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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2022

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Phoenix Processional
Gordon Campbell, organ
Kent Foss, trumpet

Dan Locklair

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 77)*

Mindy Douglas

Leader: I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord;
I will remember your wonders of old.

People: I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.

Leader: Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is so great as our God?

People: You are the God who works wonders.
You have displayed your might among the peoples.

All: Let us worship God.

***HYMN NO. 667**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Silent Confession
Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts,
you call us to obey you
and favor us with true freedom.**

**Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son,
that, leaving behind all that hinders us,
we may fix our eyes on him
and steadfastly follow in the paths of your kingdom.**

**Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

(Pew Bible, NT page 190)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Jennie Alwood

People: **Thanks be to God!**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

(Pew Bible, OT page 332)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Bearing the Mantle"

Mindy Douglas

***HYMN NO. 757**

Today We All Are Called to be Disciples

Kingsfold

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Brief Statement of Faith

John Weicher

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Mindy Douglas

(The **Hunger for Change Offering** is being received today.)

Interlude

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

George Stebbins
arr. Jim Curnow

Prayer of Dedication

Mindy Douglas

Leader: We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth
and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied,
and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil,
now is always the time when more good can be done
and we can make a difference.

All: **May it be so,
through the offering of these gifts
and the offering of our lives. Amen.**

MISSION COMMISSIONING

Mindy Douglas, John Weicher

Questions for the Commissioned

Questions for the Congregation

Prayer (*in unison*)

God of love, be with these young people and adults as they embark on this journey.
Give them safety, strength, compassion, and wisdom.
Teach them your ways through this experience,
and fill them with the power of the Holy Spirit
so they might serve your people faithfully.
These things we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

John Weicher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

*HYMN NO. 37

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Marche Joyeuse

John Head
arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace



A Reminder to Worshippers: As you exit your pew, please kindly recycle your bulletin, and pick up any inserts, children's drawings, personal trash, etc. and take these with you. Returning hymnals and Bibles to the pew racks is also very helpful. Thank you for leaving the sanctuary presentable for those who will attend the 3:00 p.m. memorial service for Carol McKnight.



Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, economic circumstance, and ability to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may know is sitting nearby, please sign the *Ritual of Friendship pad*, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and **then return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

Thank you to **Kent Foss** (trumpet) and **Gordon Campbell** (organ) for providing music for today's worship. Organist **Kathy Parkins** has been away this week attending the Worship and Music Conference in Montreat.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God by **Wendy and Mac McCorkle** in memory of their parents, **Sally and Lewis Johnson** and **Elinor and Pope McCorkle**.

Portions of **today's worship texts** were reprinted from *When We Gather* and *Book of Common Worship* (1993).

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door or return it to an usher.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags** are available in the foyer for children.

Restrooms are to the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary, on the second floor of the education building, and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

These Days devotional books for July-September 2022 have arrived. Copies are free and available from the table in the foyer.

HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger (now Hunger for Change) and the Durham CROP Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, solicit volunteers and collect food for the pantry at Iglesia Emanuel, and volunteer at the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world.

Hunger for Change offerings are dispersed through the Presbytery of New Hope to local hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries, and Iglesia Emanuel's Food Pantry are frequent recipients. FPC's Walk-in Ministry has also been a grant recipient, receiving funds to purchase blessing bag supplies.

CHILDREN'S CLASSROOM LEADERS NEEDED THIS SUMMER

Please sign up for one Sunday to read a book and help with a prepared activity with children ages rising 1st grade to rising 6th grade during the Faith Formation hour:

- 9:45-10:30, Faith Formation
- 10:30-10:45, outside play time on the playground

Signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0949a8ad2daafc1-summer2>

~ Our Concerns ~

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to *Mary Holderness* (and family), whose husband and longtime ministry colleague and friend of FPC, *the Rev. Haywood Dail Holderness, Jr.*, died June 18th in Raleigh. Haywood's life was celebrated at a memorial service on June 25 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Durham. His obituary can be found online at the Hall Wynne Funeral Service (Durham) website.

Added this week: *Courtney Knight & family*, friends of Vernon Cooper and victims of a house fire *Franzi Rokoske*, in ICU at Wake Medical Center, Raleigh, following a serious fall. Follow her journey via Caring Bridge: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/franzirokoske2>.

