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October 6, 2024 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday

Spirit of God

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted that you have joined us this Lord's Day. If you'd like to learn more about our mission and ministry, we invite you to speak to Rev. Susan. Restrooms & changing table are at the end of the hall to the left. Thank you for being with us!

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD Hosanna, loud hosanna

(GTG #197, vs. 1)

CHORAL INTROIT CALL TO WORSHIP

> Leader: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! **Congregation: We proclaim your name to the whole human family.** Leader: We praise you in the midst of this congregation:

Congregation: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Let us continue to praise our majestic Creator.

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, sometimes we do not understand why bad things happen to good people. Sometimes all we can do is lift up our eyes and hearts to heaven, and scream out loud, Why? Sometimes we do not want to persist in our integrity; we allow our suffering to lead to despair. Yet wisdom comes from listening to your Word. Enable us to see the life you have given us through the laughter, joy, trial, and tribulation of your son Jesus Christ, who lived, suffered, died, and was raised for us. In his name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we reflect on the goodness and majesty of God, we cannot help but recognize our own mortal frailty and failing. And yet, God cares for us. Emboldened by God's love, we can be honest in confession, assured already of God's grace. Let us confess together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, who are we humans, that you pay any attention to us? And yet, you have entrusted us to care for all of creation. We confess the times we have thought too highly of ourselves, and the ways we have twisted our charge to care for creation into permission to dominate and subdue it. We confess the same human tendencies to dominate and subdue other people. It is easy for us to ignore or take for granted our own privilege, rather than seeking to dismantle unjust systems of supremacy. Your desire is for peace, but so often we choose comfort and call it peace. Remind us of who we are, and whose we are. Remind us of our interdependence with creation, and our dependence on you, our Creator. Set our hearts and minds on your will, made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE From Olivet they followed DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all children of the one God. Jesus is not ashamed to call us his beloved siblings and family. Our sin is forgiven, we are made one with Christ and with each other. Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN NO. 581

(GTG #197, vs. 2)

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end! Amen, amen

THE PEACE

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Gloria Burns

Lani Smith

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Through All the World Below

arr. Robert W. Lehman

Through all the world below, God is seen all around; Search hills and valleys through, There he's found. The growing of the corn, The lily and the thorn, The pleasant and forlorn, All declare God is there, In the meadows dressed in green, There he's seen.

See springs of water rise, Fountains flow, rivers run; The mist below the skies Hides the sun; Then down the rain doth pour The ocean it doth roar, And dash against the shore, All to praise, in their lays, That God that ne'er declines His designs.

The sun, to my surprise, Speaks of God as he flies: The comets in their blaze Give him praise; The shining of the stars The moon as it appears, His sacred name declares; See them shine, all divine! The shades in silence prove God's above.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of wisdom, though we are mere mortals, you are mindful of us. You know the voices inside and out that distract us. You know the words we need to hear. By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us now to receive your holy, life-giving Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS		Pew Bible Page #
OLD TESTAMENT	Job 1:1, 2:1-10	OT P 453
PSALM	Psalm 26	OT P 502
NEW TESTAMENT	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	NT P 218
GOSPEL	Mark 10:2-16	NT P 46
		Reverend Susan Balfour

SERMON

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN 506 Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table INVITATION GREAT THANKSGIVING (see insert) WORDS OF INSTITUTION RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER MINUTE FOR MISSION

Andrew Allen

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING



On World Communion Sunday, we are especially mindful of our connection to the global church, and our call to work for peace and justice. Our financial gifts add to our offerings of time, energy, and love as we seek to be people of peace and reconciliation. We have received in abundance from God. From that abundance, let us give, joyfully and generously. You may present your offering at the front of the sanctuary, or if you prefer to contribute electronically, you can do so using the PayPal QR Code in your bulletin or visit our website at fpcmilledgeville.org.



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Todd Kendall

OFFERTORY *DOXOLOGY Communion in Christ **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!**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy God, we trust in the provision of your love and the abundance of your grace. May the gifts we offer sow seeds of peace and justice. Enable us to use them according to your will, until each child finds welcome, and all of creation is healed and reconciled to you. Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 546Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessings*CHARGE AND BENEDICTIONGo in Peace. AMEN!CHORAL BENEDICTIONHosanna in the highest!POSTLUDEChrist the RedeemerTom Birchwood

Liturgy written by Rev. Stephanie Sorge, provided by Presbyterian Outlook



Our deepest condolences to Reverend Susan Balfour on the death of her Aunt, Dee Hartmann. Please be in prayer for her family as they grieve this deep loss.

