



Service of Worship July 28, 2024 9:30am Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE

"Trumpet Tune in C"
Linda Dover, organist

by David Laskey

In worship following reflective music, we are requesting a response of quiet or a contemplative "amen." Any music that elicits a response of applause is to the glory of God.

WELCOME Rev. Karen Wright

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Be a rock of refuge for me, O God, a strong fortress to save me.

ALL: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me.

ONE: I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

ALL: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

ONE: You heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help.

ALL: Love the Lord, all you saints. The Lord preserves the faithful. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

*HYMN 41

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

LYONS



Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time, is on summer hiatus. Our Nursery welcomes young children, and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing. Worship bags are available for children who stay in worship.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Karen Wright

God calls us in our lives to be like the grain of wheat which dies, which lets go of one form in order to be transformed into new, and fuller life. And yet we often fear the risk and change which new growth involves. Let us ponder for a moment the places of our lives where we may be resisting God moving in our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

When we resist your call to change our hearts and allow a deepening of relationship: God have mercy. When we nurse our wounded hearts and withhold forgiveness which may transform relationship: Christ have mercy. When fear for our own security leads us to close our hearts from those who are in need: God have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The One who makes a covenant on our hearts is faithful and forgives us our sins and failures. In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God, and pass the peace of Christ in community among us.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

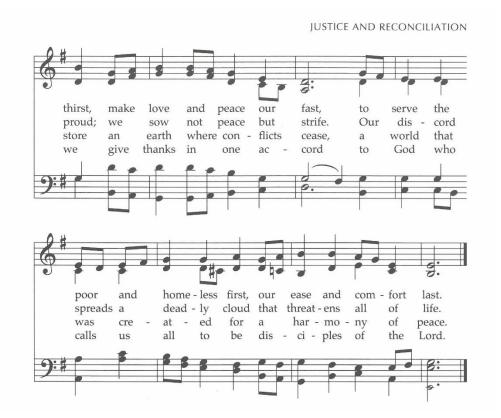
ALL: And also with you and all others!

*HYMN 757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" KINGSFOLD (vs. 1 & 4)

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.



Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:20-26 (NRSVue)

Cheryl Johnson

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

ANTHEM

"I Love to Tell the Story" Summer Choir – Bob Dover, director arr. John Leavett

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 1:1–9 (NRSVue)

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses's assistant, saying, "My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses.

From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall lead this people to possess the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Telling Our Story: Everything Changes"

Rev. Karen Wright

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

arr. Dan Forrest

"Song of the Wanderer" David Sutherland, tenor

Sending

*HYMN 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION



It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

POSTLUDE

"How Firm a Foundation"

(reprise)

Linda Dover, organist

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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