

Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost; Reformation Sunday
October 29, 2023

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Welcome 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 124

Denis Bédard

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

In worship, we tell a story.

A story of a love that changed the world.

In worship, we tell a story.

A story of how we live and how we long to live.

In worship, we tell a story.

Because sometimes we forget.

So may we remember who we are.

May we let go of the narratives that trap us.

May we reimagine this world to see what God sees.

And may we work toward restoration.

It's all that easy, and it's all that hard.

Let us worship God.

◆ Hymn 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we come to you asking for forgiveness and restoration.

We confess that we have turned away from you and forgotten your commandments.

We do not love you with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength.

We do not love our neighbors as ourselves.

We are broken and adrift.

We need you like a sailboat needs wind.

Breathe into us new life and re-form us again.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Glory to God hymnal no. 576

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear these words of hope: anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has passed away. Behold, a new life has begun! Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

◆ Sung Response

Glory to God hymnal no. 582

**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.**

God's Word to Us

A Time with Children and Youth: Presenting Bibles to our Elementary Class

Prayer for Illumination

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Deuteronomy 6:1-9

OT p. 157
Rich Gregory

Anthem

More Love

Sid Davis

More, love, more love:

The heavens are blessing, the angels are calling, O Zion, more love.

If ye love not each other in daily communion,
how can ye love God, whom ye have not seen?

A Reading from the New Testament Matthew 22:34-46

NT p. 24

Reflection

Re: Formation

Lynne Clements

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,**

**feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls all people to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,**

**to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,**

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

- ◆ Hymn 707 **Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord** HALL

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.**

Story of Transformation: Chris Seaman

- Offertory *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. Edward Bairstow
Text can be found at hymn 802 in the Glory to God hymnal.

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering HS 82
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

- ◆ Hymn 462 **I Love to Tell the Story** HANKEY

- ◆ Charge and Benediction

- ◆ Passing of the Peace
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

- Postlude *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott* Helmut Walcha

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

*The flowers today are given by Dick Haines in memory and honor of beloved family members.
The roses on the table today celebrate the birth of John and Stella Kleinschmidt's first grandchild,
Theodore (Theo), son of John and Claire Kleinschmidt,
as well as the births of Catalina and Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra's twins on October 26.*

Some liturgies for this year's stewardship season are adapted from "Our Money Story" by A Sanctified Art.

What's Happening

at Westminster

Sunday, October 29

Reformation Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion at Common Grounds

9:30 a.m. Church School Hour

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. UKirk and 20/30/40 Crew Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

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

3 p.m. Trunk or Treat in the Church Parking Lot

Monday, October 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

4 p.m. OCS Halloween Concert in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 1

All Saints' Day

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

Thursday, November 2

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

Sunday, November 5

Celebrate All Saints' Day; Daylight Saving Time Ends

8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion at Common Grounds

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12:15 p.m. UKirk and 20/30/40 Crew Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

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

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

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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;

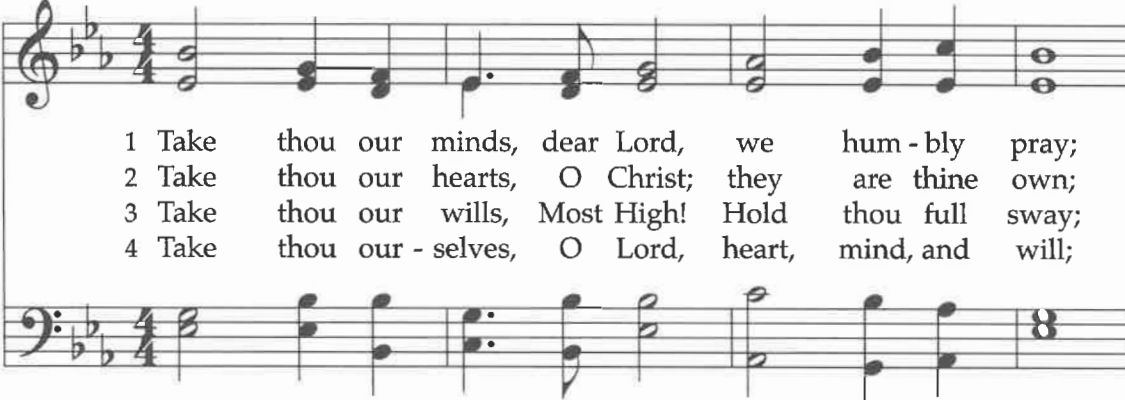
my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

