



*Worshiping, serving, and living with a fresh vision
of God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 27, 2026 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS:

Each moment is pregnant with the possibility of receiving God's grace...
returning to right relationship with God and those around us and receiving the future
as open rather than determined. ~ David Lose, *In the Meantime*

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

My Prayer Is to Thee

Dennis Eliot

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: The God of life be with you.

All: And also with you!

GATHERING SONG #442 *Just as I Am* (vs. 3, 4)

Donna Benson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jen DeWaard

One: Watch and listen for the wonders of our God.

All: Our God is among us.

One: Watch and listen for the goodness of our God.

All: Our God moves among us.

One: Watch and listen, for God is here.

All: Our God dwells among us.

One: Let us worship God together!

*OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (Bulletin/Slides)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray:

All: Disturb the habits of our sin, God.

Rouse us from the sleep that cradles sin's embrace.

Show us your ways.

Highlight what we can change, and change what we cannot.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Come All You Children

ANTHEM *You Are Not Alone*

Music by Molly Ijames, Lyrics by Eileen Berry

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 2: 1 – 13

Psalms 78:1-4, Common English Bible

Matthew 21: 23 - 32

One: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* (Bulletin/Slides)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you. If you have a prayer request, you are invited to fill out a prayer card (found in the pew-backs) and put it in the offering plate. The ushers will deliver it to the pastors.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* arr. Marvin Gaspard

***DOXOLOGY** #606

**All: Praise God whose image we all bear.
Praise Christ whose mercy we all share.
Praise Spirit making justice grow.
One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**All: Loving God, we present now what we have brought to you.
Things that are both visible and invisible.
The tangible gifts represent our work
and express in a clear and visible way our love and thanks.
But we also bring as an offering
our fragile dreams and hopes for your world.
Receive all that we have brought in love. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator," "Our Mother," or "Our Parent."

All: 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.

***HYMN** #630 *Fairest Lord Jesus* (vs. 1-3)

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** #203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* (Refrain x2)

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis, FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Jen DeWaard, Donna Benson, Karen Howells.

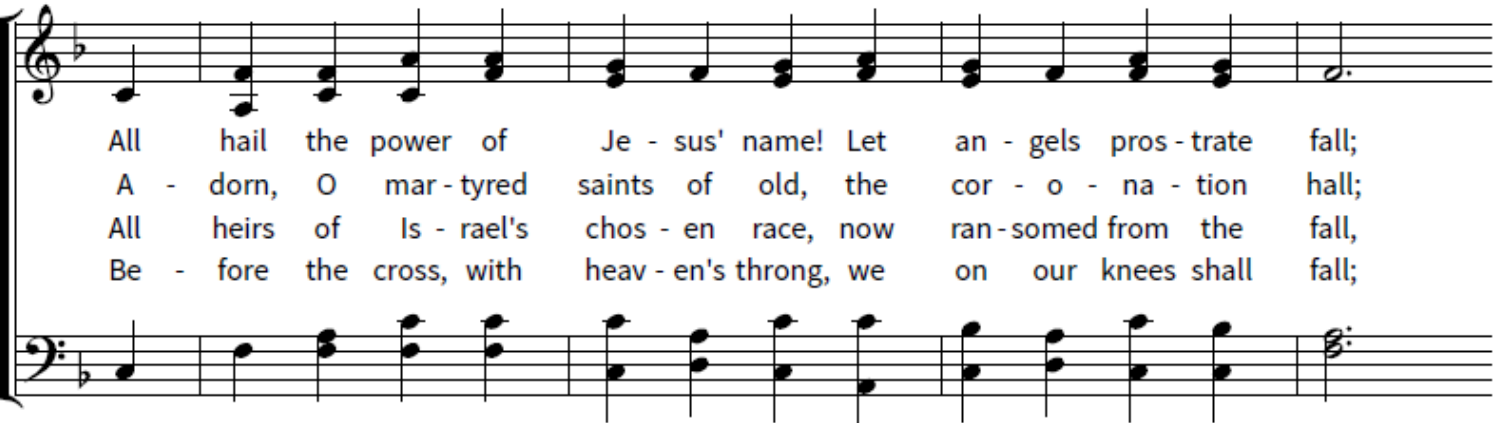
Thanks to: Sound and Video Don and Kathy Sexton Ben Van Kempen, Ushers Mike Clark and his team, Bus Drivers Bill and Janet Haines, M&M Café Providers Libby Dickinson, Linda Winkelmann, Chris Urbaniak, and Nursery Care Providers, Kiki Lemen, Sandy Peterson, Melanie and Marian Reynolds and Katie DeVries.

