

# Service for the Lord's Day

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 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

*Bransle de Champagne - Sicilienne*

Francis Poulenc

Welcome

### ◆ Call to Worship

*God has called us like Moses in the wilderness,  
the prophets in the hills, and the disciples in the cities.*

**They shared their blessings so that we might know God's presence here.**

*Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.*

**Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

### ◆ Hymn 463

**How Firm A Foundation**

FOUNDATION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,**

**you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe.**

**You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear.**

**You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have.**

**You call us to look to Jesus as our example and friend,**

**but we turn our eyes to the idols of our time- wealth, power, and fame.**

**Forgive us.**

**Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,**

**and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day.**

**For the sake of Jesus we pray.**

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

*Hear the good news! By faith, we have been saved, our guilty hearts washed clean.  
 Refreshed, revived, and renewed, empowered by the Holy Spirit, live as ones forgiven and freed.*

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

◆ Sung Response

**Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

GTG 582

◆ Passing of the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

## God's Word to Us

Old Testament

Isaiah 40: 28-31

Anthem

*Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord*

Deborah Holden-Holloway

*Come, let us sing to the Lord,  
 bring to the Lord our adoration.*

*All hills and valleys rejoice,  
 lift up your voice, sing to the Lord.*

*All that on earth can sing,  
 everything, praise the Lord of all creation.*

*For the Lord, our God – creator, leader, Savior, teacher, friend –  
 is with us now and always; let us praise the Lord forevermore!*

New Testament

Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

Sermon

Where To Look

Lynne Clements

# Responding to God's Word

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

◆ Affirmation of Faith

**In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

◆ Hymn 432                                      **How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord**                                      REPTON

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer                                      Glory to God hymnal, pg. 35

Offertory                                      *Partita no. 3, BWV 1006: Loure*                                      J.S. Bach  
Meg Bowen, violin

◆ 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

**God of the ages, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we faithfully add our gifts  
to those who have gone before us throughout the generations.**

**Bless these gifts that they may grow by your grace and for your kin-dom. Amen.**

◆ Hymn 741                                      **Guide My Feet**                                      GUIDE MY FEET

◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude                                      *Carillon*                                      Poulenc

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The flowers today are in celebration of those who made attending virtually a precious gift,  
from Arloine Hood.*

# What's Happening

*at Westminster*

## **Sunday, August 14**

9 a.m. Pick Up Choir in the Choir Room  
 10 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
 11:30 a.m. Session Meeting, in-person in the Library

## **Monday, August 15**

10 a.m. Visitation in the Fellowship Hall for Dr. Lawrence Burwell,  
 followed by a service in the Sanctuary at 11 a.m.  
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Courtyard

## **Wednesday, August 17**

6 p.m. Courtyard Eats and Treats (rain or shine)

## **Friday, August 19**

9 a.m. Westminster Walkers- Isabella and William Gibbons Walk

## **Saturday, August 20**

9 a.m. Westminster Walkers at Ridge Road

## **Sunday, August 21**

*College Student and Young Adult Sunday*  
 10:40 a.m. Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary  
 11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary (note time change)  
 Noon-2 p.m. UVA Student Block Party at Common Grounds

## **Thursday, August 25**

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsals resume in the Choir Room

## **Sunday, August 28**

*Homecoming Sunday*  
 10 a.m. Welcome Activities for all ages, including crafts for kids preK - 4th grade, games for youth 5th -12th grade, a Ministry Fair for adults, and Kona ice treats. Worship at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch (provided) and a Bounce House.

**Organist, Winston Barham**

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## 463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

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.

# 582

## Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
 B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

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

# How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(D)  
 Eb Bb Cm Ab Eb Bb Eb

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - came in hin - dranc - es more sure:  
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (Em)  
 Ab Fm Bb Gm Cm Ab Fm

to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re -  
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -  
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your  
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)  
 Bb7 Eb Bb7 C Fm Ab Bb7 Eb

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
 wind its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.  
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored, done.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This reflection on Christian vocation was written to provide a new text for a pre-existing tune, and the poet has crafted his words so well that the two parts mesh smoothly. The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.

## Guide My Feet

741

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;  
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;  
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Hold my hand ...   | 5 Search my heart ... |
| 3 Stand by me ...    | 6 Guide my feet ...   |
| 4 I'm your child ... |                       |

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.