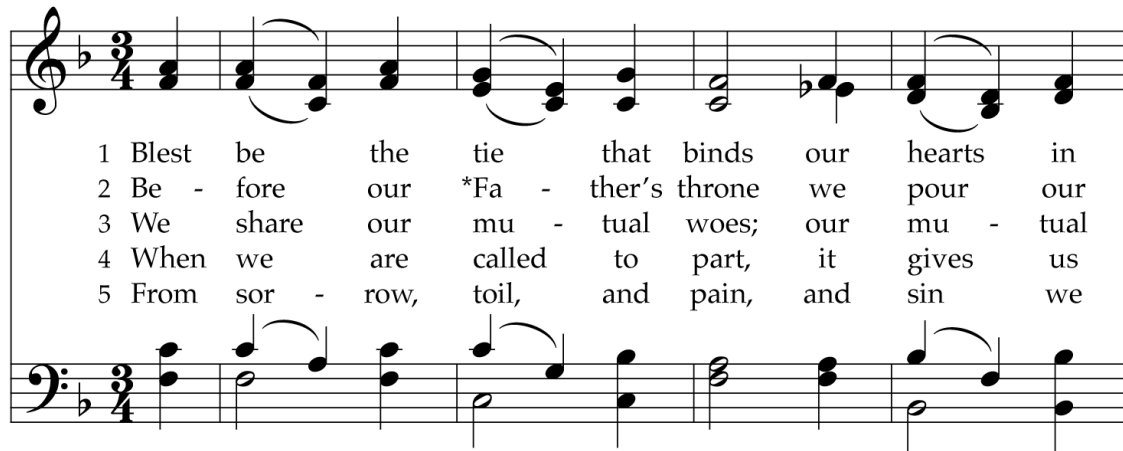
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; harm. Gerald H. Knight, 20th cent.

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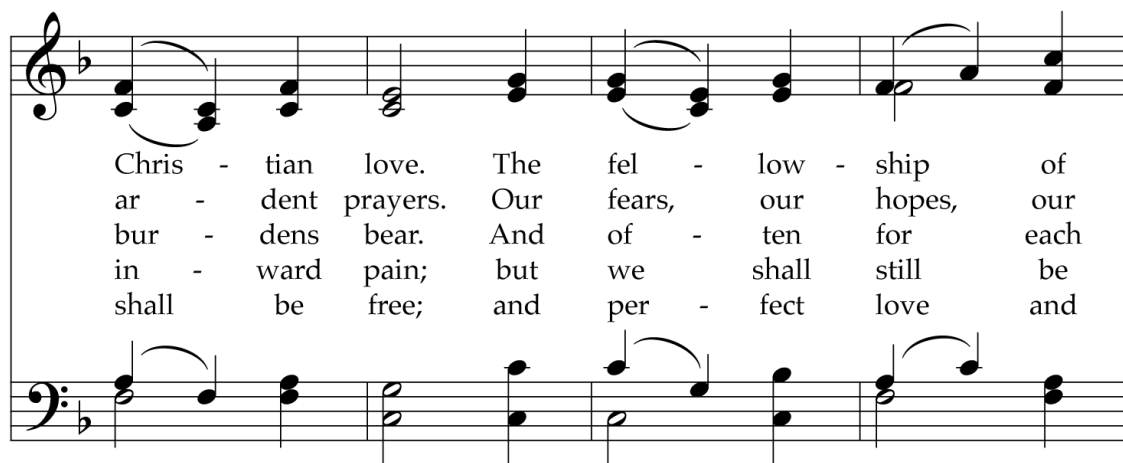
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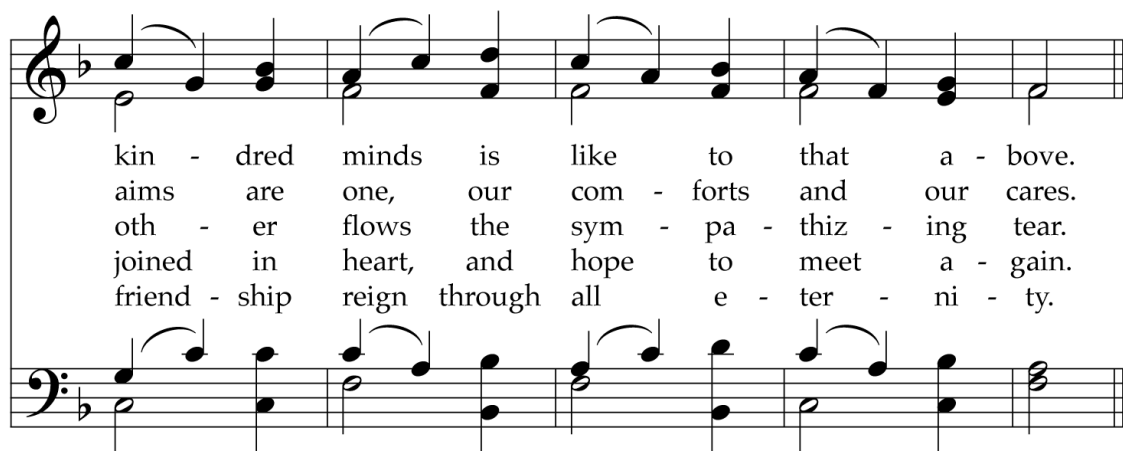
Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we



Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and



kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.