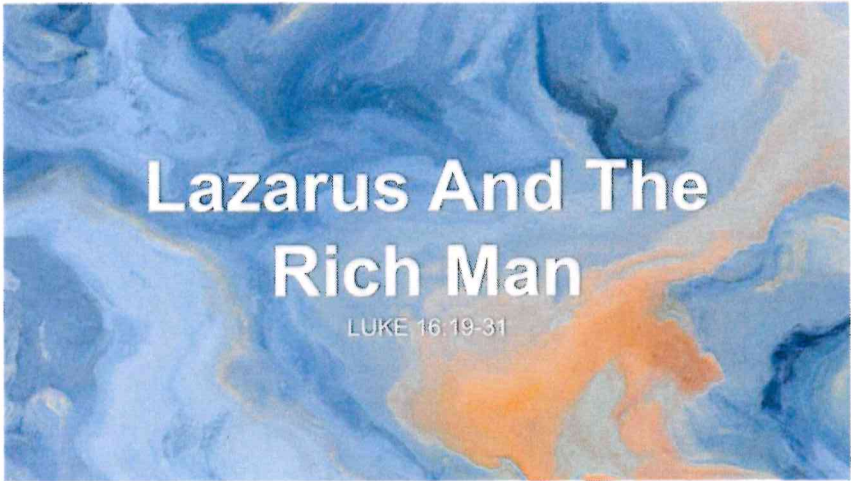


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Lazarus And The Rich Man

LUKE 16:19-31

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Sunday, September 28, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude When We Are Living arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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

Come! Praise the Lord!

Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!

Come! Praise the Lord!

Praise God who feeds the hungry and lifts the downtrodden!

Come! Praise the Lord!

Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!

Come! Praise the Lord!

The Lord will reign forever! Praise the Lord!

Gospel Praise

To God Be The Glory
Westminster Harmony Chorale

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you call us to lives of service, but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need right outside our door. You call us to share our abundance, but we confess that we choose our own comfort over generosity to others. You call us to build community, but we confess that we are too often

gatekeepers, letting in only the ones that make us comfortable. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have –our prosperity, our power, and our love –until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community. Lord, hear our prayer. 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

Psalm 146

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

Anthem

Father, O Forgive Thou Me
Chancel Choir

Nancy Roberts

Second Reading

Luke 16: 19-31

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith (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 #32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Call to Offering

Organ Offertory

Allegretto

Cèsar Franck

***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 #131

Guide My Feet

*Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary

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:

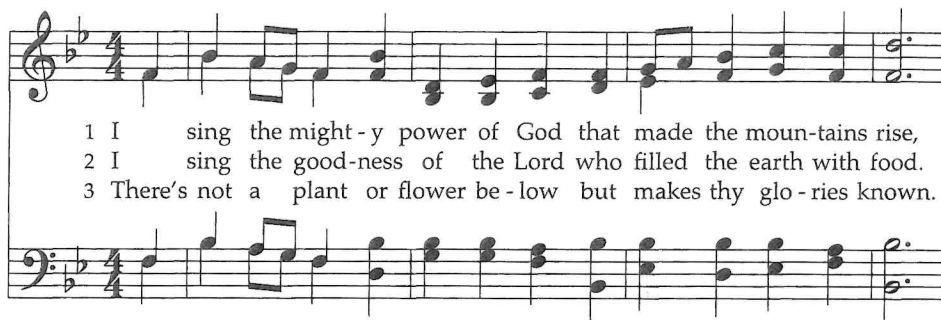
The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist
Victor Boyd, Westminster Harmony Chorale Director
Jerrold Lee, Westminster Harmony Chorale Assistant Director
Marilyn Ngundam-Mokom, Liturgist
Payton Friday, Alexandra Wright, Acolytes

*Those who are able may stand.

