

Service for the Lord's Day

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 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

Sister Moon - Brother Sun - All of Tender Heart

James Woodman

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

*Come and worship, everyone on earth,
everywhere the sun shines.*

Let us praise God together!

*For listening when we call,
answering our prayers, forgiving our mistakes,
and providing what we need:*

Let us praise God together!

*Come and worship, everyone on earth,
everywhere the sun shines,*

Let us praise God together!

- ◆ Hymn HS 45 **All Creatures of Our God and King**(vss. 1-3, 5, 7) LASST UNS ERFREUEN
(at 11:00: v. 1, all; v. 2, upper voices; v. 3, lower voices; v. 5, all; v. 7 all)

Call to Confession

*The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.
So let us come boldly to the throne of grace to confess our sin.*

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God,
In your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting our gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

**Forgive us.
By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light and abide in your ways
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS 69

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

◆ Sung Response

GTG 583

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

◆ Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

God's Word to Us

Story of Gratitude: Deacons/Fellowship

Virginia Rovnyak (8:30)

Aurora Nichols (11:00)

Psalter

Psalm 65

OT p. 499

Ann Parks (11:00)

Anthem (11:00)

You visit the land

Ronald Corp

You visit the land and water it, you bless it with riches,
the rivers of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain,
for so you have provided.

New Testament

Acts 2:43-47

NT p. 112

Sermon

Lynne Clements

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

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 resist evil,
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.

- ◆ Hymn 727 (11:00) **Will You Let Me Be Your Servant** THE SERVANT SONG

Prayers of the Congregation 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.**

- Offertory (8:30) *Andante tranquillo* Percy Whitlock
(11:00) *As Torrents in Summer* Edward Elgar

As torrents in summer, half dried in their channels,
Suddenly rise, though the sky is still cloudless,
For rain has been falling, far off at their fountains;
So hearts that are fainting grow full to o'erflowing,
And they that behold it marvel and know not
That God at their fountains, far off, has been raining!

- ◆ 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
**O God of generous providing,
We belong to you and all we have is yours.
Use these offerings, we pray,
in service of the justice you are establishing through your kin-dom of peace.
Amen.**

- ◆ Hymn 316 **Where Charity and Love Prevail** TWENTY-FOURTH

- ◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Alleluia* James Woodman

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are given by Judy Gardner, in memory of Kerry Gardner.

What's Happening *at Westminster*

Sunday, October 23

8:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School

11 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bodo's Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting in the Upper Lounge

Wednesday, October 26

6 p.m. Eats and Treats in Common Grounds

Thursday, October 27

6:30 p.m. UKirk Dinner and Discussion in Common Grounds

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Sunday, October 30

8:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School

11 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bodo's Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

12:15 p.m. Pumpkin Carving Fun Fall Event in the Courtyard

Monday, October 31

4 p.m. Halloween Organ Concert in the Sanctuary

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All Creatures of Our God and King

Francis of Assisi, c. 1225; trans. composite

melody from *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623

harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift
 2. O broth - er wind, air, clouds, and rain, by
 3. O sis - ter wa - ter, pure and clear, make
 4. Our sis - ter earth, who day by day un -
 5. All ye who are of ten - der heart, for -

up your voice and with us sing, O — praise ye! Al - le -
 which all crea - tures you sus - tain, O — praise ye! Al - le -
 mu - sic for thy Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 fold - est bless - ings on our way, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, O — praise ye! Al - le -

lu - ia! Our broth - er sun with gold - en beam, and
 lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - jice, ye
 lu - ia! O broth - er fire so strong and bright, that
 lu - ia! The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let
 lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row bear, praise

Refrain

sis - ter moon with sil - ver gleam!
 lights of eve - ning, find a voice!
 giv - est us both warmth and light! O praise ye! O
 them God's glo - ry al - so show!
 God and cast a - way your care!

praise ye! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

6. And thou, our sister, gentle death,
 waiting to hush our latest breath,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Thou ledest home the child of God
 and Christ our Lord the way has trod,
Refrain

