

Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 10, 2022

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*W*elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Psalm 36: verses 1 & 2

J. P. Sweelinck

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

We come, bringing our souls to God.

God delights in us,

just as God has found wonder in every generation.

We come, bringing our hands to Jesus.

Jesus challenges us to see each person

as the neighbor we are to serve.

We come, bringing our hearts to the Spirit.

The Spirit teaches all we need to know

so that we may be faithful in our lives.

Let us worship God!

◆ Hymn 806

I'll Praise My Maker

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

There are people we pass by, God who sees each one as beloved.

Some are family and friends we take for granted.

Others are neighbors who have been crushed by work, life circumstances, or injustice, who have fallen into the hands of despair.

Many are strangers, people we don't know but quickly judge;

they are weak, poor, or the enemy;

they remind us of who we once were or could become.

Rescue us from the power of our sins.

Pour out your justice on us rather than your judgment, that we would be moved with compassion and spurred to action;

that we would hear of the mercy and hope that is ours,

and share it with our neighbors,

even as we have received forgiveness for our sins

through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

GTG 437

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
 You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
 You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's unconditional love does not seek appearances or see the categories and divisions we create, but loves in such a way that all are restored to health and wholeness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

◆ Sung Response

HS 22

**All glory be to God on high,
 And peace on earth from heaven,
 And God's good will unfailingly
 Be to all people given.
 We bless, we worship You, we raise
 For Your great glory thanks and praise,
 O God, the great Creator.**

◆ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

God's Word to Us

Psalter

Psalm 82

Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:25-37

Sermon

Radical Kindness

Lynn Noland

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

New Creed from the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
 We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
 who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
 who works in us and others by the Spirit.
 We trust in God.
 We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,**

to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice,
and to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

- ◆ Hymn 203 **Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love** CHEREPONI
Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer Glory to God hymnal, pg. 35
- Offertory *I Give You a New Commandment* Peter Aston
I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.
If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples.
- ◆ Presentation of the Offering GTG 607
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.
- ◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving
We could hold onto your abundant blessings, generous God,
or we could offer them to those who have been pushed aside,
those who need food and shelter, those who long for healing.
May the gifts we offer in these moments,
and the way we live every day, be used for our neighbors.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.
- ◆ Hymn 727 **Will You Let Me Be Your Servant** THE SERVANT SONG
- ◆ Charge and Benediction
- Postlude *Psalm 36: verse 3* J. P. Sweelinck
- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are in celebration of Bob and Faith Bedford's 63 years together.

What's Happening

at Westminster

Sunday, July 10

9 a.m. Pick-Up Choir

10 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Christian Formation: Racial Disparities in Healthcare: “The Healing Arc” presentation to UVA Medical Hour and discussion led by Dick Guerrant and others, in the Library

Sunday, July 17

9:40 a.m. Hymn Sing

10 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Christian Formation: Panel of WPC members in healthcare, policy, and the law

Wednesday, July 20

7 p.m. 20/30 Crew Wednesday Wind-down (off site)

Thursday, July 21

7:30 p.m. Little Summer Music in the Sanctuary, followed by ice cream in the Courtyard

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I'll Praise My Maker

(Psalm 146)

1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice
 2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God,
 3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports
 4 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice

is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.
 who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train;
 the faint - ing mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace.
 is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought
 whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed
 God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought

and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
 and feeds the poor, and none shall find God's prom - ise vain.
 the par - ent - less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
 and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

This paraphrase of Psalm 146 was a great favorite of John Wesley: it appeared in his first hymn collection in 1737 (published in Charleston, South Carolina) and was on his lips when he died. The 16th-century tune to which it is set here is the one Watts had in mind for it.

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

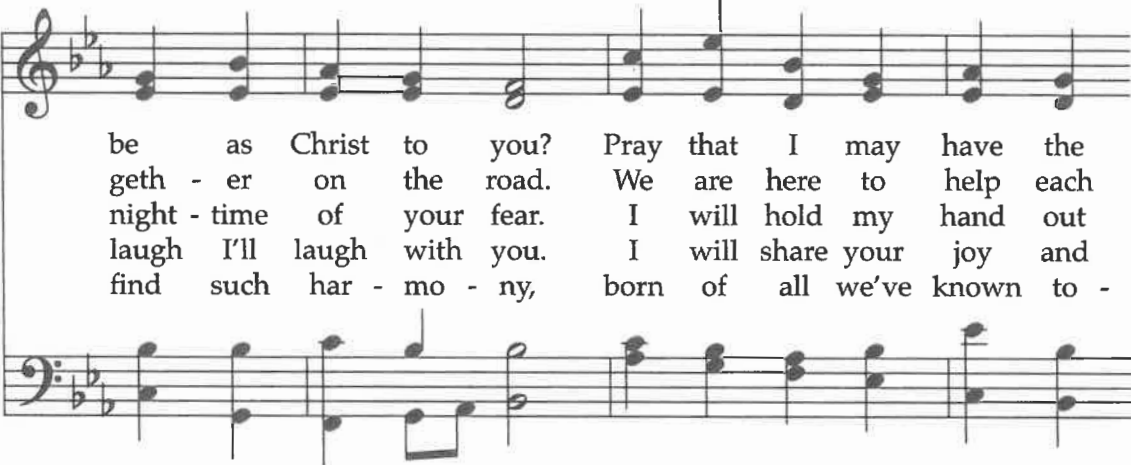
Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).