Next Week:

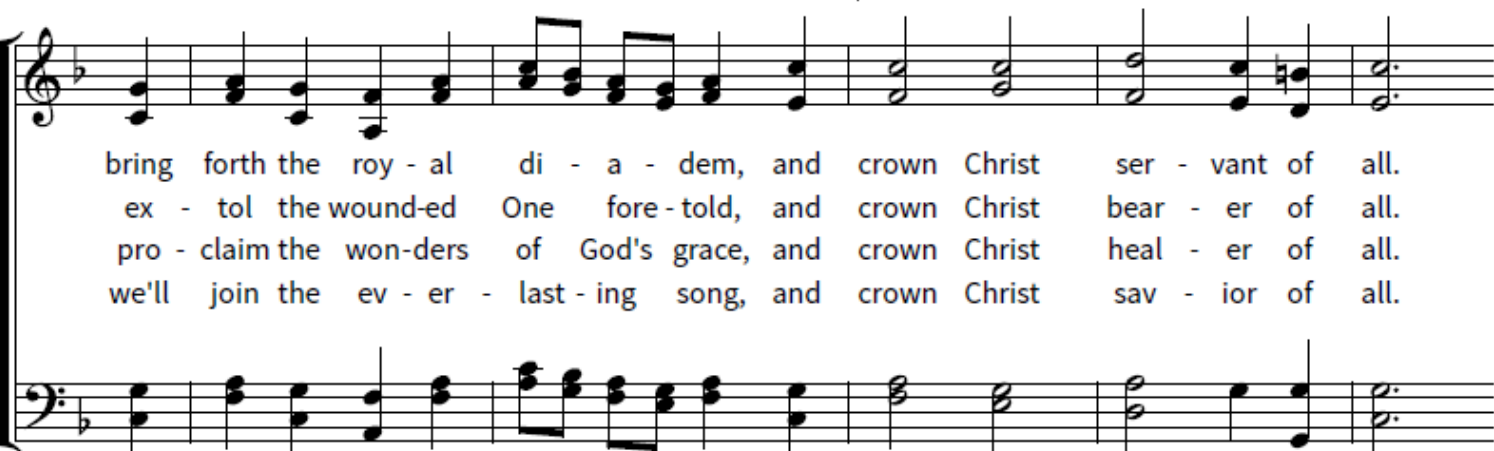
Ushers – Paul Vander Kolk and his team. Bus Drivers – Alan Martens and Barb Schreur. Liturgist – Nora Teutsch. M & M – Larry and Priscilla Grinwis, Janet and Vern Hostetler. Sound and Video – Tim Richardson, Ben Van Kempen. Nursery – Kiki Leman, Sandy Peterson, Corene, Lena, and Mara D'Adonna. Communion Prep – Michele Richardson. Communion – Tim and Nancy Staal, Lauren Stouffer and Barb Schreur, Janet and Vern Hostetler.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

