

# Service for the Lord's Day

21st Sunday after Pentecost, Reformation Sunday

October 30, 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

*Keep Us Lord, Faithful to Your Word*

Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome

### ◆ Call to Worship

*We gather today in search of reformation.*

**We want to re-form ourselves, our church, our society.**

*We stand fearless at the edge of change.*

**For God is in the midst of us and we shall not be moved.**

*Be still, and know that God is God.*

**God is our rock and our redeemer.**

### ◆ Hymn 624

**I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art**

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Call to Confession

*Even at our most faithful, we stand in need of grace. Because of God's unfailing love, mercy is promised, even before we speak the truth.*

*In humility, with confidence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

Prayer of Confession

**Faithful God, you promise that all who faithfully confess to you will be forgiven and preserved from trouble.**

**Trusting in your mercy,**

**we acknowledge the harm we have done, and the good we have failed to do.**

**Forgive us, we pray;**

**guide us in your truth, and teach us the way to go,**

**that we may love and serve you well.**

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

HS 69

## Assurance of Forgiveness

*Because we have been buried with Christ in these waters, we are raised to new life in him.*

*In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

**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: Afghan Refugee HOME Team

Lucy Burnette (8:30)

Cyndy Martin (11:00)

Psalter

Psalm 119:137-144

OT p. 538

Jana Surdi (11:00)

Anthem (11:00)

*Teach Me, O Lord*

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

New Testament

Acts 4:32-35

NT p. 114

Sermon

Barbara Chalfant

## 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.**



# What's Happening *at Westminster*

## **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

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

## **Monday, October 31**

4 p.m. Halloween Organ Concert in the Sanctuary

## **Wednesday, November 2**

5:30 p.m. Fellowship on Tap at Three Notch'd Brewery

7 p.m. 20/30/40 CreW Wednesday Wind-Down (off site)

## **Thursday, November 3**

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

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

## **Sunday, November 6**

*All Saints' Day*

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

9:30 a.m. Church School

11 a.m. Worship Service with Communion 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

1 p.m. UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Feeding Families Service Project

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Through a series of online and in-person messages, devotionals, and worship opportunities, we hope to keep you connected to — and nurtured by — the Westminster community. Make sure you're signed up for our eNews, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts, @westminsterville.

Visit [www.westminsterva.org](http://www.westminsterva.org).

## I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,  
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,  
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,  
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;  
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

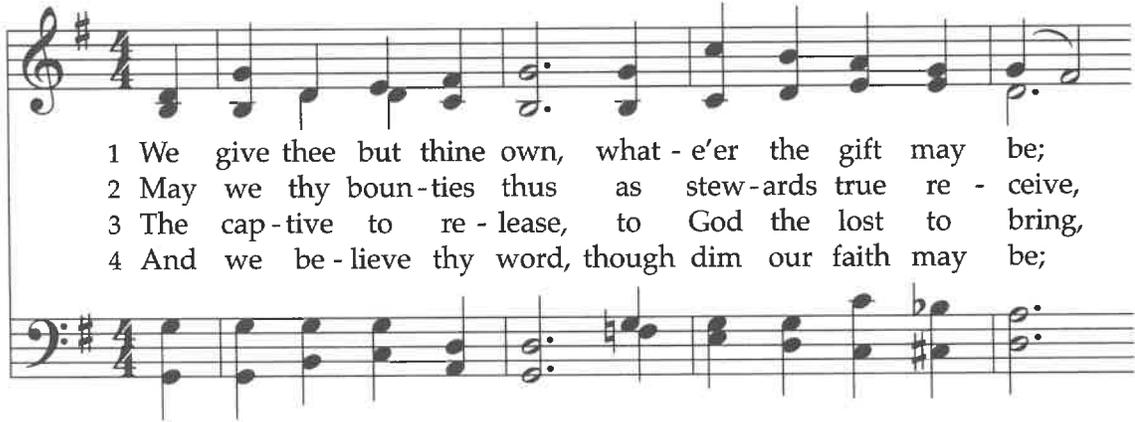
my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,  
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:  
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;  
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.  
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;  
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;  
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

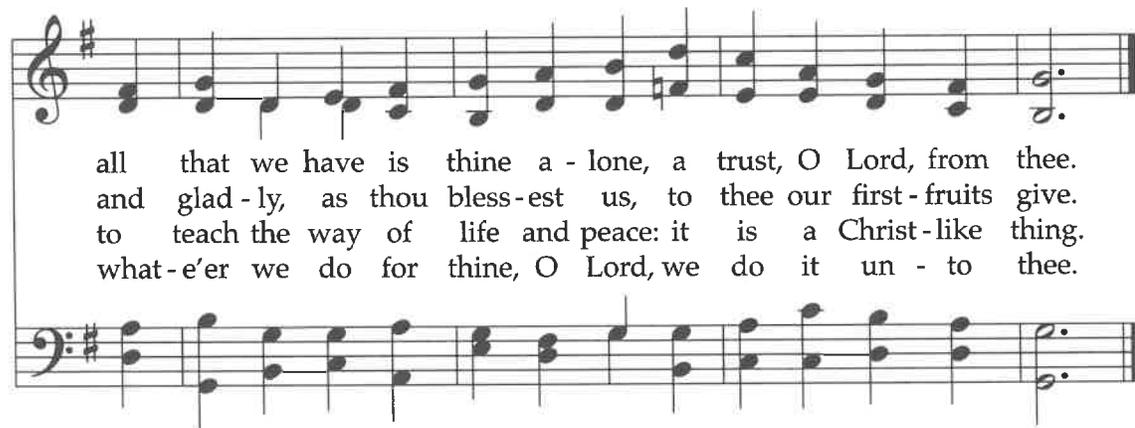
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.  
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.  
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

## We Give Thee but Thine Own 708



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,  
 3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
 to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.  
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune's name, no source has been found in Schumann's works.

# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 be thou our guard while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.