



Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

D-flat Major "Raindrop"

Frédéric Chopin

Katia Dinas

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. Psalm 113:5-8

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Gerry Shotswell, Lay Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord!

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

◆ OPENING HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

GTG 394

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CALL TO CONFESSION

Before we speak, God knows our needs, yet our words open our hearts to God's grace. Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing as, in words and silence, we tell of all that separates us from God and one another. Please join me as we pray,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Source of Wholeness, we confess that sometimes our goals don't align with yours, and we get lost. At times, we have pursued power, knowledge, and wealth instead of you, who are the source of all. We know that you are the balm we need, and we turn ourselves towards you. You are steadfast in your love and justice. Help us to be the same, help us to be a balm to others as you are to us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Divine one is steadfast in love, justice, and righteousness. Know that we are called and empowered to do the same. In a chaotic world, we can know peace, and in a chaotic world, we can be at peace. May God's grace be a balm for us, and may we be a balm to and for others. Amen.

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GTG 582

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Shall We Gather at the River?

Arr. by Patti Drennan

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever, flowing by the throne of God.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river.
Gather with the saints by the river, that flows by the throne of God.*

*Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and a crown.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river.
Gather with the saints by the river, that flows by the throne of God.*

*Gather at the River Jordan, gather at the river.
Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease.
Oh, soon our happy hearts will quiver, with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather at the river. The beautiful, the beautiful river.
Gather with the saints by the river, that flows by the throne of God, that flows by the throne of God.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Luke 16:1-13

SECOND READING

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

SERMON

Rev. Krista Rasco

"Creating Space"

RESPONDING

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed, *Traditional*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

◆ HYMN OF MEDITATION

We All Are One in Mission

GTG 733

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Offertory

Le Rappel des Oiseaux

Jean Philippe Rameau

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

**Steadfast One, receive our gifts in the gladness we give them. Thank you that we
have an abundance of resources to share so that every need is met. May we always give from wide
open hearts, and may what we give, be used to bring a balm of justice. Amen.**

SENDING

◆HYMN OF DEDICATION

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Red Hymnal 399

BEECHER

◆CHARGE & BENEDICTION

We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

◆CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

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AMEN

◆ Stand as you are able

GTG-Glory to God Hymnal

Today's prayers/liturgy: from "No Balm in Gilead: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost was written by Rev. Teña T. Nock, Associate Pastor of Digital Ministry, First United Church of Tampa, United Church of Christ." from the UCC.org website.

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PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz

Mike Jones

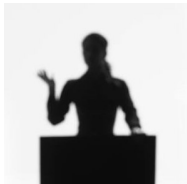
Dennis Van Deventer

George & Mozelle Mills

David Duell

Greg Kaut (George & Mozelle's son-in-law)

Homebound or Recovering: Freddie Simmons, Charley Rae Furrh
(Terri Russell's cousin)



Our gratitude to Rev. Krista Rasco, guest clergy today. Rev. Krista Rasco was born and raised in Texas and is an alumn of Austin College (Sherman, Texas) and Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA). She is an ordained PC(USA) minister of 8 years. Currently, she lives in Dallas, has a 10-year-old daughter, and loves creating pottery. Pastor Ken and his wife, Barbara are on vacation this week.

North Dallas Shared Ministries—During September we will collect coats for North Dallas Shared Ministries. Check your closets for those gently worn coats and jackets that will keep others warm during the coming winter months.



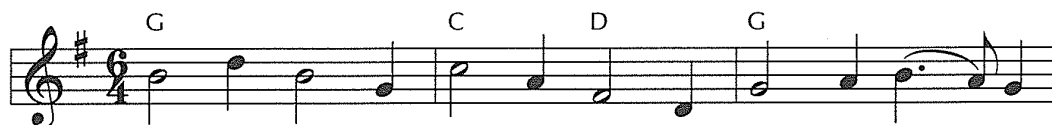
Sunday Morning Fellowship Returns

As we navigate through the continuing presence of COVID and work towards a new normal, the Session has approved the return of fellowship before worship at 10:30 am. Plan to arrive early and enjoy a cup of coffee, a breakfast treat and great community. If you would like to bring a treat to share, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The Weekly Bible Study class will return to their weekly time of 9:30 a.m. in classroom 4.



OPENING HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 394



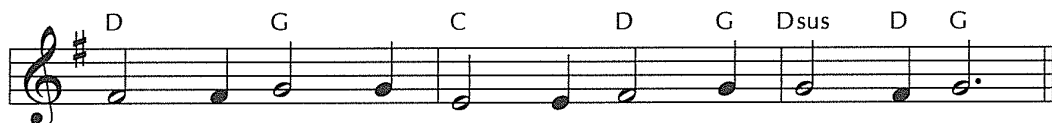
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the edifice where the composer served as organist and is buried.

