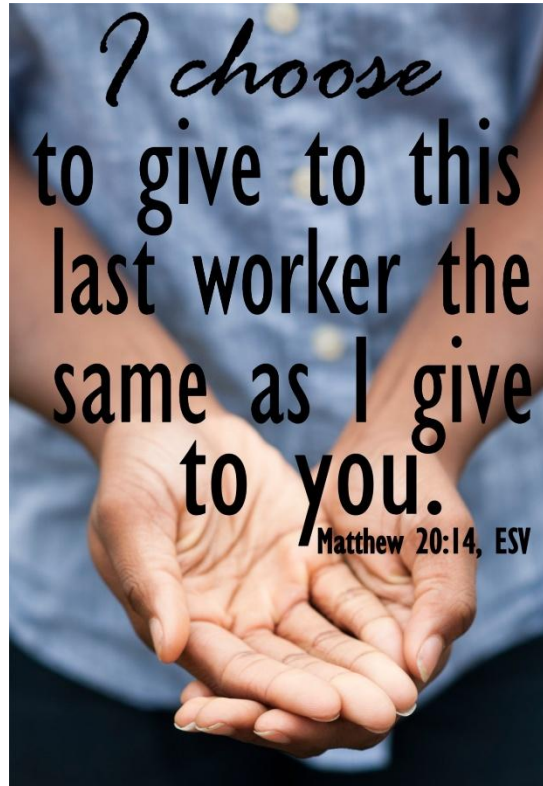


Pentecost 17
September 20, 2026

Service of Holy Communion
ELW — Setting 10



PRELUDE

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated (HENDON)

Sara Johnson, organ

David Lasky

Mark Sedio

Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME

Please rise in body or in spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Saving God, since the days of Moses, you have observed the misery of your people and heard the cries of those in captivity.

C **We call on your name because we, too, are bound and unable to save ourselves. We confess that we build and protect systems that pretend freedom is scarce and cause grave harm. We are quick to consume and hoard resources. We make assumptions about our neighbors before we know them and seek our security at the expense of others.**

Forgive us, God. Loosen the bonds of sin and evil. Break every yoke of Pharaoh's economy. Make a way where we cannot and deliver your people into new life.

P Beloved ones, you are made in the image of God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You are saved by grace and your sins are forgiven. Everything that is killing you has already been put to death on the cross. Remember your salvation and rise, for you are a sign that God is still setting the world free with love. Alleluia!

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 583

With Elizabeth Eichmiller, guitar

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

9-20-26 Worship Hymns

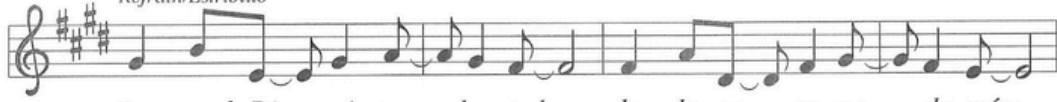
VOCATION, MINISTRY

583

Take My Life, That I May Be

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 *Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té* con - sa - gra -
1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -
4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be



da a ti, Se - ñor; que a mis ma - nos pue -
pulse of thy love; take my feet and let
would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect
ly for my King; take my lips and let
no lon - ger mine; take my heart, it is



da guiar el im - pul - so de tu a - mor.
them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

Refrain/Estribillo

2 *Que mis pies tan sólo en pos*
de lo santo puedan ir,
y que a ti, Señor, mi voz,
se complazca en bendecir. Estribillo

3 *Que mis labios al hablar*
hablen sólo de tu amor;
que mis bienes dedicar
yo los quiera a ti, Señor. Estribillo

4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté*
consagrado a tu loor;
que mi mente y su poder
sean usados en tu honor. Estribillo

KYRIE *Have Mercy on Us, Lord (sung)*

ELW page 203

1. Have mercy on us, Lord,
and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word;
It saves us from despair.

2. Have mercy on us, Christ,
And wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us
Whole that new life may begin.

3. Have mercy on us, Lord,
Make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving power,
Create in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Glory be to God (sung)*

ELW page 204

1. Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.

2. Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;
in your promise firm we stand.

3. Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

A brief silence

P Let us pray.

God of wisdom, you remember the rise and fall of every empire, dynasties certain there wouldn't be enough, and the collective good suppressed. When our memory is short, call us back into your ancient story and re-member us to your sacred economy, through Jesus Christ, our liberation and life.

C **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Bob Swanson

FIRST READING Jonah 3:10—4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

Reader The word of the Lord.

Response Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:1-8 (Chanted by Cantor, bold is sung responsively)

- ¹ I will exalt you, my ¹ God and king, and bless your name forev- ¹ er and ever.
² **Every day ¹ will I bless you and praise your name forev- ¹ er and ever.**
³ Great is the LORD and greatly ¹ to be praised!
There is no end ¹ to your greatness.
⁴ **One generation shall praise your works ¹ to another
and shall de- ¹ clare your power.**
⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor ¹ of your majesty
and all your ¹ marvelous works.
⁶ **They shall tell of the might of your ¹ wondrous acts,
and I will re- ¹ count your greatness.**
⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of ¹ your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully ¹ of your righteousness.
⁸ **The LORD is gracious and full ¹ of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in ¹ steadfast love.**

SECOND READING Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The word of the Lord.

Response Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or in spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia! Lord and Savior*

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL **Matthew 20:1-16**

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”.

The gospel concludes:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation may be seated

SERMON

Pastor Bob Swanson

Silence is kept for reflection.

Please rise in body or in spirit.to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*

ELW 358

APOSTLES' CREED

P Gathered into one, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

A Hold your church accountable for our unwillingness to share your good news and our anger at your generosity to others. Nourish us by your grace to be witnesses to your love. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

A Guide scientists and researchers studying responses to the climate crisis so that all your creation may inspire us to give thanks for your great goodness. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

A Show employers the benefits of equal pay standards for all their employees. Reconcile conflicts between employees. Fill places of employment with camaraderie, and bring an end to employment disparity. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Encourage any who cannot work or who cannot work a full day with the truth that their value comes from your everlasting love for them. Watch over those serving in our military, police and fire departments. Provide for those who are injured, ill, and for all in any need especially Bill Cheeke, Judy Elslager, family and friends of Cece Hamilton, Dale Long, Linda Apolzon Neilson, family and friends of Marie Thimling, Clay Williams, Jade, and those we lift up to you now, either out loud or silently before you...(pause). Hear us, O God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your

love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty

though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that

heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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C Your mercy is great.

A Strengthen all those in this congregation whose labor serves the needs of others in the community. Inspire all in this congregation to support community endeavors with our time and talents. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Comfort us with the promise of the resurrection as we remember all our loved ones whose desire to be with Jesus is fulfilled. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Please share with each other a sign of Christ's peace and reach out to someone this week.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

TEMPLE TALK

Gayle Bland

The congregation may be seated.

OFFERING

All Who Love and Serve Your City (ELW 724)

Trinity Choir

Erik Routley

Paul D. Weber

Please rise in body or in spirit and join us in our offering song.

OFFERING SONG *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring* ELW 691

1. Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
to place upon your table.

We do not worship as we ought
but only as we're able.

2. The vines were planted, seeds were
sown. They grew in your good

pleasure. What once was common,
daily food becomes a holy treasure.

3. Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares
we lift in prayer before you.

Lord by your grace now come to us,
as humbly we adore you.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS – *The ushers bring forth the offering. Pastor takes offering from ushers and places on the Altar.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.
God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *SPOKEN*

ELW page 206

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so,
with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we
praise your name and join their unending hymn

SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy (sung)*

ELW page 207

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW page 108

P This is an altar where we worship the One who provides for creation, who gathers all people and nations together, one dynasty everlasting. And. This is a table where we flock from the fields humble and hungry, empty hands open and hoping there is enough and we are enough.

