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Sunday, September 8, 2024
10:00AM
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Children of the Heavenly Father arr. Robert Hobby

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

Christ is in our midst. Today and forevermore!

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Lord, bless this holy house and all those who worship in it.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Lord, have mercy on us and on our city.

Lord, have mercy on our nation and on the whole world.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Christ is in our midst. Let us prepare to meet him.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Gospel Praise

He's My Everything
Gospel Choir

Blessing of the Backpacks

Children are excused to Sunday school following the blessing.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, Word of God, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Lord, we know not what we do. We choose selfishness over love. We choose pride over humility. We choose death over life eternal. Gracious God, have mercy on us and heal us. Guide our footsteps towards your path of peace. Help us to enter through your narrow door. Lord, your mercy is forever and your love knows no boundary. Grant us your peace and help us, Gracious Lord. Amen.

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 22:1-2,8-9, 22-23

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

Anthem

**Worship
Chancel Choir**

Geoffrey Shaw

Second Reading

James 2:1-10

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 #829**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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

This Is My Father's World

arr. John Leavitt

***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 #451**

I Need Thee Every Hour

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, Gospel Choir Director

Tammy Brown, Liturgist

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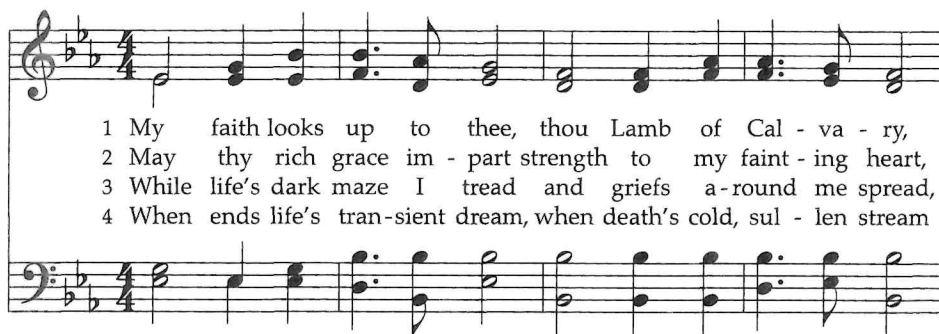
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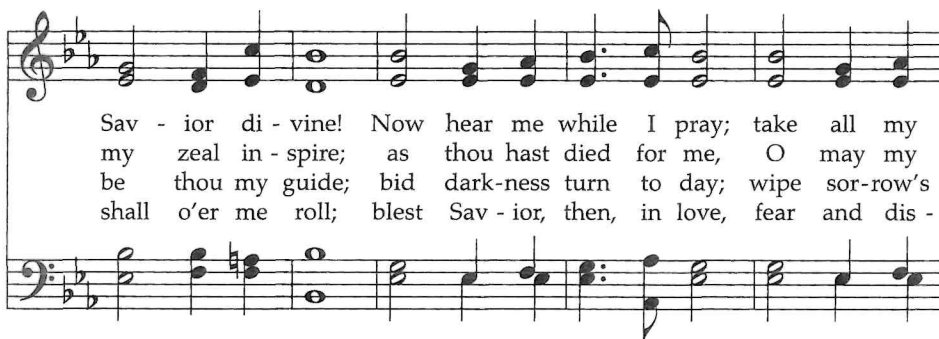
Today's Anthem

O brother man! Fold to thy heart thy brother; where pity dwells, the peace of God is there; to worship rightly is love each other, each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer. Follow with reverent steps that great example of Him whose holy work was "doing good"; so shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple, each loving life a psalm of gratitude. Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangor of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease; love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger, and in the ashes plant the tree of peace!