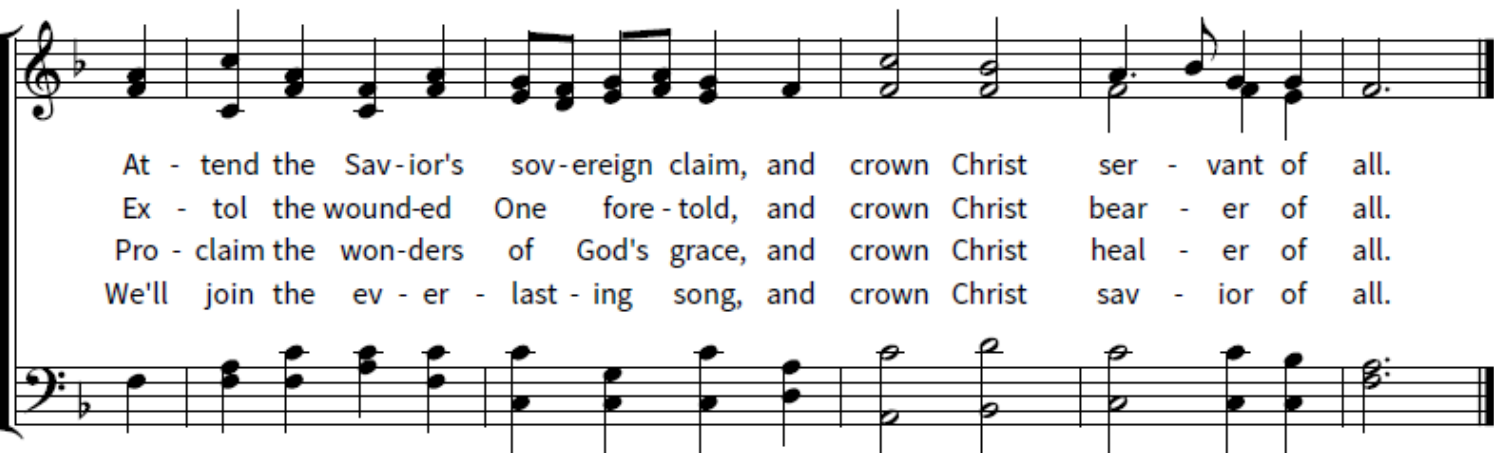
CORONATION



All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
A - dorn, O mar - tyred saints of old, the cor - o - na - tion hall;
All heirs of Is - rael's chos - en race, now ran - somed from the fall,
Be - fore the cross, with heav - en's throng, we on our knees shall fall;



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.
ex - tol the wound - ed One fore - told, and crown Christ bear - er of all.
pro - claim the won - ders of God's grace, and crown Christ heal - er of all.
we'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Christ sav - ior of all.