733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

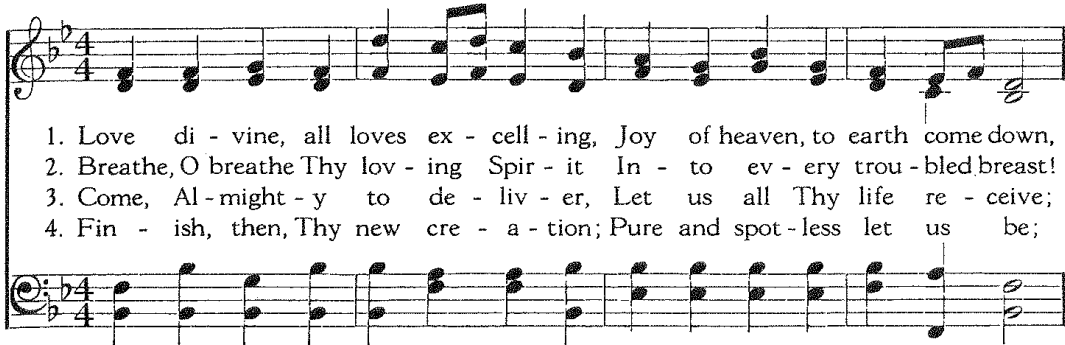
HYMN of DEDICATION

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

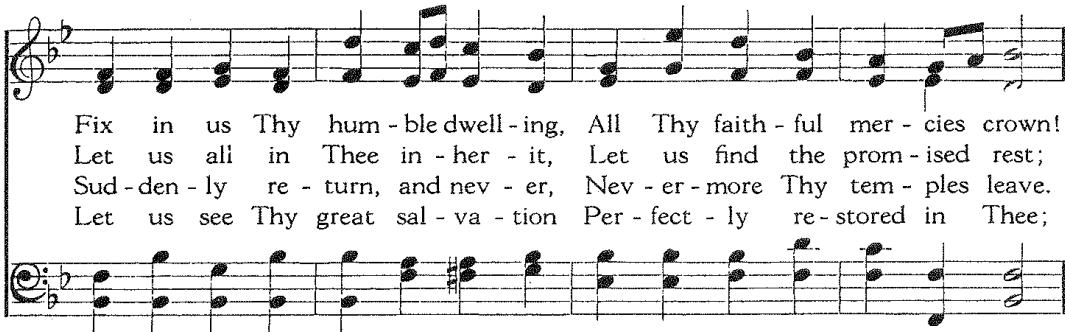
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Charles Wesley, 1747

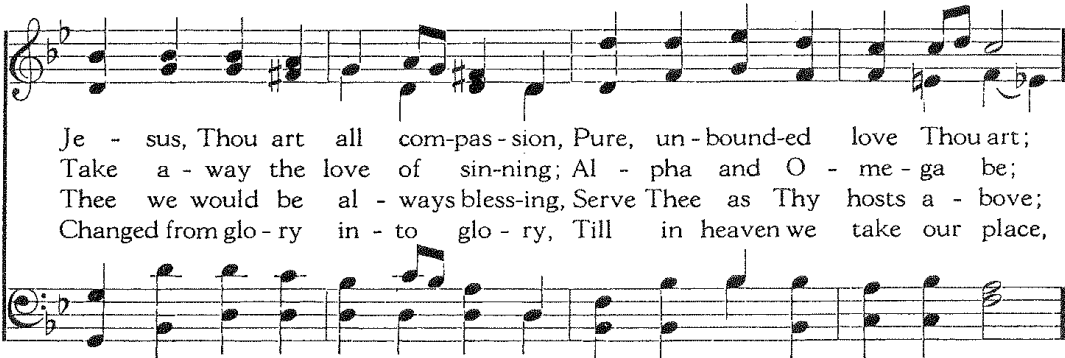
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John Zundel, 1870



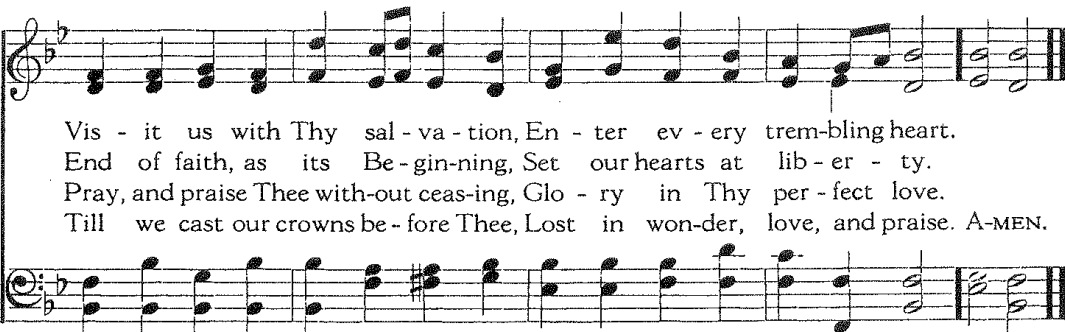
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be;



Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!
Let us all in Thee in - her - it, Let us find the prom - ised rest;
Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee;



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove;
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place,



Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray, and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise. A - MEN.

Alternative tune, "Hyfrydol," Hymn 123.

LIFE IN CHRIST: LOVE

FUPC Choir and Music leadership

David Pierce, Director of Music

Katia Dinas, Pianist

Soprano

Marissa Guerrero
Lois Norton
Barbara Ritchie
Gerry Shotswell
Katelyn Spivey

Alto

Patti Sloey
Jessica Stottlemeyer
Renee Wensley

Tenor

Houston Burns
Kyle Feather
Jeremy Rohwer

Bass

Hawkins Burns
Rich Lewis
Zachary Rohwer

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