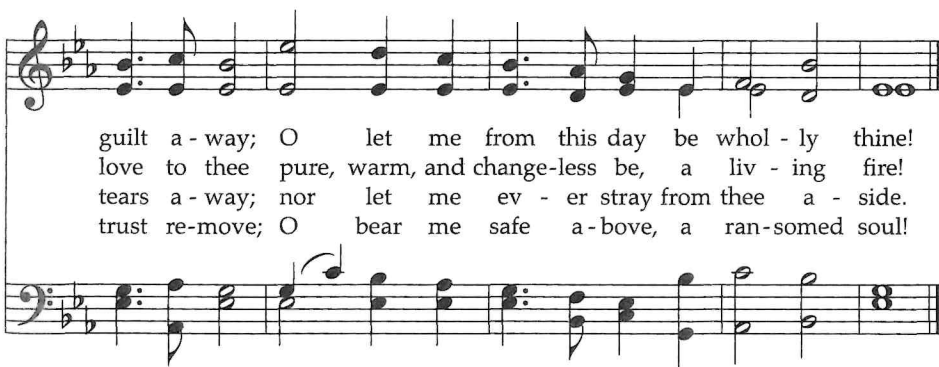
My Faith Looks Up to Thee 829



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran-sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



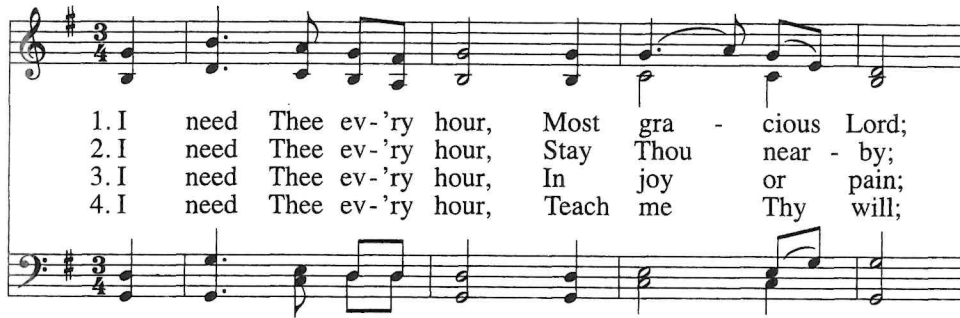
Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -



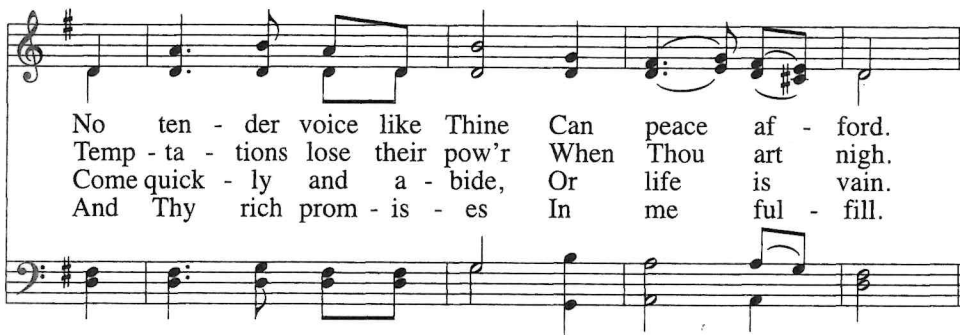
guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way; nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran-somed soul!

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR 451

*With my whole heart I seek You; do not let me stray from Your commandments.
Psalm 119:10*



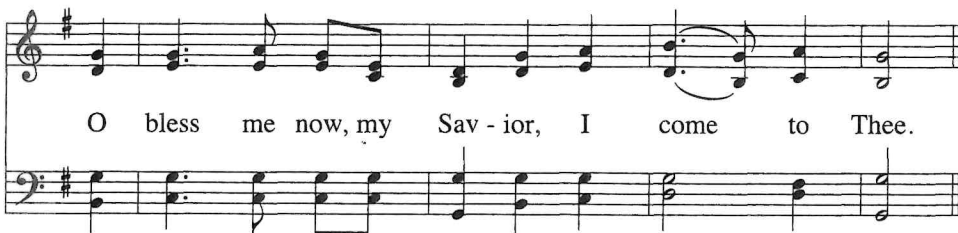
1. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, Most gra - cious Lord;
2. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, Stay Thou near - by;
3. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, In joy or pain;
4. I need Thee ev-'ry hour, Teach me Thy will;



No ten - der voice like Thine Can peace af - ford.
Temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r When Thou art nigh.
Come quick - ly and a - bide, Or life is vain.
And Thy rich prom - is - es In me ful - fill.



I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev - 'ry hour I need Thee;



O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to Thee.