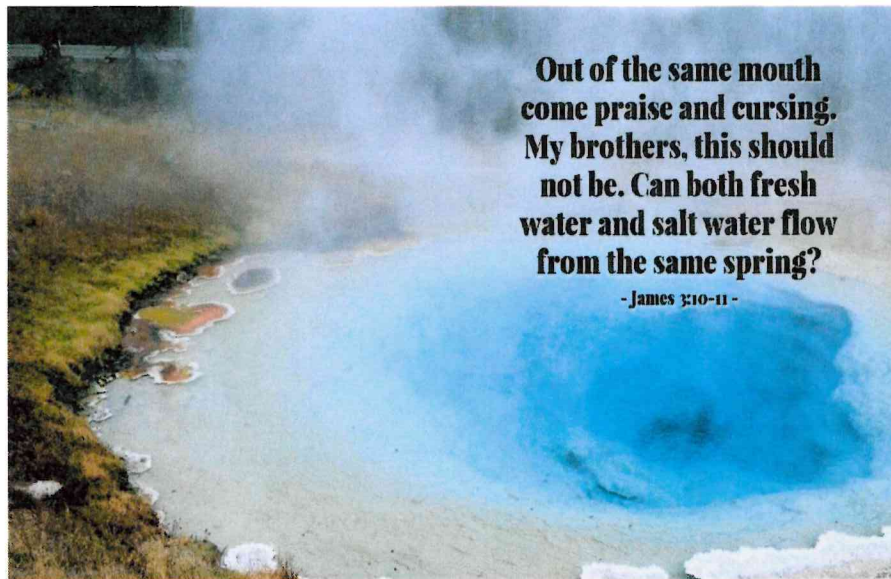


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WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF DETROIT



**Out of the same mouth
come praise and cursing.
My brothers, this should
not be. Can both fresh
water and salt water flow
from the same spring?**

-James 3:10-11-

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Sunday, September 15, 2024
10:00AM
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Simple Gifts

arr. David Shelat

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

Let us pray to the Lord our God who made heaven and earth
and all things in it.

Come, let us worship and fall down before the King and our God.

Let us pray to the Lord our God for this holy house and all those
who worship in it.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, the King, and our God.

Let us pray to the Lord our God for our city and the whole world
and all who dwell upon it.

**Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, himself, the King,
and our God.**

Where two or three are gathered in your name, Christ our God,
you assure us you are truly present. Prepare our hearts to meet you.

Gospel Praise

Mary Don't You Weep
Gospel Choir

Call to Confession

Lord, we stumble daily. We are prone to forget what is most important. We build our lives on sand when you offer us a rock. We base our happiness and wellbeing on things that pass away while you invite us into abundant, eternal life. Help us, Lord, and forgive us. Teach us and guide us. Heal us and take our weak and feeble hands and lead us to your path of peace and righteousness so that we might live for you and praise your name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit now and forevermore. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

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** They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
 And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Proverbs 1:20-33

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

**Bless the Lord, O My Soul
Chancel Choir**

Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

Second Reading

James 3: 1-12

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through whom all things were made.
Who for us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and for life in the world to come. Amen.

-Nicene Creed, 325 A.D.

***Hymn GTG #15** All Creatures of Our God and King

Call to Offering

*If you would like to make an offering online, scan the QR code located in the
Westminster News section of today's bulletin.*

Invitation to Offering

Organ Offertory Meditation on Now Thank We All Our God Charles Callahan

***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 AAHH #127** Father, I Stretch My Hands to Thee

Benediction

Postlude Now Thank We All Our God arr. Wilbur Held

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. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist
Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director
Gwen Matthews, Liturgist

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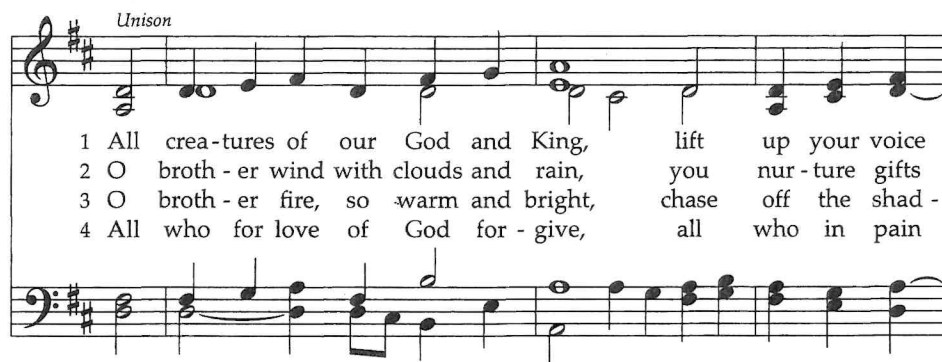
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Today's Anthem