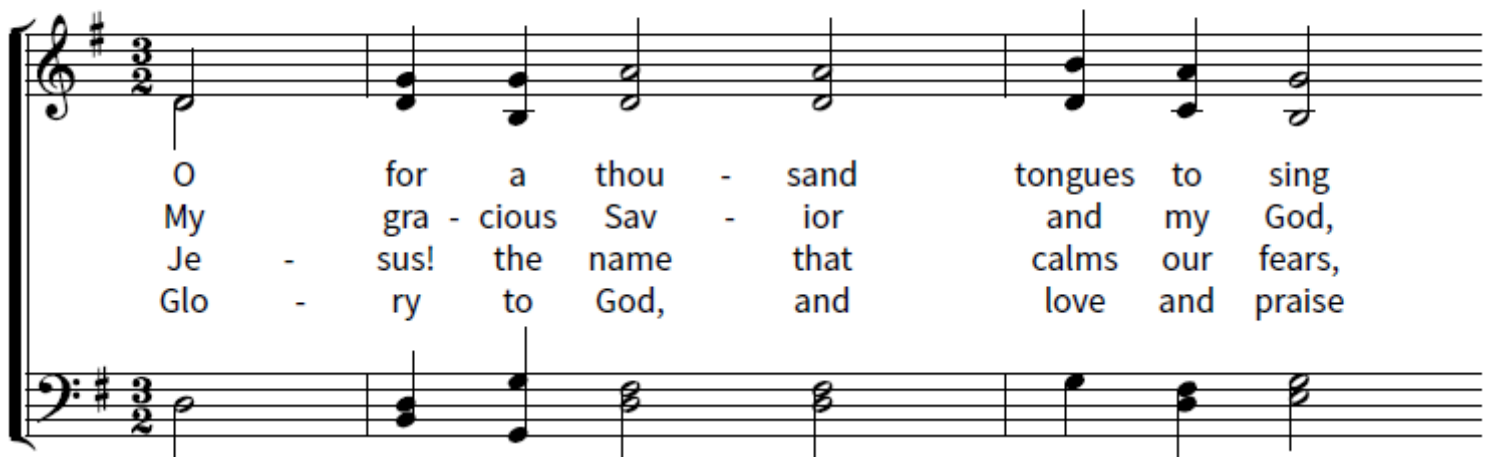


At - tend the Sav - ior's sov - ereign claim, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.
Ex - tol the wound - ed One fore - told, and crown Christ bear - er of all.
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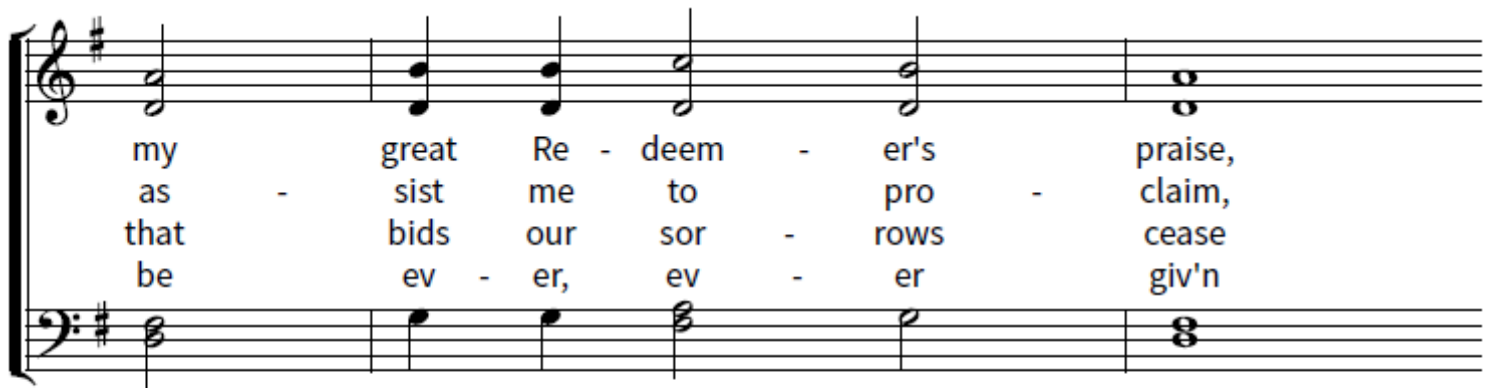
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Wesley