Blessed are you, O Creator. You carve rivers and nourish the soil, rain down manna from heaven and burst fresh water from stones. Blessed are you, O Christ. You tend the flock and find lost sheep, bless the bread and break it feeding the whole world with love. Blessed are you, O Holy Spirit. You fill our lungs with breath from heaven, the same wind that stirs our faith soars with the falcons and herons.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

C **Amen.**

The bread may be broken for the communion.

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW page 145

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come! Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The congregation may be seated. Please come forward for communion at the direction of the ushers.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW page 208

1. O Lamb of God, you bear the
sin of all the world away;
you suffered death
our lives to save:
have mercy now, we pray.
2. O Lamb of God, you bear the
sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and
grave: have mercy now, we
pray.
3. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made:
give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW 659

As Saints of Old

ELW 695

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

Please rise in body or in spirit.

TABLE BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in
his grace.

C Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW 207

Thankful hearts and voices raise;
tell everyone what God has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice
and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises
and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We give you thanks, O God, for in this meal you have turned us from hunger
toward satisfaction from taking toward trusting from empire's meager
rations toward daily bread from heaven.
May your plenty keep turning us, until the whole world is turned toward
love, through Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. **C** Amen

Silence for reflection.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

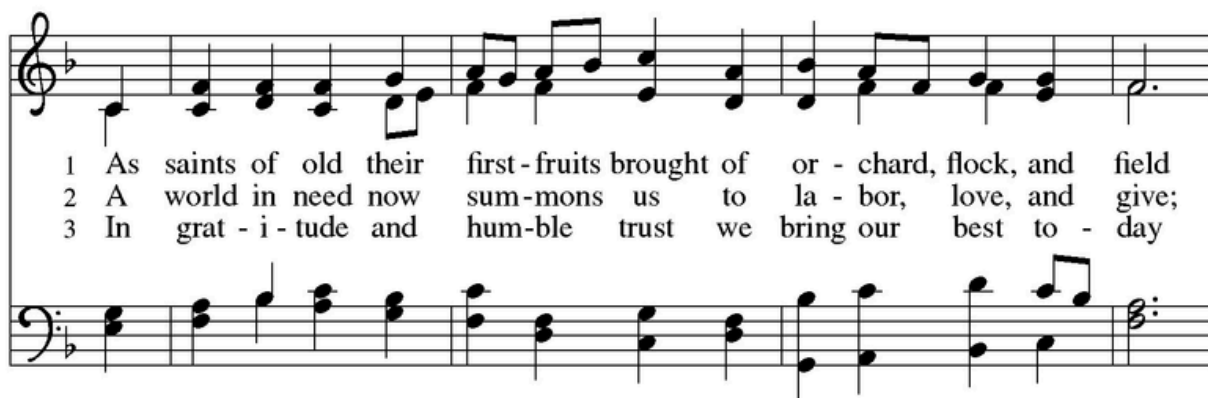
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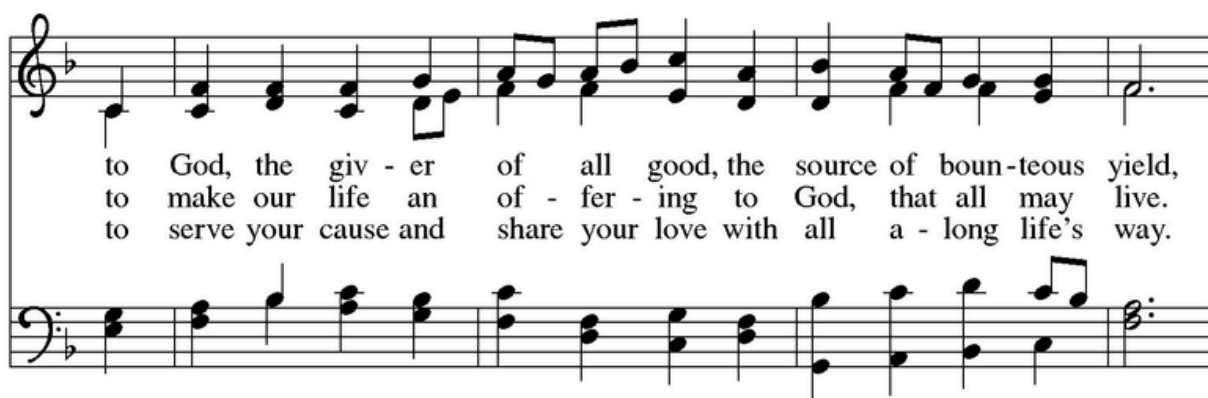
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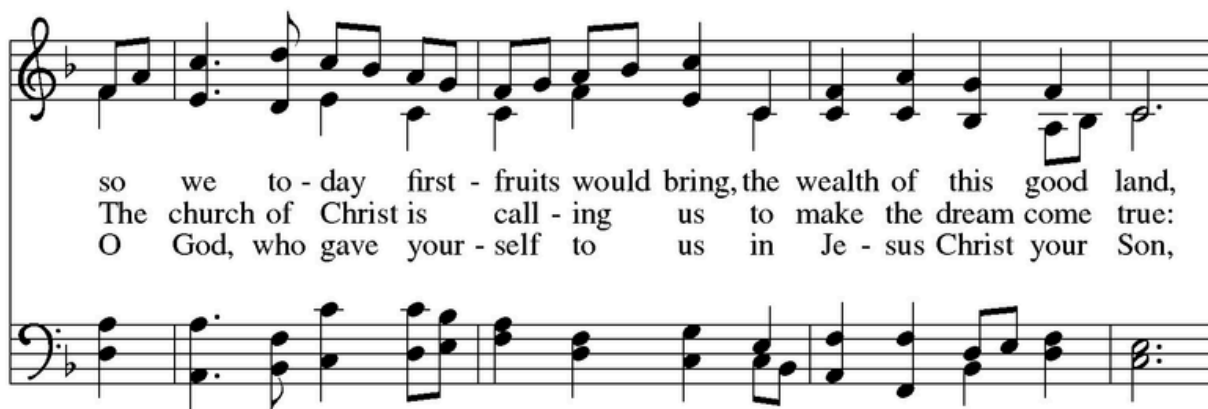
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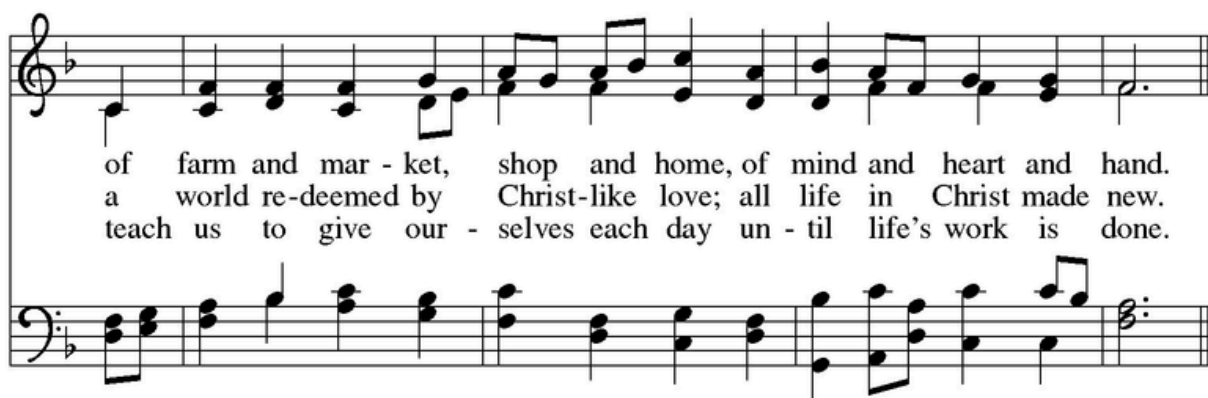
1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
 3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
 to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
 The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
 O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
 teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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733

