

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Adagio in E major

Frank Bridge

INTROIT

Great God of Every Blessing

S.S. Wesley (*Aurelia*)

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

*Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Amy Heit

Leader: In the prayers and the praise,
in the words and the wonder:

All: we are given enough joy to live each day.

Leader: In the justice for the oppressed,
in the unexpected generosity for the lost:

**All: we are given enough compassion
to use in service each day.**

Leader: In the promises made to all,
in the mercy offered to each:

All: we are given enough grace to share each day.

***HYMN NO. 509**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Holy Manna

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Amy Heit

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (sung, led by the choir)

Hymn No. 431

Forgive Us, Lord

Confesión

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

***THE PEACE**

Amy Heit

*Those who are able, please stand.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (all sing)
*Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.*

Sung to *Buinessan*

GOSPEL READING Matthew 20:1-16

(Pew Bible, NT page 21)
Izzy Allison-Pleasants

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALTER READING Psalm 105:1-6, 37-43

Izzy Allison-Pleasants
(read responsively)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord
and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the Lord
among the peoples.

**All: Sing to the Lord, sing praises,
and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

Leader: Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**All: Search for the strength of the Lord;
continually seek God's face.**

Leader: Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

**All: O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

Leader: You led out your people with silver and gold;
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

**All: Egypt was glad to see them go,
because they were afraid of them.**

Leader: You spread out a cloud for a covering
and a fire to give light by night.

**All: They asked, and you brought quail,
and satisfied them with bread from heaven.**

Leader: You opened the rock, and water flowed,
so the river ran in the dry places.

**All: For you remembered your holy word
and Abraham your servant.**

Leader: So you led forth your people with gladness,
your chosen with shouts of joy.
The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 16:2-3, 11-21

(Pew Bible, OT page 62)
Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Did You Get Enough?"

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

*HYMN NO. 501

Feed Us, Lord

Feed Us

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)* From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Esther Hethcox

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
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 planet 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.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Kerry Holbrook

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Offertory Anthem

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the morning when I rise.

It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within your arm.

It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done. And you come to take me home.

Just to know I'm bound for glory. And to hear you say "Well done."

Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, Amen.

*(The **Hunger for Change Offering** is received following the anthem.)*

**Doxology with Alleluias*

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; alleluia; alleluia;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Esther Hethcox

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Esther Hethcox

**... 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. 36**

For the Fruit of All Creation

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

What God Ordains Is Always Good

J. L. Krebs

Members of the Building Committee will be available after church today in Watts-Hill Hall. Look for ***Tyler Momsen-Hudson*** and ***Lanny Pratt*** who will participate in this informal question and answer session regarding the proposed plan to renovate and improve church facilities.



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

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church.

The ***flowers*** are given to the glory of God by ***David and Marie Sappenfield*** in memory of David's mother, ***Nancy Payne Sappenfield***, and grandmother, ***Laura Moore Sappenfield***.

Our thanks to Gordon Campbell (organ) and ***Dan Huff*** (choir director) for leading us in music this morning while Kathy Parkins is attending an organists' retreat in western New York state.

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 to use during worship. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of worship.

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 the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

Portions of today's liturgy are taken from ***Lectionaryliturgies.com*** (website) and ***Glory to God*** (Presbyterian Hymnal).

Copies of sermons are available from the table in the foyer. Please feel free to take a copy for yourself and to share copies with our homebound members and friends of the church.

These Days devotional books for October-December 2023 have arrived. Free copies are available from the tables in the narthex and foyer, while supplies last.