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,

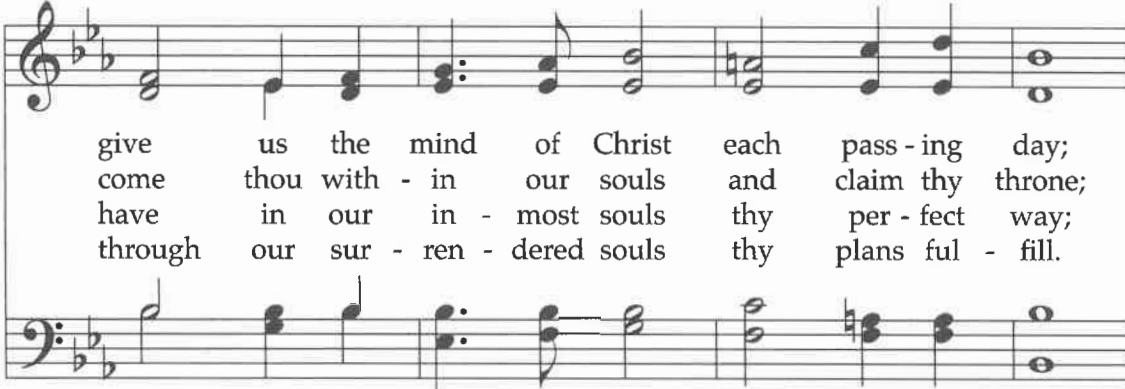
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

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.

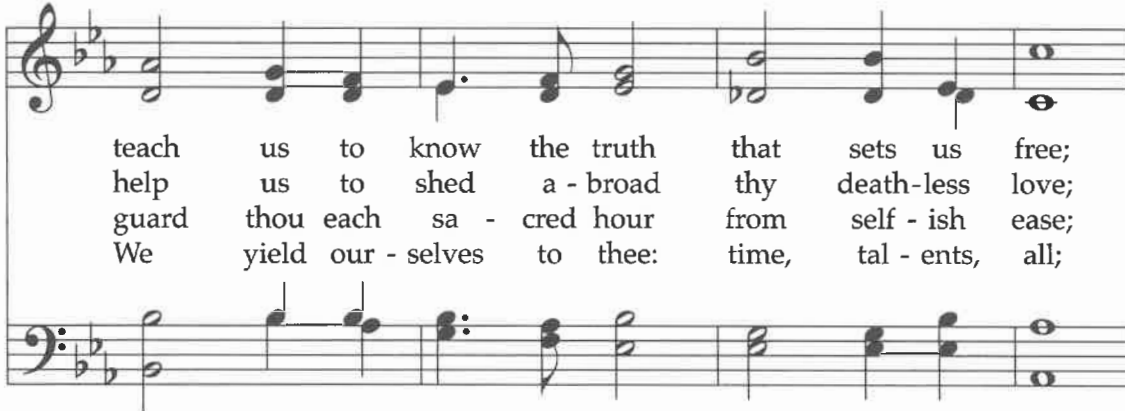
707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord



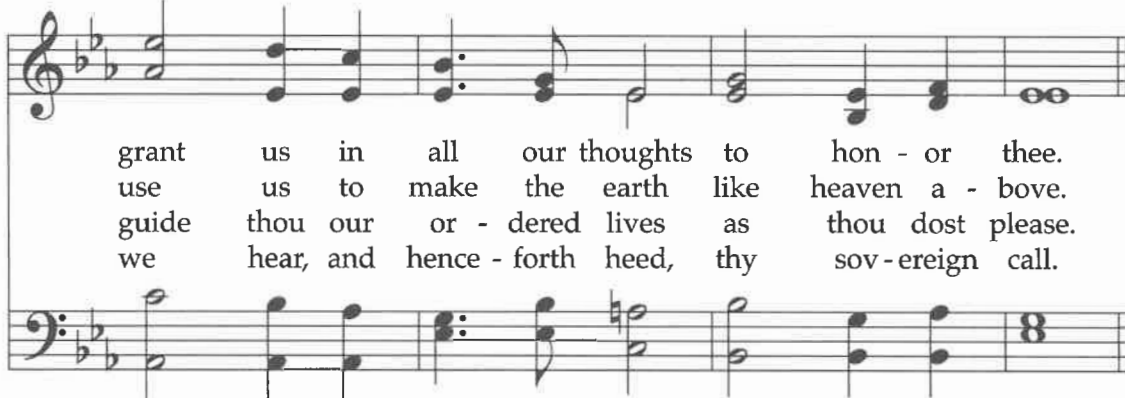
1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
 2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
 3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
 4 Take thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;



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.

This hymn began with the tune, which the composer hummed to the author with a request for a text that would challenge the hearts and minds of young people. The text of the first three stanzas was written that day, and the fourth stanza later emerged at a youth conference.

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.