Bless the Lord, O my soul, blessed art Thou, O Lord; bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits...and all that is within me, bless His holy name. He is gracious and plenteous in mercy. He crowneth thee with loving kindness. He will not always chide, nor keep His wrath forever. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

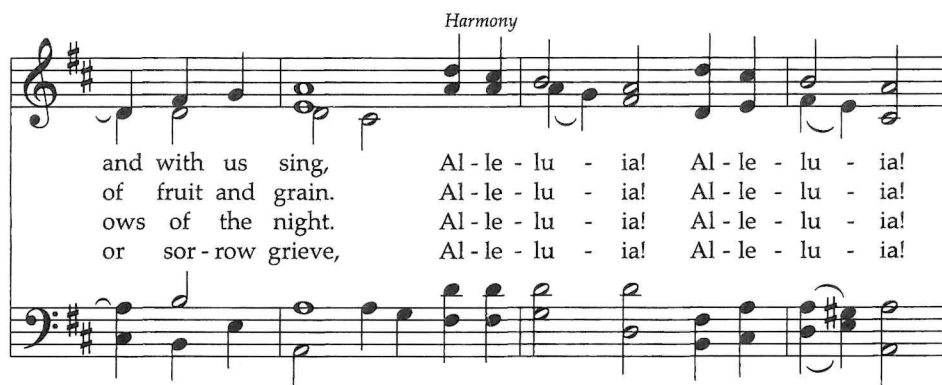
15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison



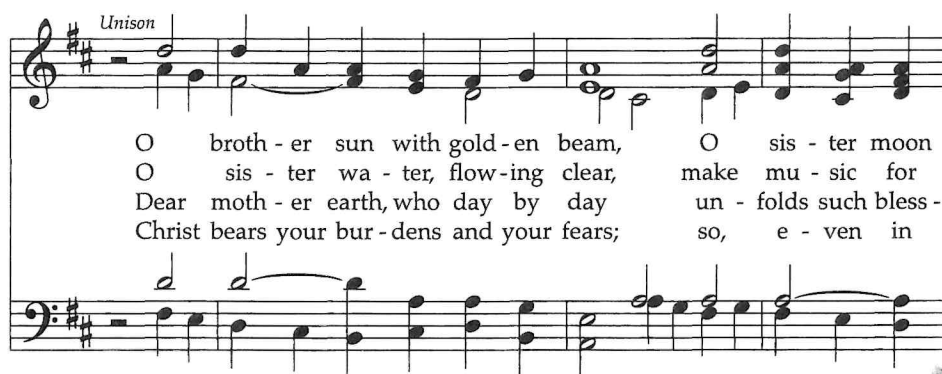
1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

Harmony



and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ous of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison



O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Harmony

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

127 FATHER, I STRETCH MY HANDS TO THEE

I stretch out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.

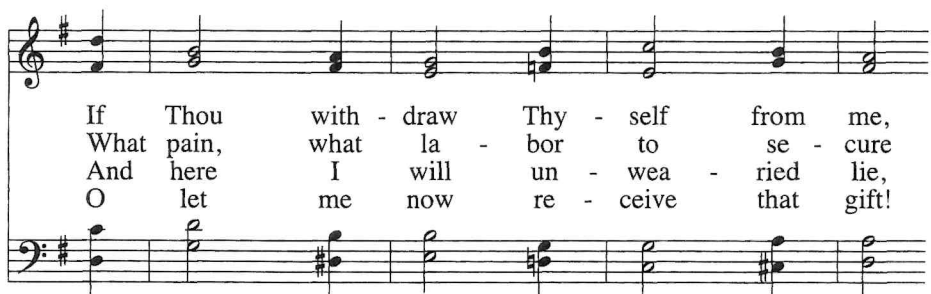
Psalm 143:6-7



1. Fa - ther, I stretch my hands to Thee;
 2. What did Thine on - ly Son en - dure,
 3. Sure - ly Thou canst not let me die;
 4. Au - thor of faith! to Thee I lift



No oth - er help I know.
 Be - fore I drew my breath!
 O speak and I shall live;
 My wea - ry, long - ing eyes;



If Thou with - draw Thy - self from me,
 What pain, what la - bor to se - cure
 And here I will un - wea - ried lie,
 O let me now re - ceive that gift!



O! whith - er shall I go?
 My soul from end - less death!
 Till Thou Thy Spir - it give.
 My soul with - out it dies.