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Sunday, October 12, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Aria (from *Suite Modale*)

Flor Peeters

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

O God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
God of Leah, Rebekah, and Rachel.

God of Tamar, Ruth, and Mary,
God of Peter, John, and Paul.

O God of the past, present, and future,
**God of all men and women who have served you so
faithfully throughout the ages.**

We do declare:

Glory be to you, o Lord, most high!

Gospel Praise

I Heard The Voice of Jesus
Westminster Harmony Chorale

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women
who have lived and died in service to you...and to us. Forgive
us when we fail to follow their example or fail to express our
gratitude for their commitment. Keep before us the lives of**

your faithful people to guide and inspire us so that we may participate in the work of your kingdom and so bring glory to your name. Amen.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

***Response GTG #839** Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!
 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long. (2x)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Ruth 4:13-21

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem Who Shall Separate Us from the Love of Christ? Gilbert Martin
Chancel Choir

Second Reading Matthew 1:1-6, 12-16

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith (Brief Confession of 1991)**

We trust in God who...

acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to
bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel from the house of
bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still!

***Hymn GTG #761** Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Call to Offering

Organ Offertory

'Down Ampney'

arr. Wilbur Held

Come down, O Love Divine, see out this world of mine and visit it with your own ardor glowing...
For none can guess God's grace, til Love creates a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

***Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

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.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn GTG #546 Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

*Benediction

Postlude Choral (from *Suite Modale*) Flor Peeters

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Loren M. Scribner, Guest Preacher
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist
Victor Boyd, Westminster Harmony Chorale Director
Jerrold Lee, Westminster Harmony Chorale Assistant Director
Jim McCreadie, Liturgist
Deven Humphreys, Alexandra Wright, Acolytes
*Those who are able may stand.

Today's Anthem

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, distress, or persecution, famine, or nakedness, peril, or sword? Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering to God, giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father. Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



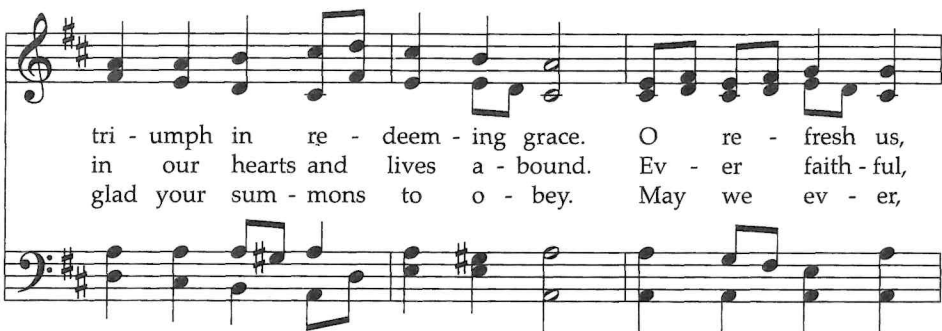
546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.