



Faith United
Presbyterian
Church
in Farmers Branch

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



*21st Sunday after
Pentecost
October 25, 2020*

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD. Leviticus 19:18

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Kurt Booth

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 90)

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all of our days.**

Leader: Let your work, O Lord, be made real to your servants, your glorious power to our children.

People: Let the favor the Lord our God be upon us!

OPENING HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Your Name (all verses)

GTG 4

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our spirits are like new grass, at the dawn they spring up fresh, but by sunset they dry up and wither, blown away in spiritual death. Let us confess our frailty before our merciful God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we come together to worship, a people who would like to think that we love you with all our hearts and souls and minds. Yet, there are so many other things that clamor for our attention, that we relegate you to Sundays, and those times when we want you to rescue us. We want you to be the one in whom we live and move and have our being. We want to hear your voice above all the other voices in our lives. However, we get bogged down; we forget who we are; we forget who you are; we miss your steadfast presence. Have mercy upon us. We bow before you with our human foibles and our short attention spans, asking you to make yourself known to us, that we would recognize the presence of the holy, and make us into the people you want us to be, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

You are invited to take a moment for silent confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

You are loved by God in Jesus Christ, and in God's love there is forgiveness, healing and new life.

May we give ourselves to God by loving and serving others in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

ANTHEM

Help Us Accept Each Other

John Ness Beck

Sydney Barber, accompanist

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34-46

SERMON

"All You Need is Love"

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

RESPONDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from 1 John 4

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. We love because God first loved us. The commandment we have from Christ is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

HYMN OF MEDITATION

We Are One in the Spirit (all verses)

GTG 300

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

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

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

We hear your voice, O God who loves and delivers, calling us to love you and neighbor.

We feel the Spirit moving among us, moving us to acts of generosity, compassion, peace, kindness and justice.

We seek your blessing and the power to serve in the Spirit, through Christ. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord (all verses)

GTG 707

HALL

CHARGE

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

BENEDICTION *Choral Amen*

COVID-19 Update! As we move through fall, we continue to worship online. COVID-19 may change how we worship. BUT, it does not stop worship! We will keep you informed as best we can as we continue this journey. Remember, keep connected to each other through phone calls, emails, and texts! If you are aware of anyone who needs something, please let Pastor Ken know.

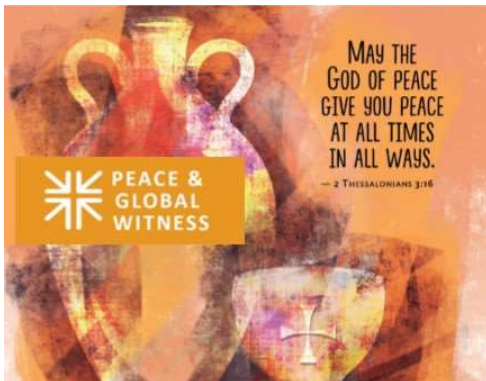


The Session is calling for a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, November 15, 12:15 pm via Zoom for the purposes of electing new Elders to the Session and a presentation of the 2021 Budget, if available. The meeting can be accessed at www.zoom.com. Once on the home page, click Join Meeting at the top of the page. The Meeting I.D. is 7821511714. No password will be needed. You can also access the meeting via phone, 1-346-248-7799. Follow the prompts once connected. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda or Pastor Ken at the church office.

How do we meet the needs of our neighbors while on a wilderness journey in the eye of the storm? The needs of our neighbors are great. The pandemic has had huge negative consequences for many of our neighbors. Yet, it can be challenging to respond when we do not venture far from home, and, as a small church. Our ministry partnerships with North Dallas Shared Ministries and Metrocrest Services give us avenues to respond. Thanks to your generous and faithful giving of financial gifts, toilet paper, and liquid dish soap, among other items we participate with the larger body of Christ in meeting the needs of our neighbors. We have also served our neighbors through Project Transformation, PCHAS, and the giving of school supplies to Chapel Hill Preparatory School. Equally important, are the many ways each one of us respond in our daily lives to the needs around us. When in the wilderness, we focus not on what we cannot do, but what we can do!