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas is currently on medical leave from duties as Associate Pastor. Follow her journey via Caring Bridge: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/mitzilesher-thomas/journal>.

Paul Cornsweet

Kerry Holbrook

Jancy Johnstone

George Kafula

Katy Loebrich

Phyllis Verhey

Carol Wills

Care Communities

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: *Arthur Clark*

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: *Julian Boswell*, *Walter Chambliss* (Will's dad), *Maxie Honeycutt*,
Roger Kalthoff (husband of Jane Williams), *Jim Wolfe*

The Forest at Duke Health Center: *Wes Carson*

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Gladys Arrowood, mother of Al Arrowood

Bob Barton, father-in-law of Andy Henry

Greer & Jenn Brown, friends of Logan Tice

Tom Cotton, friend of Michael Honeycutt

Susan Cyr, friend of FPC

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Bea Martin, sister-in-law of Margaret Rubiera

Rosalind Mbugua, sister of Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett

Richard Smith, husband of Laura Casteel's co-worker

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece

Alice Weicher, mother of John Weicher

Chris Wood, stepfather of Sharon Hirsch

Annik Barrett and family, friends of Walk-in

Bob, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

Nicky Clegg, granddaughter of Jeanne Hervey

Mimi Cummings, mother of Drew Cummings

Bill Estes, cousin of Judy Arrowood

Doc & Theresa Huntley, parents of Lesley Curtis

Vivian Mast, friend of Josh Walters

Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Deb Walsh, friend of Celia Dickerson

Janice Faye West, mother of Randy Lang Howard



Children's Book Reviews

Families with young children are invited to participate in a book review activity this summer. Lenore Champion will give you a copy of a picture book for you and your family to read and review. Video a short review of the book and send it to Lenore. What's in it for you? You get to keep the book! What's in it for us? We get to know about a new book!

Sign up to participate: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ba8a82ca6f5ce9-book>.

ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Midsummer Serendipity

This is an FPC summer evening of fellowship, recreation (re-creation) and dinner for all ages. More details to come, so mark your calendars for **July 17, 4:00-8:00 p.m.** at the shelter at Forest Hills Park. All are invited!

An Invitation from FPC's Racial Equity Task Force

July 4th Community Reading at Historic Stagville

Gather at 10:00 a.m. at the Historic Stagville Site (Horton Grove)

Commemorate Independence Day with a community reading of Frederick Douglass' powerful Fourth of July address, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July." This is a participatory event! We will provide copies of the speech to all attendees (English or Spanish editions available), and volunteers will read it out loud together in front of the slave dwellings at Horton Grove. Douglass delivered this powerful abolitionist speech on July 5, 1852, at an Independence Day celebration.

Bring a chair or blanket to sit on the grounds. This free event will last about 1 hour, with the option to tour the original slave dwellings at Horton Grove available afterwards.

Here is the link to register for this event:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frederick-douglass-community-reading-tickets-246008366647>

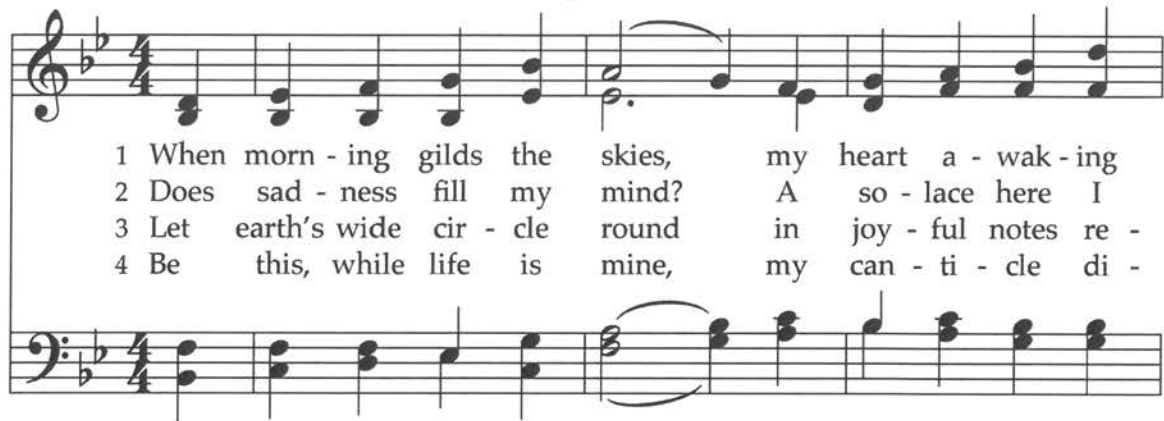
Saturday, July 9

Fellowship Hike/Saunter through Duke Forest /New Hope Creek with Cris Rivera and Beth Stringfield