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

733 cont

Great Is Thy Faithfulness CREATION

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

The first system of musical notation for the song 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

The second system of musical notation for the song 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness'. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble staff ends with a double bar line. The bass staff also ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

The congregation may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise in body or in spirit.

BLESSING

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *On Our Way Rejoicing*

ELW 537

DISMISSAL

P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Growing in Grace,

C **Sharing Christ's Love**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on HERMAS

Sara Johnson, organ

Gordon Young

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SENDING HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

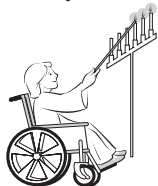
who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,
hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Jobs for Everyone

Lots of people help make church happen every Sunday. Match the church workers with what they need to do their job. In the space below, draw the job that you would like to do.



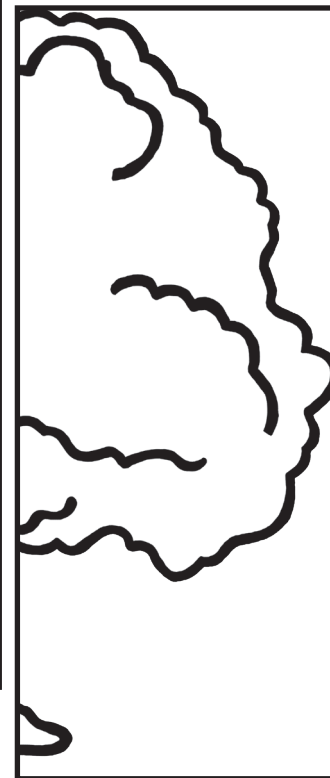
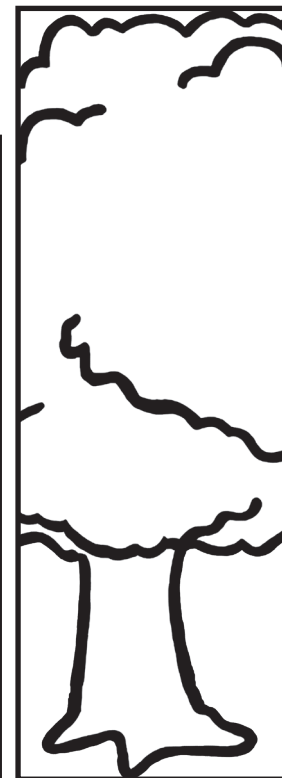
READER

Pentecost 17

- Today is the **17th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- We are in the **middle** of the season after Pentecost.
- During Pentecost we reach out to the world with **Jesus' model of generosity**.

The Longest Season

Pentecost happens during three seasons: spring, summer, and fall. Draw what a Pentecost tree would look like in these seasons.





Look It Up!

Today's Bible story teaches us about what God wants for everyone—enough! Read Matthew 14:13-21. Jesus makes sure everyone gets enough food.

Tsal eb lliw tsrif eht dna tsrif eb lliw tsal eht os.

Matthew 20:16

Can you turn this text around, and demonstrate what Jesus taught us? Flip it around and see!

Memory Verse



Bible Tip!

Have you noticed where the Bible stories come from during the Pentecost season this year? This year, our Bible stories come from the gospel of Matthew. Matthew is the first book in the New Testament.

Time for Generosity

The landowner in the story paid everyone the same amount. Read these story verses to figure out what time to draw on each clock.

EARLY MORNING	
 MATTHEW 20:3	
 MATTHEW 20:5	
 MATTHEW 20:5	
 MATTHEW 20:6	
EVENING	