CHURCH FAMILY:

Wesley Applebury, cancer recurrence and treatment, attending seminary in Atlanta, Columbia Theological Seminary, D. Wesley Applebury, Box 289, 701 S. Columbia Dr., Decatur, GA 30030

Jack Bivens, ongoing health concerns- at Autumn Lane in Gray, GA Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns

Ellen Thompson, waiting on double hip replacement

EXTENDED FAMILY:

LIMITED MOBILITY Helen Danuser

Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues Brad Blackham, friend of Jennifer Flory, open heart surgery/valve replacement and recoverv Michael Bledsoe, Mary Lucik's grandson, multiple health concerns Brittany Caruthers, Sunda Coleman's niece, ongoing health concerns Blake Connlly, Mary Lucik's great grandson, ongoing health concerns Bella Covone, Susan Balfour's niece, idiopathic hypertension Susan Eilers, Mary Lucik's friend, cancer Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer Marshall Hodgman, Donna Gautier's son, recovering from heart surgery at home Alonzo Kelley, Craig Callender's father, Stage 4 Melenoma Velma Kelley, Craig Callender's grandmother, ongoing health concerns Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns Ben Morgan, Jennifer Flory's brother, ongoing concerns Janie Mullis, Bill Werts' son-in-law's mother, ongoing health concerns Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues- at Carlyle House in Macon Paul Orman, Barbra Orman's husband, ongoing health concerns Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, recovering at home; dialysis Runette Pounds, Sunda Coleman's mother, ongoing health concerns Gloria Roberts, Bill Werts' cousin, recovering from a traumatic fall Paul Schrage, Carrie Cook's father, ongoing health concerns Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis Windy Spaide, Craig Callender's sister, ongoing health concerns Special friend of Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards son-in-law, ongoing health concerns Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments Jeanene Vinson, former secretary at FPC, ongoing health concerns Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care Wayne Woodard, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's **IN ASSISTED LIVING** George and Nan Carpenter, PO Box 527, Jefferson, GA 30549 Jude Hirsch, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place

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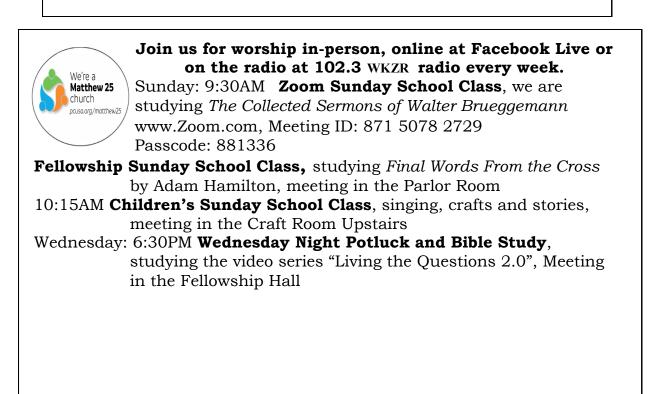
THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: October 6-October 13

Today	9:30	Sunday School
5	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship with communion
	12:00	Youth Group
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship
Monday	7:00	MSG
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
-	11:00	Presbyterian Women Bible Study
	12:00	Kiwanis
Wednesday	6:30	Pot Luck and Bible Study
	6:30	The Bridge UMC Bible Study
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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

Congregation: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

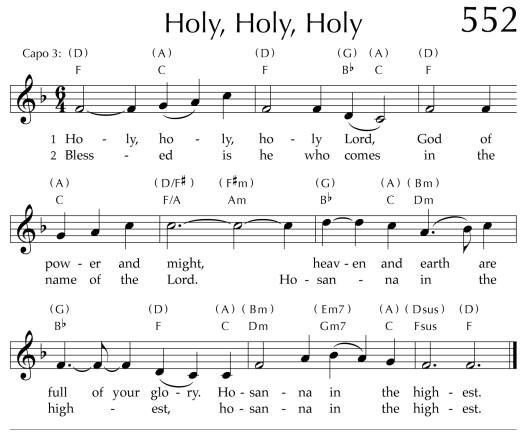
Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

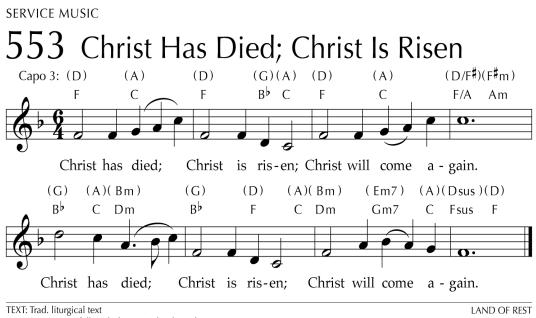


TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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According to Christ's commandment: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory...



MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984 Music Arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.





Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.





SENDING



This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.