Please prayerfully consider your stewardship response to the mission of Christ through our church. Stewardship packets have been mailed, complete with a return envelope to return your commitment card. If you did not receive a packet, please call the church office. Dedication Sunday will be November 1.



Today is the last day for this Special Offering. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith—a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together.

Prayerfully consider your special offering for *Peace and Global Witness*, **please note “PGW offering” in the memo section**. 25% of the Offering stays with local congregations (this year FUPC will direct 25% toward the purchase of item(s) from the *Presbyterian Giving Catalog*), and 25% with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. 50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

We are excited to announce the addition of online giving. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smart phone or go to our website and click the “Give Now” button. www.FaithUnited-pc.com You will have the option to set up your giving profile. This will make it easy to login anytime you are ready to give, even designated giving like Peace & Global Witness Offering coming up in October. **You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.**



PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz	Barbara Stein
Roger Jones	Dennis Van Deventer
Frank Fehmel	Kathie Heffler
Rev. Sungho Daniel Son	Betty Runkel
Homebound/Rehab: Margaret Jones, Marilyn Rose, Freddie Simmons	

Our thanks to musicians in worship!

David Pierce, Director of Music

Caroline Busselberg, vocals	Natasha Wroblewski, vocals
Mary Marxer, vocals	Jessica Stottlemeyer, vocals
Patti Sloey, vocals	Shanae Kemp, vocals
Kyle Feather, vocals	Malcolm Payne, vocals
Jeremy Rohwer, vocals	Rich Lewis, vocals
Brian Hotchkiss, vocals	Sydney Barber, accompanist

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 above are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
 Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
 Bbm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
 Bbm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

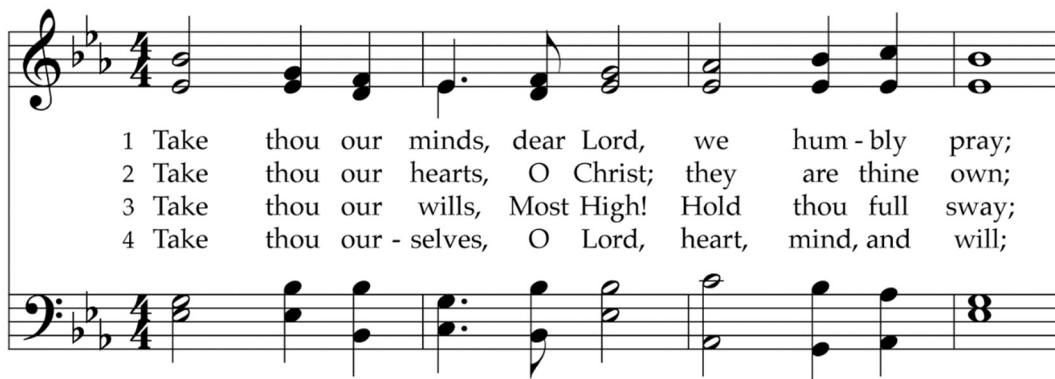
Refrain (C) (Em)
 Db Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

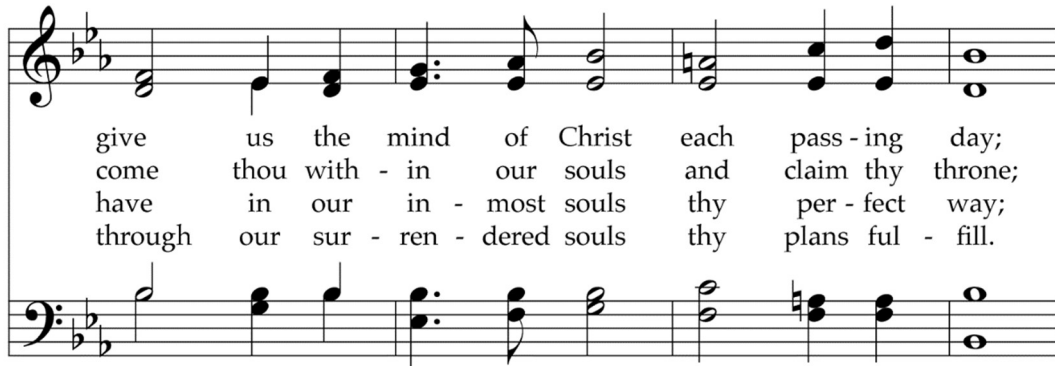
(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
 Bbm Fm Bbm Cm Fm Bbm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