~ Concerns ~

Added this week:

Doug Rimmer, brother of Steve Rimmer who lives in Statesville and has received a cancer diagnosis.
Kelley Kelleher, friend of Kerry Holbrook

<i>Bob Breitweiser</i>	<i>Paul Cornsweet</i>	<i>Kerry Holbrook</i>	<i>Jenni James</i>	<i>Lee House</i>
<i>Mitzi Leshner-Thomas</i>	<i>Franzi Rokoske</i>	<i>Alfred Tisdale</i>		

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley*

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Carol Wills, Jim Wolfe*

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Robert (Bob) Clark, regular online worshipper

Ellen Doyle OSU, friend of Karolyn Mangeot

Lynda Frank, mother of Leah Graves

Jasper Yeatts Gunn, child of Wilson Gunn

Gabe Lamazares, assoc. rector, St. Philip's EC

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Dennis Tiede, nephew of Mary-Jo Keenan

John C. Weicher, father of John Weicher

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Sylvia Elder, grandmother of Esther Hethcox

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Larry Hethcox, father of Esther Hethcox

Bob Lucas, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

Calvin Rogers, friend of Steve Rimmer

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

The Hunger for Change Offering

The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

50% - International Hunger Relief Programs

40% - Local Hunger Programs

10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs. The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering.



October 1, 2023

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our siblings around the world. World Communion Sunday is also when we receive the annual

Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with siblings in need. 25% of this offering will be used for local peacemaking initiatives. **Please place your peace offering in the specially marked envelope and bring it with you next Sunday** or give online through the church's website by clicking on the word **DONATE** from the home page.

Philippians in Six Sessions

Paul wrote the book of Philippians from a prison cell as a letter to a community he loved. Even though he was imprisoned, this book is full of themes of joy and community life together. While we will focus on the study of scripture, this group will also be a way to deepen our spiritual lives and our fellowship with each other. **The class began today and will meet at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday for six sessions in the basement parlor.** For more information, please contact *Susan Dunlap*, sjd4@duke.edu.

Learn about FPC's CARE Team Ministry

On **Sunday, October 1**, in the **Faith & Community Class**, our members who have been serving on CARE teams (Communities Acting for Refugee Empowerment) helping refugee families to settle into U.S. life, will be discussing their experiences, triumphs, failures and joys. We hope that many church members will attend both to learn about this vital ministry of FPC and to be encouraged to participate on future CARE teams. **Join us in Watts-Hill Hall at 9:45 a.m.** For more information, contact Gordon Campbell (mgordoncampbell73@gmail.com).



We need your help!

Have you ever wanted to really do it up right for Halloween, but feel like your house is just too much? Have we got a ministry for you! Last year, we had a blast with FPC's first-ever Trunk or Treat as FPC children and some kiddos from the community trick-or-treated at some tricked-out trunks in our parking lot. This year, we are hoping to invite even more of our neighbors and kids from the Day School, and we need your help! We need lots more trunks to be decorated and candy to be given out. There will also be facepainting and hotdogs (to balance out all that candy). All FPCers are invited to decorate a trunk.

Contact **Stephen Berry**

(stephen.d.berry@gmail.com) if you have questions and to sign up to decorate a trunk.



Join the fight to end death row in North Carolina!

North Carolina people of faith have been working for decades to abolish the death penalty in our state. In 2022, this work took on new urgency when the North Carolina Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty ([NCCADP.org](https://nccadp.org)) launched a campaign to compel Governor Roy Cooper to commute all death sentences to prison terms before he leaves office in 2024. The governor has broad power to address injustices in the criminal punishment system, and the death penalty is clearly unjust, racist, and error-prone. Our state currently has the fifth largest death row in the nation with 136 people, most of whom were sentenced more than 25 years ago under vastly different laws and public standards. This action by the governor would help ensure that no more cruel and inhumane executions will ever be carried out in North Carolina. In a state where nearly 80 percent of people identify with a faith tradition, including Gov. Cooper, YOU can be a powerful voice for justice. **Please add your name to call on Gov. Cooper to commute all death sentences in NC by signing this letter before September 29: <https://bit.ly/NCPeopleOfFaithLtr>** (Open the letter and fill in the petition panel on the right side and submit.).