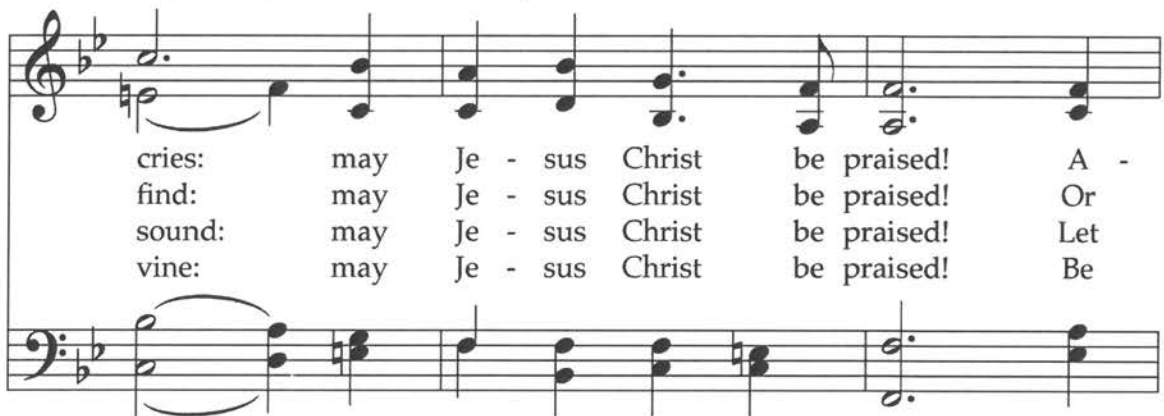
Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Hollow Rock Nature Park at 692 Erwin Road.
It will likely be hot so please bring water, and prep with sunscreen and bug spray.
Depending on the weather and group, we will likely do a 3 mile out and back
with short rock scramble and optional rock hop.

Contact Cris (mcrisrivera@gmail.com) with any questions

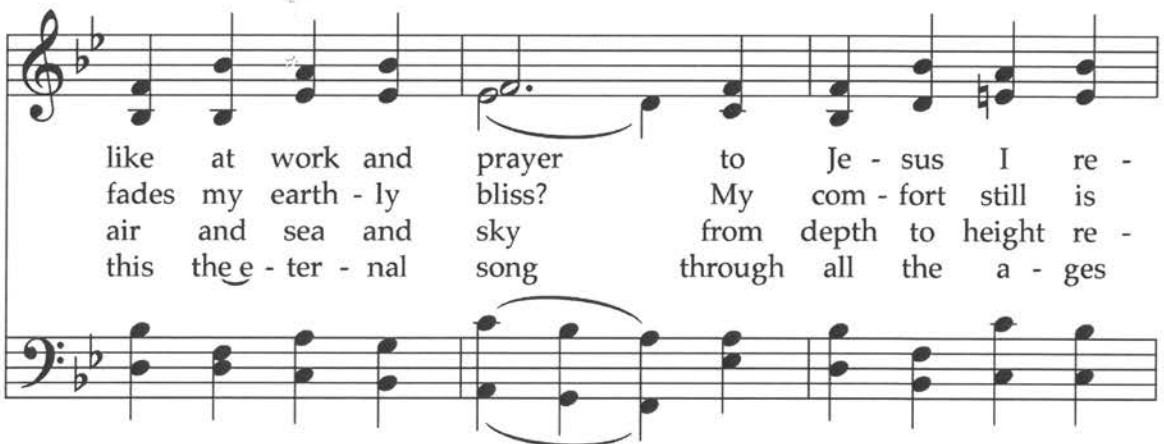
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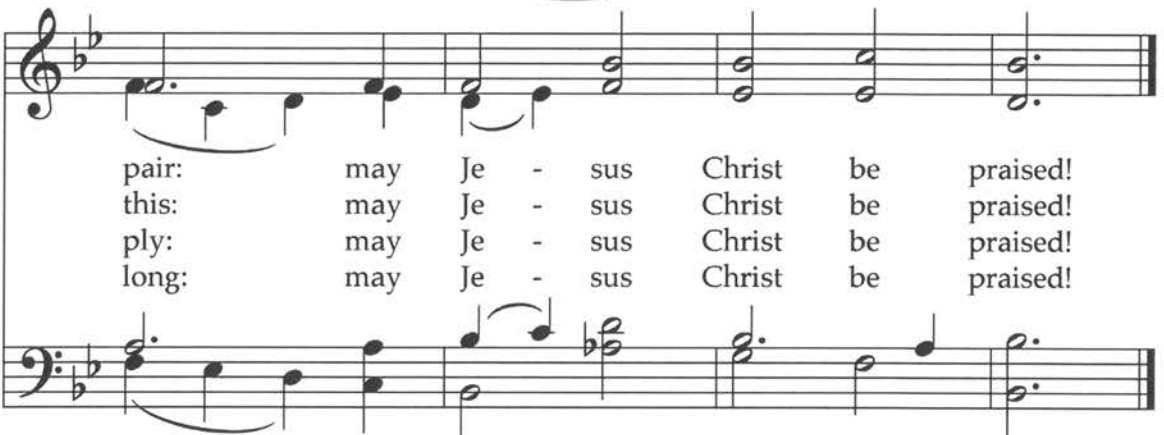
1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -



cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be



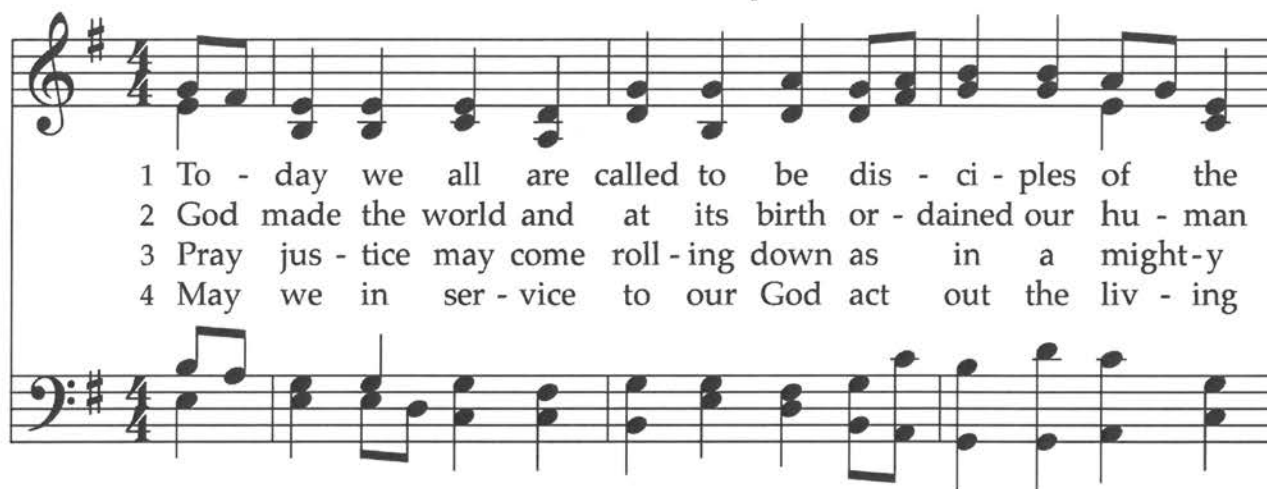
like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges