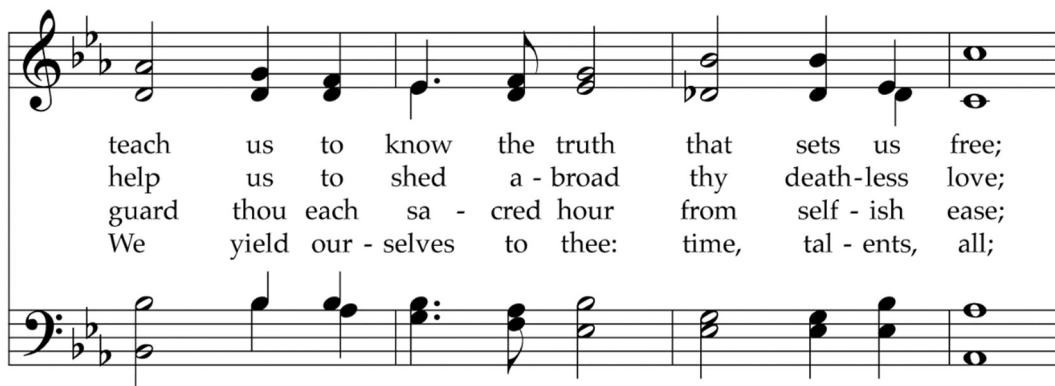
A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.



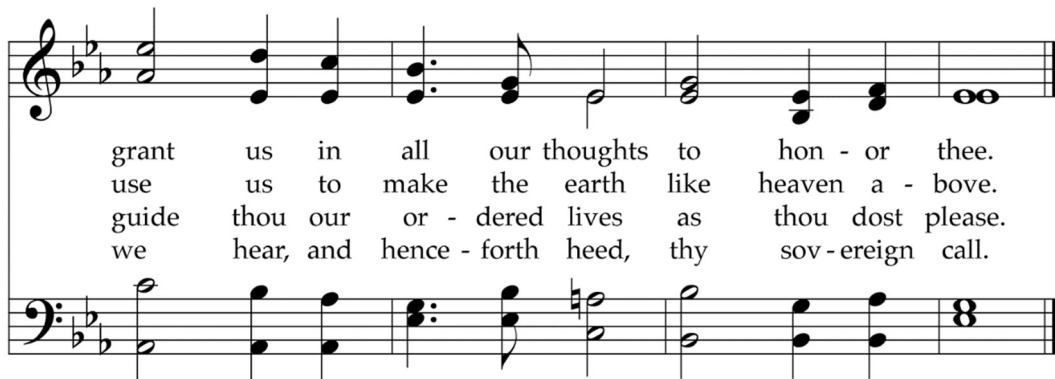
1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
 2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
 3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
 4 Take thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;



give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
 come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;
 have in our in - most souls thy per - fect way;
 through our sur - ren - dered souls thy plans ful - fill.



teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
 help us to shed a - broad thy death - less love;
 guard thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
 We yield our - selves to thee: time, tal - ents, all;



grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.
 use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.
 guide thou our or - dered lives as thou dost please.
 we hear, and hence - forth heed, thy sov - ereign call.

The FUPC Staff is here for you!

Pastor Ken, Brenda Swindle, and David Pierce are in their "Work from Home" offices and ready to assist. Ken and Brenda are checking the mail box daily to receive your notes or checks. They are also receiving your emails and calls with any questions or concerns.

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