

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

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

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Meditation

“Do you not know that God entrusted you with that money (all above what buys necessities for your families) to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to help the stranger, the widow, the fatherless; and, indeed, as far as it will go, to relieve the wants of all mankind? How can you, how dare you, defraud the Lord, by applying it to any other purpose?” — **John Wesley**

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

When the Poor Ones

Jose Antonio Olivar

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 24:1-6)

One: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein;

All: For God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

One: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in God's holy place?

All: The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up the soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully.

One: Such a person will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of salvation.

All: Such is the company of those who seek Yahweh, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Sing praises to the God of creation.

Opening Hymn #386

Come, Worship God

Call to Confession

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

All: Good and gracious God, we come before you as servants who have forgotten

our stewardship. We have returned but a small part of what we have received. We have hidden our talents and lost our commitment. We have trampled on your creation and used it to serve our own purposes. We have ignored the little ones. We ask your forgiveness and seek your guidance. In whatever roles we have today, give us the wisdom and desire to understand your Word and will for us, and to use our gifts in faithful discipleship. As your children, grant us, O giver of Life, that we may be good stewards of your creation.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response #435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Assurance of Pardon

All: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and forgiven.

Passing of Christ's Peace

One: The peace of Christ always be with you.

All: And also with you.

Response #447

We Are Forgiven

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

One: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 14:22-29

Pew Bible, p.150

Special Music

**Though I May Speak
Jenny Moore & Kyra Ellis Moore**

arr. Hal A. Hopson

Second Reading

Luke 21:1-4

Pew Bible, p.856

Sermon

When Not Enough is Enough

Bob Busch

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith:

from The Confession of 1967

All: The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ.

In every age the church has expressed its witness in words and deeds as the need of the time required. The earliest examples of confession are found within the Scriptures. Confessional statements have taken such varied forms as hymns, liturgical formulas, doctrinal definitions, catechisms, theological systems in summary, and declarations of purpose against threatening evil.

Hymn #708

We Give Thee But Thine Own

Invitation to the Offering

One: Surely the goodness of God overflows in our lives. Take time to count your blessings. The works of God are all around us. In these moments, we have the opportunity to offer ourselves and our substance to extend God's work on earth. Let us respond to God's countless gifts.

Offertory

Soli Deo Gloria

arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold

Mission Focus

Family Promise

Tina Walters

Response #717

For the Life That You Have Given

Prayer of Dedication

All: O GOD, in response to Your Love, the greatest of all gifts from You, we yield ourselves to You, time, talents, all. You have given us so much; what we are returning to you is just part of the many blessings we have received. Help us to use these gifts as the bread of life to those in need. Bless this offering in Jesus' name that it may become an instrument of your will, helping in your work as we again dedicate our lives and gifts to your service through Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

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 #757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Matters of Community

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| Postlude | I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me | arr. David Neff |
| Charge | Colossians 3:14-17 | Pew Bible, p. 958 |
| Benediction | Desert Benediction Bob Busch, baritone | David Ricks |

Resources:

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GATHERING

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Come, Worship God
(Psalm 95)

1 Come, wor - ship God, who is wor - thy of hon - or;
 2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun - tains;
 3 We are your peo - ple, the sheep of your pas - ture;
 4 Now let us lis - ten, for you speak a - mong us;

en - ter God's pres - ence with thanks and a song!
 held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
 you are our Mak - er, and to you we pray.
 o - pen our hearts to re - ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo - ple's sal - va - tion
 Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
 Glad - ly we kneel in o - be - dience be - fore you;
 Peace be to all who re - mem - ber your good - ness,

to whom our ju - bi - lant prais - es be - long.
 God a - bove all gods, who gave us our birth.
 great is the one whom we wor - ship this day!
 trust in your word, and re - joice in your way!

Psalm 95, often called *Venite* from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.

TEXT: Michael Perry, 1980

MUSIC: Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. La Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808

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O QUANTA QUALIA

11.10.11.10

(this tune in a higher key, 369)

FORGIVENESS

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

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We Are Forgiven

G Am D7 Gsus G C

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to

G Am7 Dsus D G Am

God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.

D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G

We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995
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WE ARE FORGIVEN
 10.8.10.8

We Give Thee but Thine Own 708

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune's name, no source has been found in Schumann's works.

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

717 For the Life That You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in

Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these

gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;

heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to

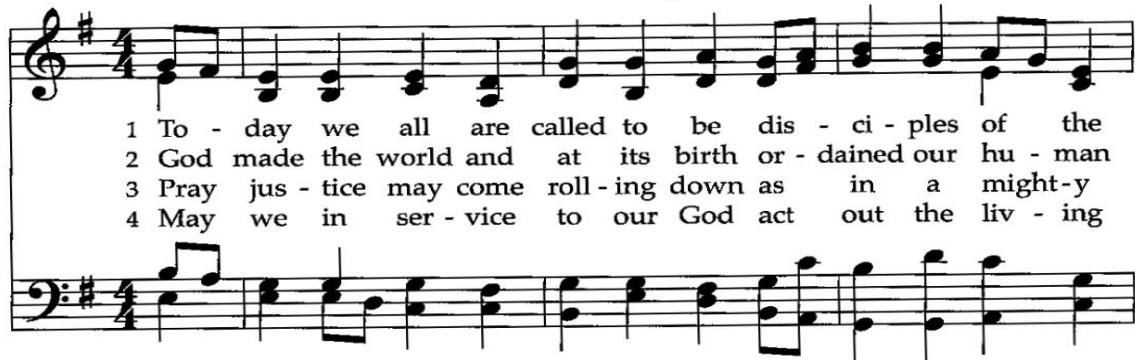
love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

The text was commissioned in 1987 by Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, where it has continued to be used each Sunday as the offertory response. The triune activity of God as Creator (line 1), Savior (line 2), and Sustainer (line 7) enables and inspires our thanks and praise.