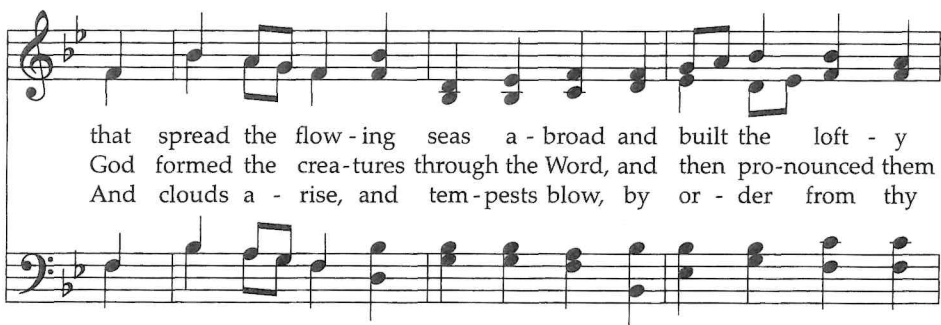
Today's Anthem

Father, O forgive thou me when I drift away, guide my feet to walk with Thee as I live each day, Father, now I humbly pray...O restore thou me, give me peace within, lead me close to Thee, keep me far from sin...come and enter in. Father, O receive thou me when my life is o'er and through all eternity I shall love Thee more...I will worship and adore!

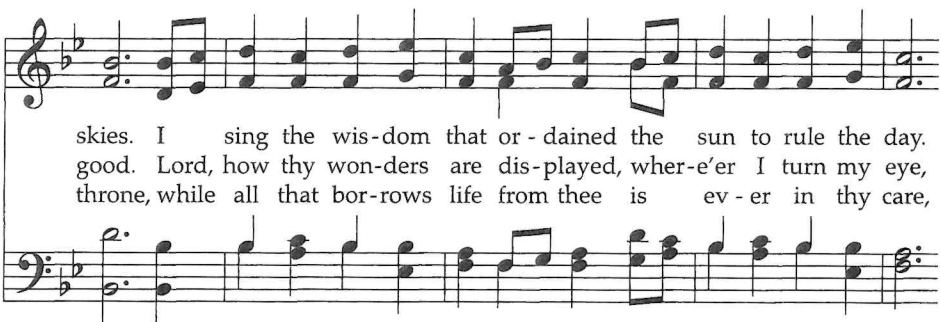
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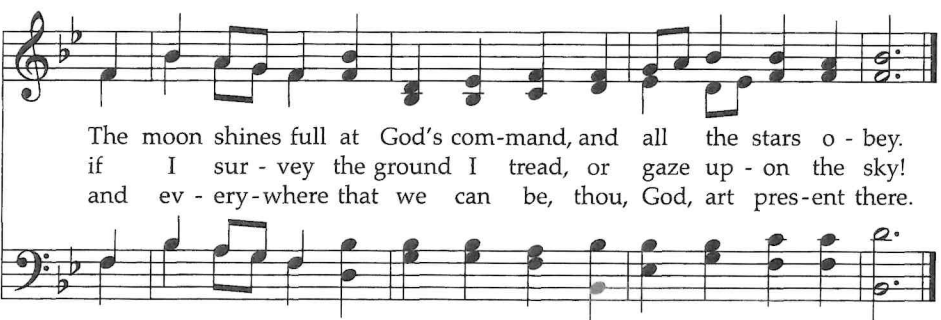
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



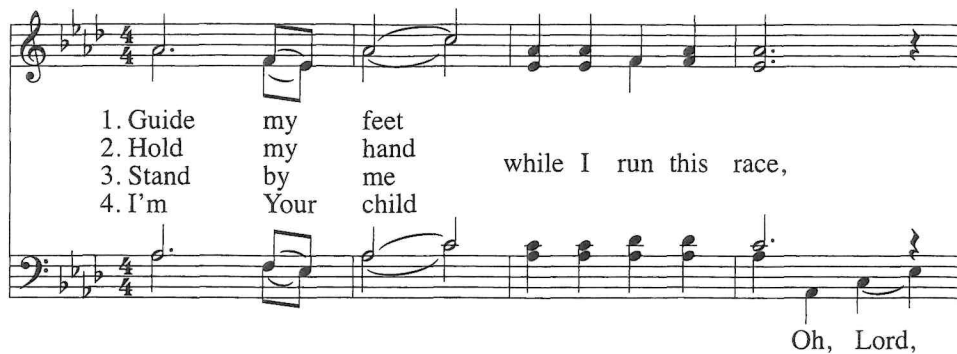
skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