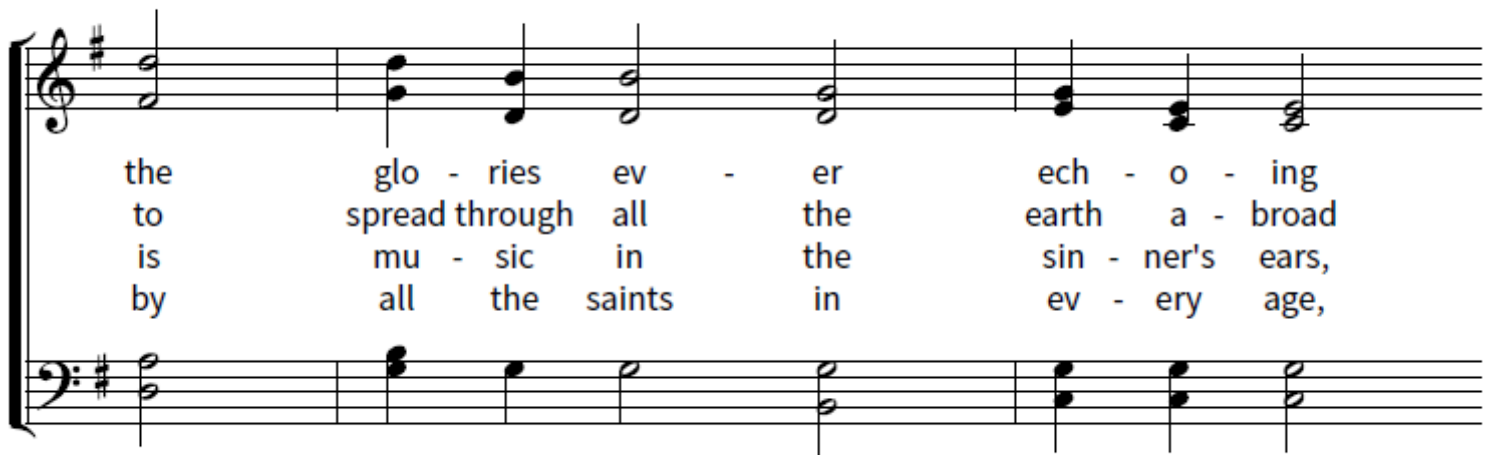
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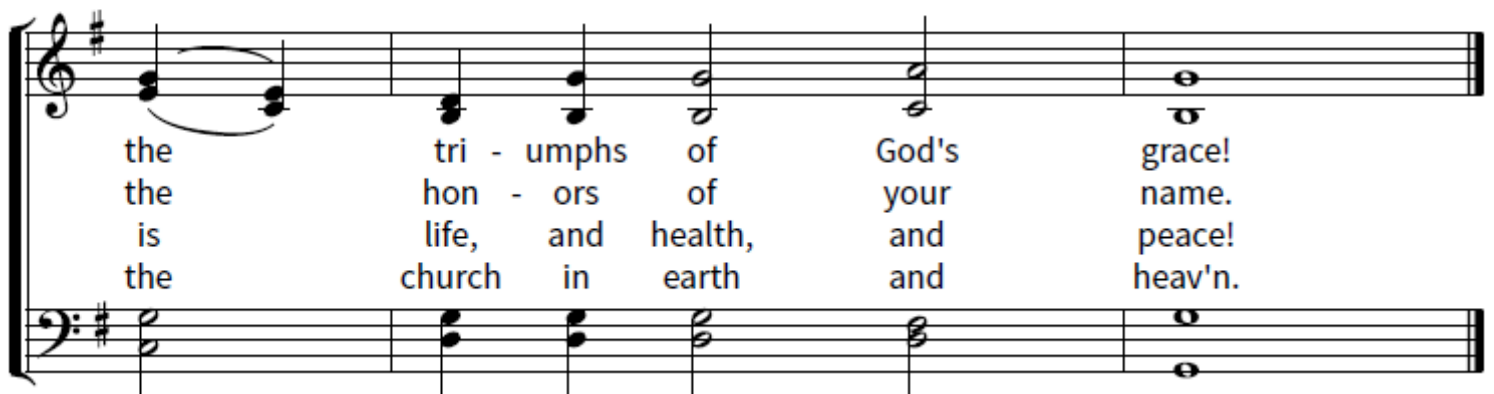
O for a thou - sand tongues to sing
My gra - cious Sav - ior and my God,
Je - sus! the name that calms our fears,
Glo - ry to God, and love and praise



my great Re - deem - er's praise,
as - sist me to - er's pro - claim,
that bids our sor - rows cease
be ev - er, ev - er giv'n



the glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing
to spread through all the earth a - broad
is mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears,
by all the saints in ev - ery age,