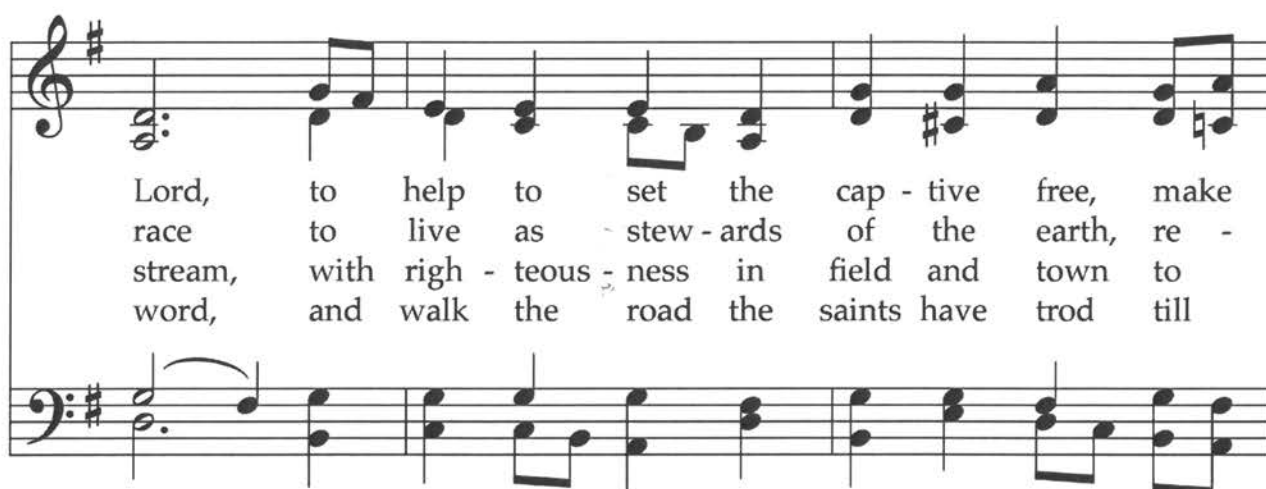
pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

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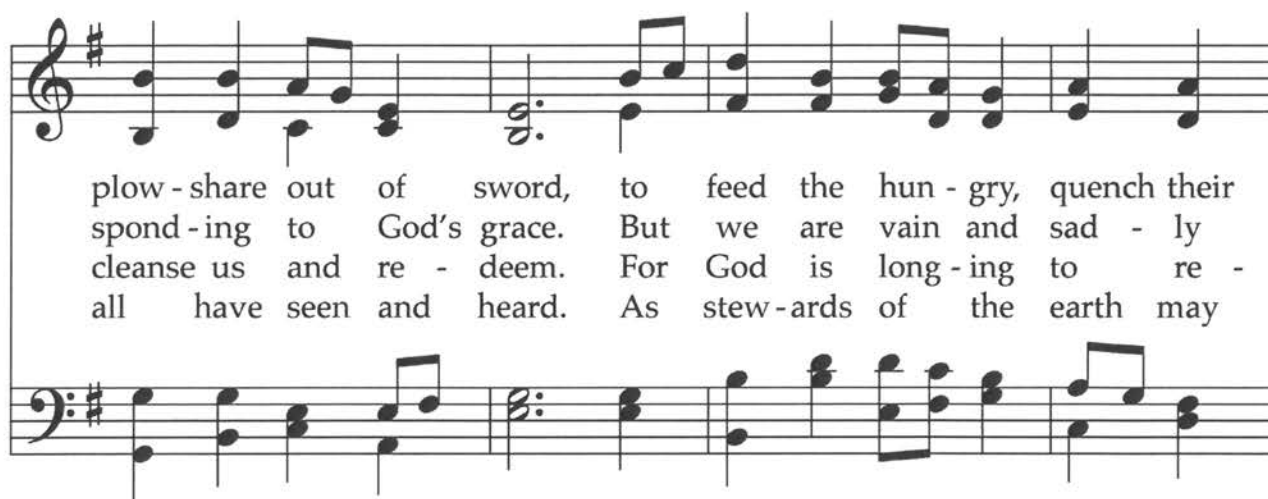
Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



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

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.

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban-ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;



a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,





till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:



as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

The Week at a Glance!

Later Today 3:00 PM Memorial Service for Carol McKnight (Reception follows in Watts-Hill Hall) 8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship Zoom ID: 87574376074	Monday, June 27 1:00 PM Worship Planning 2:00 PM Program Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Diaconate 7:00 PM Session	Tuesday, June 28 Newsletter today	Wednesday June 29 No Chancel Choir
June 26-July 1 Middle School Youth on Charleston SC Mission trip			
Thursday, June 30	Friday, July 1 3:00-4:30 PM Day School Bike Rodeo and Parade (FPC parking lot)	Saturday, July 2	Sunday, July 3 9:45 AM Faith Formation Classes for children and adults 11:00 AM Worship Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship will not meet this evening.

Today's bulletin cover is original artwork drawn by Isa Cummings
based on today's Hebrew Scripture from 2 Kings.

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