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Sunday, July 28, 2024
10:00AM
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Cantilena in G

Arthur Foote

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 (based on Psalm 145: 10-18)

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is just and kind.
The Lord is near to all who call on God.

Gospel Praise

Only A Look at Jesus
Gospel Choir

Minute for Mission

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and Gracious God, we are sorry for the way we doubt you and
choose our own way. We make small things big and big things small.**

We prioritize things that pass away while casting to the side holy and eternal things that endure. Forgive us, Lord, and have mercy on us. Set our feet aright and lead us towards you on your path of peace. Lord, you have made all things and you know all things. You work for the good of all those who trust in you. 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 AAHH #321

Spirit Song

**Oh, let the Son of God enfold you, with His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.**

**Oh, let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove,
Will descend upon your life, and make you whole.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

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

Anthem

**Psalm of Peace
Chancel Choir**

Jane Marshall

Second Reading

Mark 6:45-52

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith (A Brief Statement of Faith)**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the plant entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***Hymn AAHH #440**

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

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

A Quiet Prayer

Gilbert Martin

***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 GTG #350** Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Benediction

Postlude Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven arr. Robert Powell

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. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist
Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director
Marilyn Ngundam-Mokom, Liturgist

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440 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVE EXCELLING

We love because He first loved us.

1 John 4:19



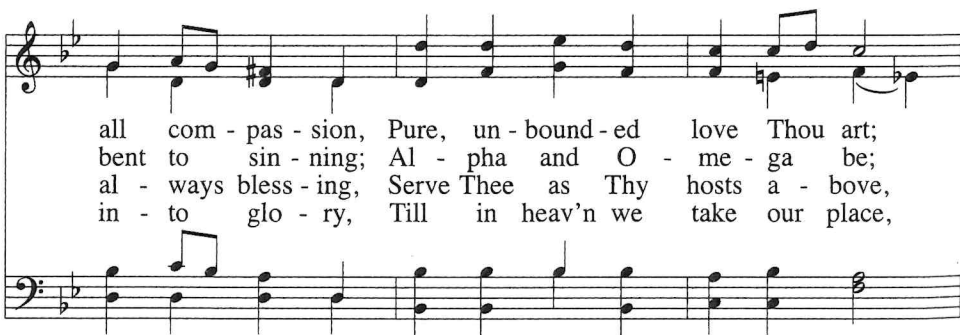
1. Love di - vine, all love ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy
 4. Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 troub - led breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion,



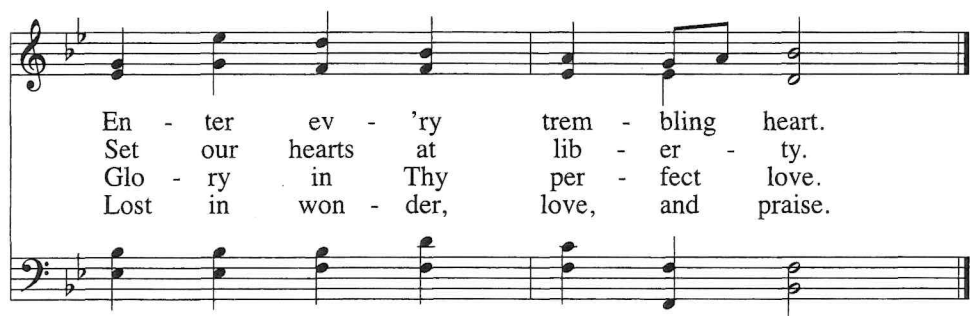
All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, Thou art
 Let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our
 Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave: Thee we would be
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee: Changed from glo - ry



all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,
 in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place,



Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion;
 End of faith, as its be - gin - ning,
 Pray, and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing,
 Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee,



En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



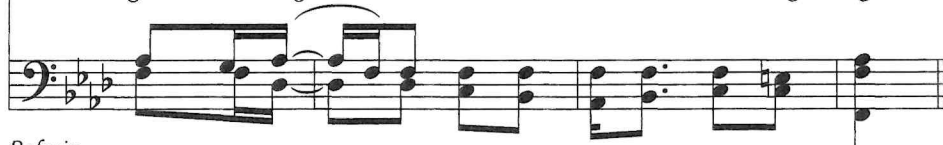
1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your
 2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our
 3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are
 4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery



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 climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are climb - ing
 round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes



trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.



Refrain



Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;



chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