7. Let all things their Creator bless,
 and worship God in humbleness,
 O praise ye! Alleluia!
 Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
 and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Refrain

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song

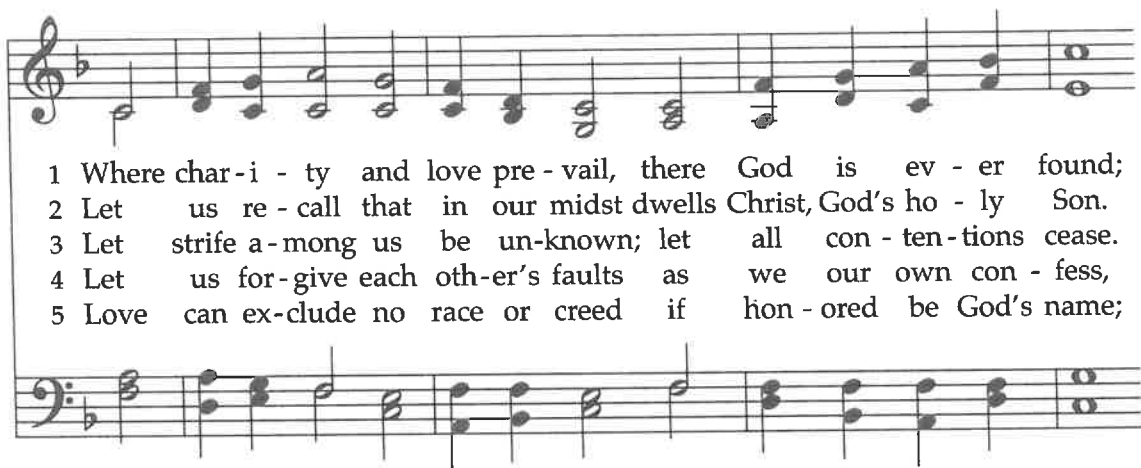
1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

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 -

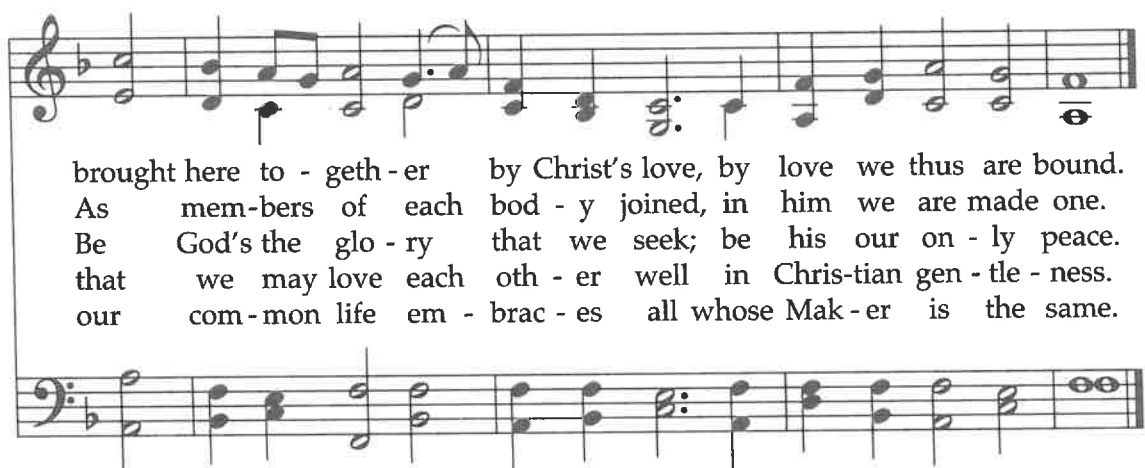
grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

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).

Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
3 Let strife a-mong us be un-known; let all con - ten-tions cease.
4 Let us for-give each oth-er's faults as we our own con - fess,
5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
As mem-bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.
our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.