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Sunday, October 5, 2025
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday
Camp Sunday

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Prelude on 'St. Columba'

Searle Wright

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

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it.

What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?
We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Gospel Praise

Praise Is What I Do
Westminster Harmony Chorale

Camp Sunday Minute

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own. Our vision of your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the manner of Christ. 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!
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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 Psalm 19: 1-10, 14

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Isaiah 55: 8-13

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle's Creed, c. 150 AD)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn GTG #664**

Morning Has Broken

Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

O Jesus, Blessed Lord

John Helgen

***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

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn AAHH #271

Amazing Grace
vv. 1-2, 5

*Benediction

Postlude

Hornpipe (from *Water Music*)

G.F. Handel

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, Westminster Harmony Chorale Director
Jerrold Lee, Westminster Harmony Chorale Assistant Director
Dianne Phillips, Liturgist
Myiesha Mokom, Miriam Mokom, Acolytes

*Those who are able may stand.

Morning Has Broken

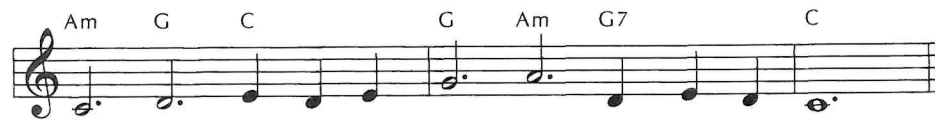
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- 1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

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 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012
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271 AMAZING GRACE

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.
Ephesians 2:8*

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to
 4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand

sound That saved a wretch like me!
 fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
 me, His word my hope se - cures;
 snares, I have al - read - y come;
 years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,

I once was lost but now I'm
 How pre - cious did that grace ap -
 He will my shield and por - tion
 'Twas grace hath brought me safe thus
 We've no less days to sing God's

found, Was blind but now I see.
 pear The hour I first be - lieved.
 be As long as life en - dures.
 far, And grace will lead me home.
 praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: St. 1-3, John Newton, 1725-1807, st. 4, attr. to John Rees, fl.1859

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