

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Meditation

“Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.” Thomas Aquinas

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

Jesu, Meine Freude

Friedrich Handel

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.

All: Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort.

One: Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.

All: Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired.

Opening Hymn #688

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Call to Confession

Psalm 121:1-2

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, we confess that we do not consider; let alone meditate, on You. Instead, we turn away from wrestling with our inmost selves, and with You. We wander toward easier options. Forgive us for growing weary in following You. Forgive our weariness with unanswered prayers. For losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Do not remember our sin, please.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response #551

Lord, Have Mercy

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of God's own mind and heart. In this way, God gives us not just a second chance but a new beginning.
(Kim Bracken Long)

Passing of Christ's Peace

One: The peace of Christ always be with you.

All: And also with you.

Response #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (both verses)

Conversation with Young Disciples

Brittany Brinker

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

One: Open our eyes, O God. Fill our hearts, Loving Jesus. Nourish our souls, Holy Spirit; to see, feel and know the wisdom of your word in our lives.

First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

Pew Bible, p.26

Anthem

We Can Be Kind

David Friedman

Second Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Pew Bible, p.853

Sermon

Prayer Agonistes

Rev. David Crowley

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith:

from The Larger Catechism

One: What is prayer?

All: Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.

One: What is it to pray in the name of Christ?

All: To pray in the name of Christ is, in obedience to his command, and in confidence on his promises, to ask mercy for his sake; not by bare mentioning of his name; but by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and his mediation.

One: How doth the Spirit help us to pray?

All: We not knowing what to pray for as we ought, the Spirit helpeth our infirmities, by enabling us to understand both for whom, and what, and how prayer is to be made; and by working and quickening in our hearts (although not in all persons, nor at all times in the same measure) those apprehensions, affections, and graces, which are requisite for the right performance of that duty.

Hymn #760 Bring Many Names

Invitation to the Offering

One: Let us commit our gifts to finding a better world. Remember to see the face of Christ in our neighbors who are experiencing hunger or homelessness. Give generously to the mission of our Church around the world.

Offertory Angels From the Realms of Glory T. Hobson

Mission Focus Stewardship Jim Copeland

Response #733 We All Are One in Mission, verse 2

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: God of all, our gifts to the church are a form of prayer. Here, we can communicate our devotion in another form. Our varied offerings may be the result of wrestling with priorities. This is an enacted prayer of saying thank you.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

All: Loving God, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

Closing Hymn #465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Matters of Community

Postlude Mazurka Op. 7 No. 4 Frédéric Chopin

Charge and Benediction

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Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

Lord, Have Mercy

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Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) B $\flat$ (A) C (D) F

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

(A) C (D/F $\sharp$) F/A (F $\sharp$ m) Am (G) B $\flat$ (A) C (Bm) Dm

mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

(G) B $\flat$ (D) F (A) C (Bm) Dm (Em7) Gm7 (A) C (Dsus) Fsus (D) F

Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984
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LAND OF REST

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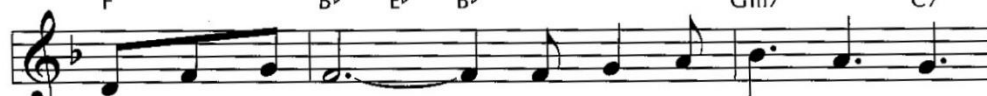
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

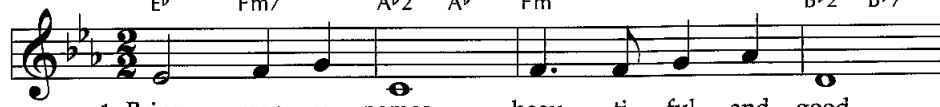


As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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Bring Many Names

Capo 1: (D) (Em7) (G2) (G) (Em) (A2) (A7)
 Eb Fm7 Ab2 Ab Fm Bb2 Bb7



1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,

(D) (Em7) (D/F#) (Em) (Asus) (A7)
 Eb Fm7 Eb/G Fm Bbsus Bb7



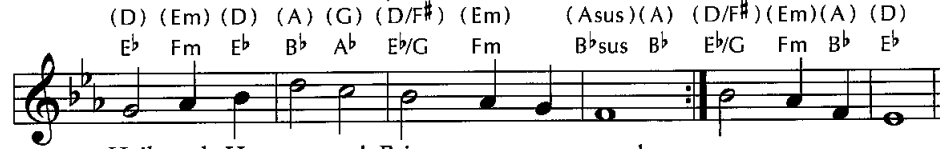
cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry,
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion,
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing,
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es,
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness,
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,