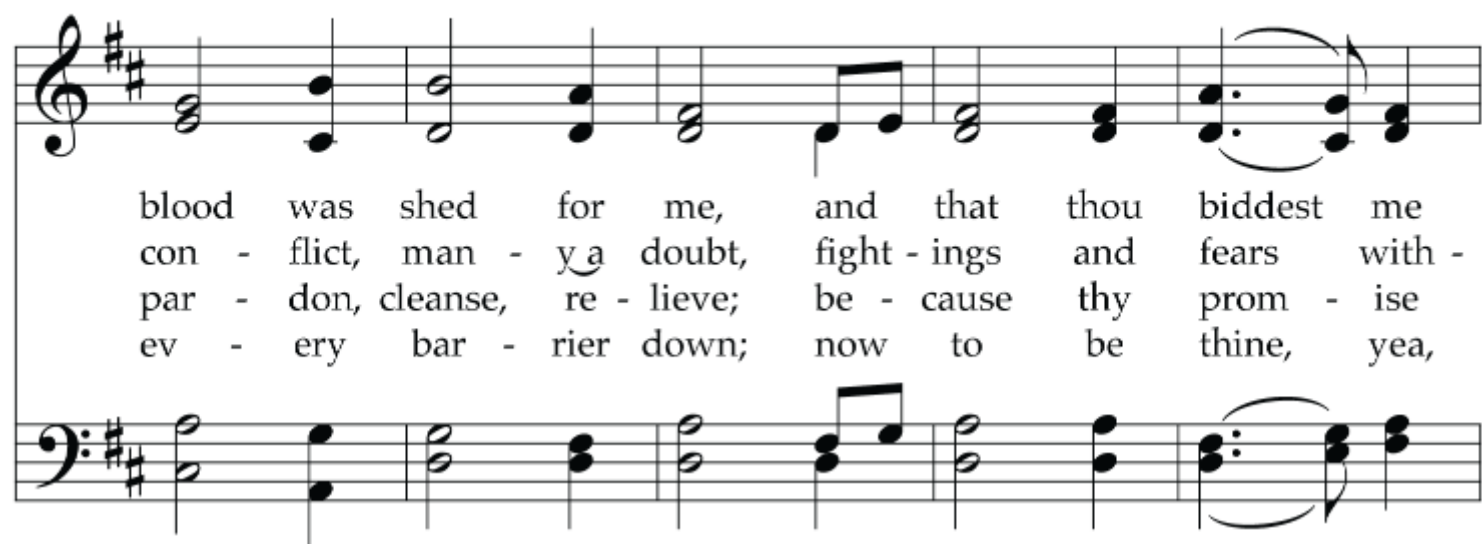


the tri - umphs of God's grace!
the hon - ors of your name.
is life, and health, and peace!
the church in earth and heav'n.

442 Just as I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
 4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



come to thee,
 in, with - out,
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
 thine a - lone,

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Animals // Today at 3:00pm. All creatures great and small (or a photo of them if they are shy) are invited to the blessing of the animals. We will gather on the church playground to give thanks for the creatures who bring so much love and joy to our lives.

World Communion Offering (October 4) // World Communion Sunday is just a few weeks away, and we traditionally receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering on this day. This denominational offering has been renamed...and it will be easy to remember: the World Communion Offering. The recipients of the WCO are engaged in racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. Look for bulletin inserts to learn more about this vital denominational work.

Theatre Outing // Join us for the musical comedy *The Addams Family*, at HCT on October 3rd at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$22. Sign up in the lobby. Dinner at 5:30pm at the Curraugh is optional.

Men's Book Group // We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:30pm at FPC. Our next meeting is October 12 discussing Chicago's Great Fire by Carl Smith. Questions? Contact Don Cowie.

Habitat for Humanity Work Date // Mark your calendar for October 15. Work dates often fill up quickly so plan accordingly. Contact Bill Haines with questions, wehaines@icloud.com

Good Samaritan // We are collecting household items for the family shelter units provided by Good Samaritan. They have several family shelter units for families waiting for housing. The collection will be for the month of September into early October. A complete list of needed items is located near the Outreach shelves or in the Wednesday, eWeekly email. Bring items to the church and place them in the Outreach shelves Thank you for helping our neighbors.

Memorial Service Planning Workshop // Tuesday, October 20th at 2:00PM - Fellowship Hall.

When you attend the memorial service for a friend or family member, do you ever think to yourself, "I would like to have that music played at my service." (Or maybe I don't want that read at my funeral!) We think about these things in the moment, but we don't always take time to write them down.

When the time comes, it is so helpful to family members to have an idea of what their loved one wanted. Your input also helps the pastors create a service that is a genuine celebration of your life on this earth.

Join Cathy and Paul for an opportunity to think through the various components of a memorial service, to ask your questions, and to take a moment to write down your ideas.

If you have questions or can't attend but would like more information, please feel free to contact Cathy or Paul.

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Tim Staal

Class of 2028: Jon Kreple, Lauren Stouffer,
Chris Urbaniak

Class of 2029: Alana Cocanour, Paula Perkins

Children's Programming During Worship:

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship. If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age. Available for the whole service.
- Celebration Time - 4 years of age through 1st grade. Available after Children's Time.

Education Offerings After Worship:

Education hour is from 11:15a -12:00p. *All are welcome to participate!*

- Adult Class - Michigan Room
- Youth - Youth Room
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years

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