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are the
works
of the
Lord.

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Sunday, September 17, 2023
16th Sunday after Pentecost

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ arr. Mark Sedio

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

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

Minute for Mission

Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

Bless God's holy name.

God forgives. God heals. God transforms with steadfast love.

Bless God's holy name.

Gospel Praise

Marvelous

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings,
you desire to gather your children.**

But division and disagreement plague us.

**We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance,
and fail to listen.**

We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it.

Forgive us, Holy God.

**Help us grow in faith, mature in relationships,
and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen.**

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
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. Amen.**

***Hymn AAHH #252**

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Call to Offering

We are cautious as we gather for worship. We are not currently passing an offering plate. We have placed an offering plate outside the sanctuary where you may place your offerings.

Invitation to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

***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.**

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

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.**

***Hymn GTG #688** Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

***Benediction**

Postlude Theme & Variant – *Balletto del Gran Duca* Jan Sweelinck

(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 worshiping.)

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Marianne Grano, Guest Preacher
Dalos Grobe, Organist/Chancel Choir Director
Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director
Ishmael Taylor, Liturgist

Today's Anthem

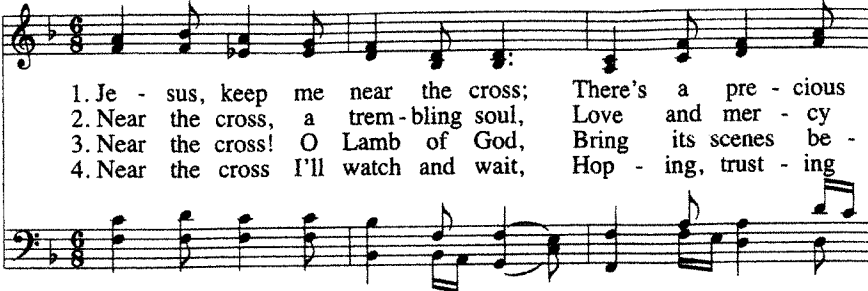
'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed. To turn, turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

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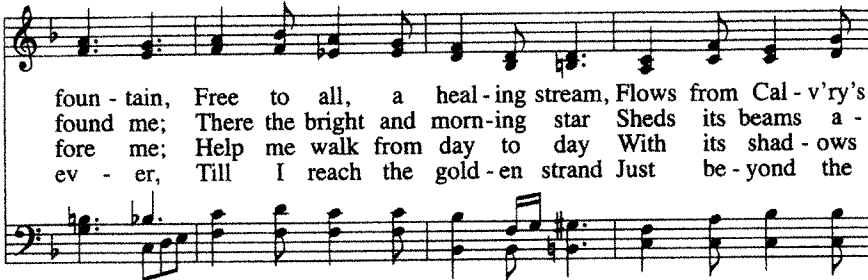
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252 JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

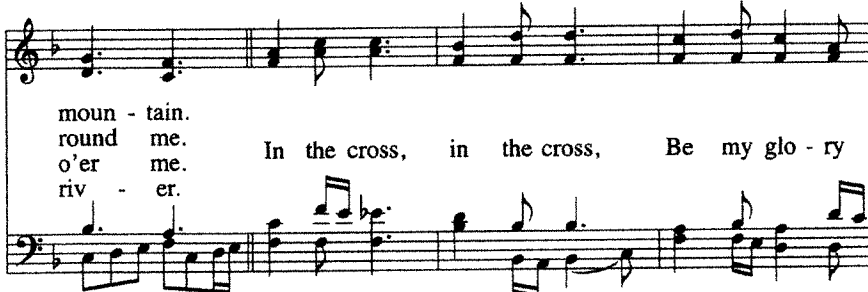
And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.
John 12:32



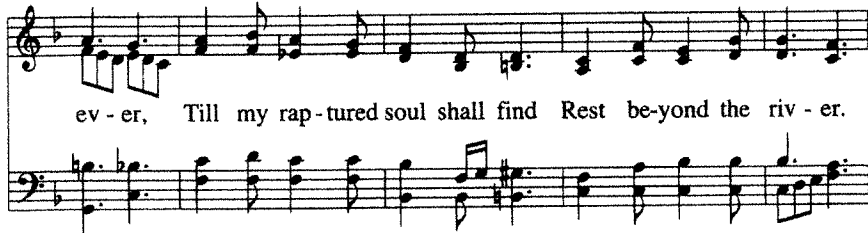
1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross; There's a pre - cious
 2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy
 3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be -
 4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing



foun - tain, Free to all, a heal - ing stream, Flows from Cal - v'ry's
 found me; There the bright and morn - ing star Sheds its beams a -
 fore me; Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ows
 ev - er, Till I reach the gold - en strand Just be - yond the



moun - tain.
 round me. In the cross, in the cross, Be my glo - ry
 o'er me.
 riv - er.



ev - er, Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er.

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.