(D) (Em7) (G2) (G) (Em) (A2) (A7)
 Eb Fm7 Ab2 Ab Fm Bb2 Bb7



ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 set - ting each e - qua - tion ge - ni - us at play:
 car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
 glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:
 cry - ing out for jus - tice, giv - ing all you have:
 clos - er yet than breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home:

1-5 6
 (D) (Em) (D) (A) (G) (D/F#) (Em) (Asus) (A) (D/F#) (Em) (A) (D)
 Eb Fm Eb Bb Ab Eb/G Fm Bbsus Bb Eb/G Fm Bb Eb



Hail and Ho - san - na! Bring man - y names!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, young, grow - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, great, liv - ing God!

This text affirms that the images we use for God can be inspired by either gender because both males and females reflect the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). Similarly, since God is with us at all stages of life, all ages hold the potential to reveal something about God.

733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

TEXT: Rusty Edwards, 1985, alt.

MUSIC: Memmingen ms., 17th cent.; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904

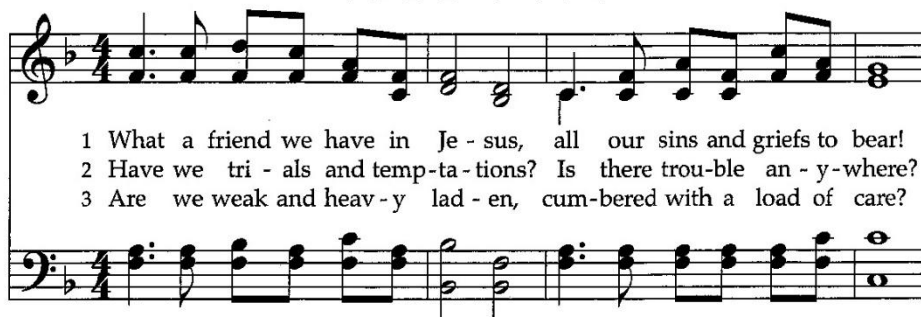
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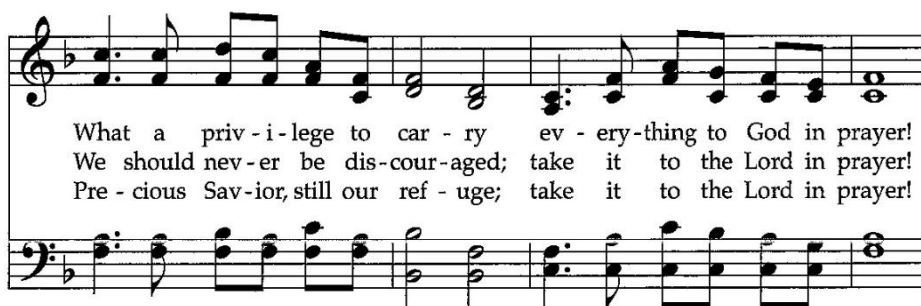
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465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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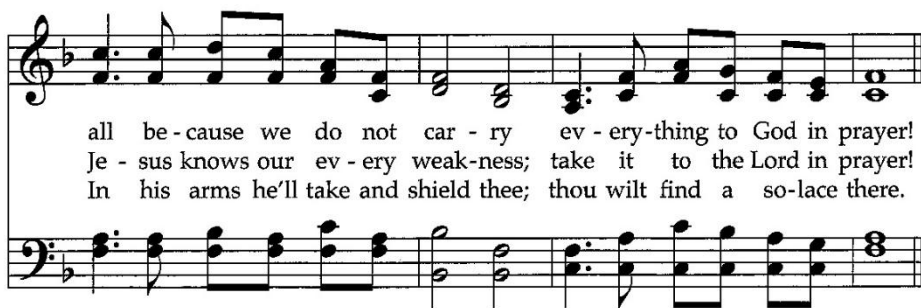
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv-i-lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.