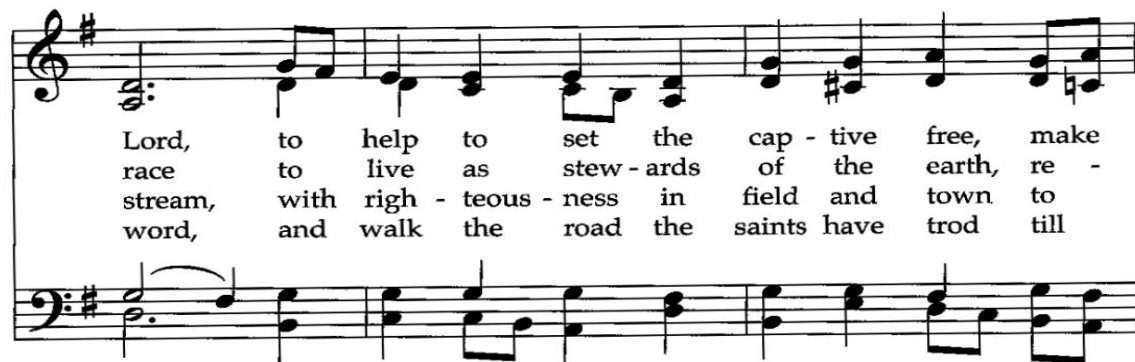
TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1987
MUSIC: Leavitt's *Christian Lyre*, 1830/31
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PLEADING SAVIOR
8.7.8.7.D
(alternate harmonization, 23)

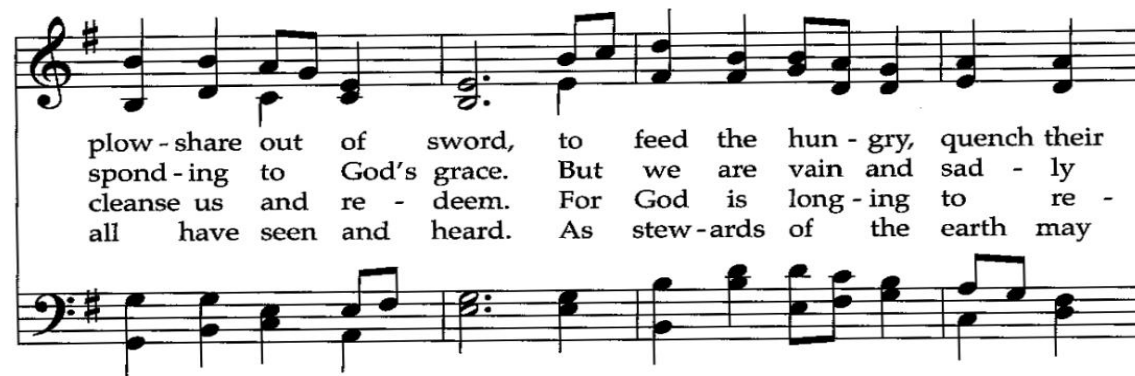
757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might-y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing




Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



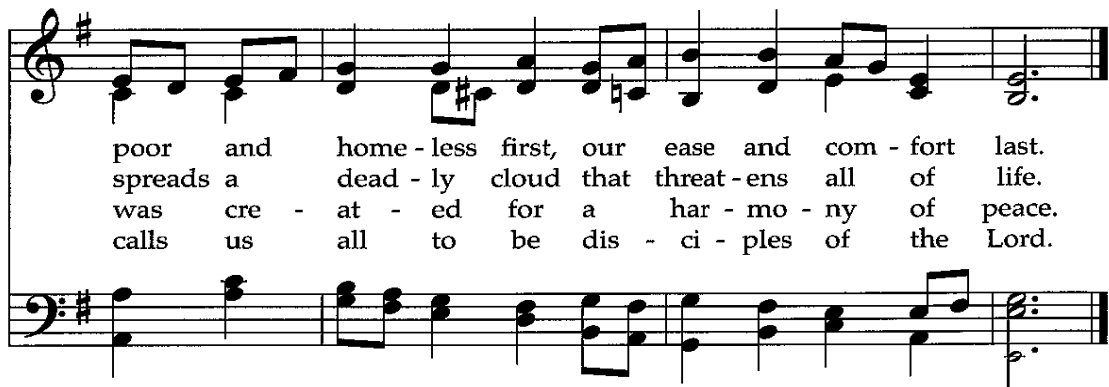
plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.