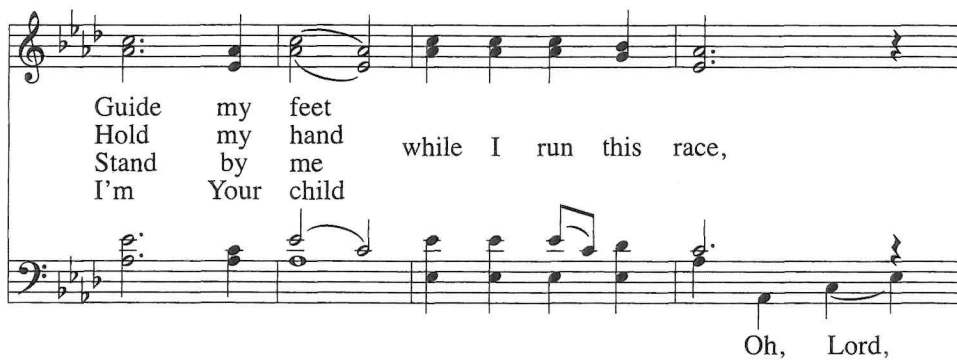
131 GUIDE MY FEET

*By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,... to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Luke 1:78-79*



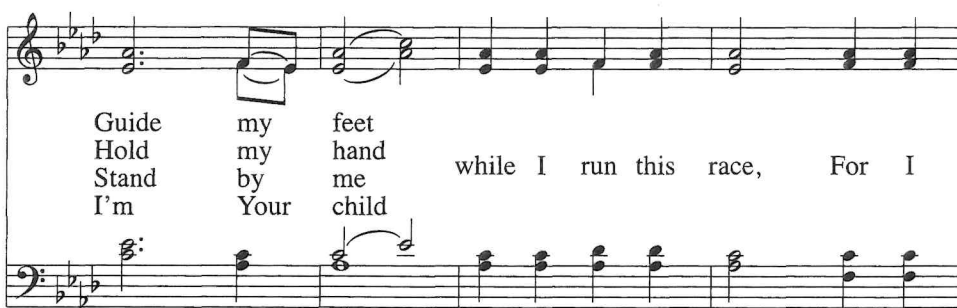
1. Guide my feet
2. Hold my hand while I run this race,
3. Stand by me
4. I'm Your child

Oh, Lord,

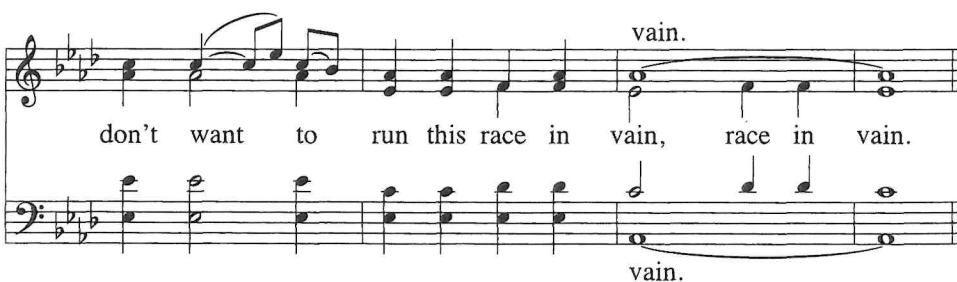


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Oh, Lord,



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I'm Your child



vain.
don't want to run this race in vain, race in vain.
vain.