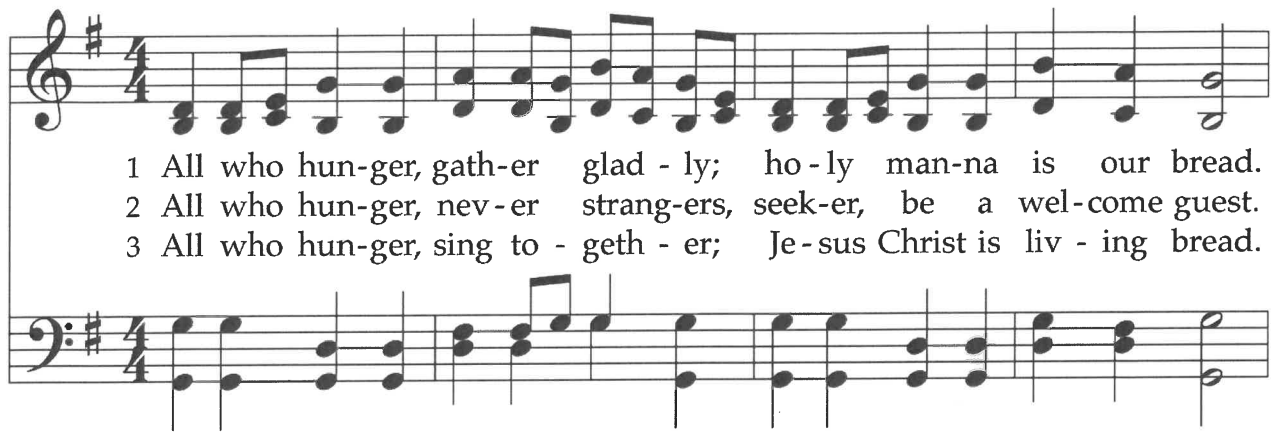
31st Annual Community Vigil Against Violence

Join us to honor and remember 50 lives taken from us by violence in Durham County during 2022. Over 90% ended by gunshot wounds. Each is a tragic reminder of the more than 1000 lives in 31 years, similarly, snatched away and still powerfully missed. Each one an enduring, immeasurable loss to our community.

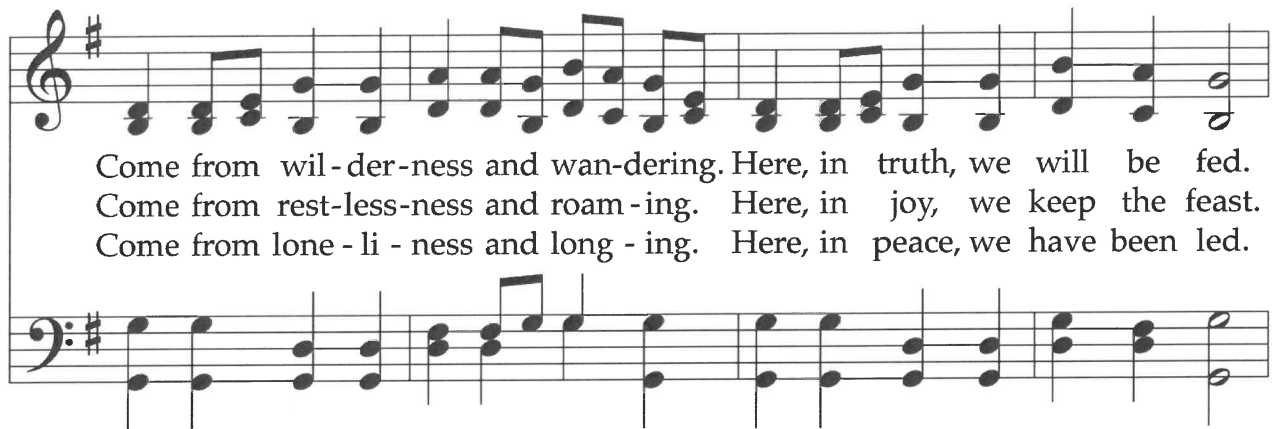
Join us **Saturday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. on the grounds of Elizabeth Street UMC** (1209 N. Elizabeth Street) **for a ritual of sacred attention to these 50 loved ones.** For the 31st time, we offer this Annual Vigil Against Violence as a space to unite in public mourning for the inequitable human toll of our violence.

All are welcome. Vigil is sponsored by Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham. For more information, contact Rev. Annette Love (919-746-6751 or aclove58@gmail.com).

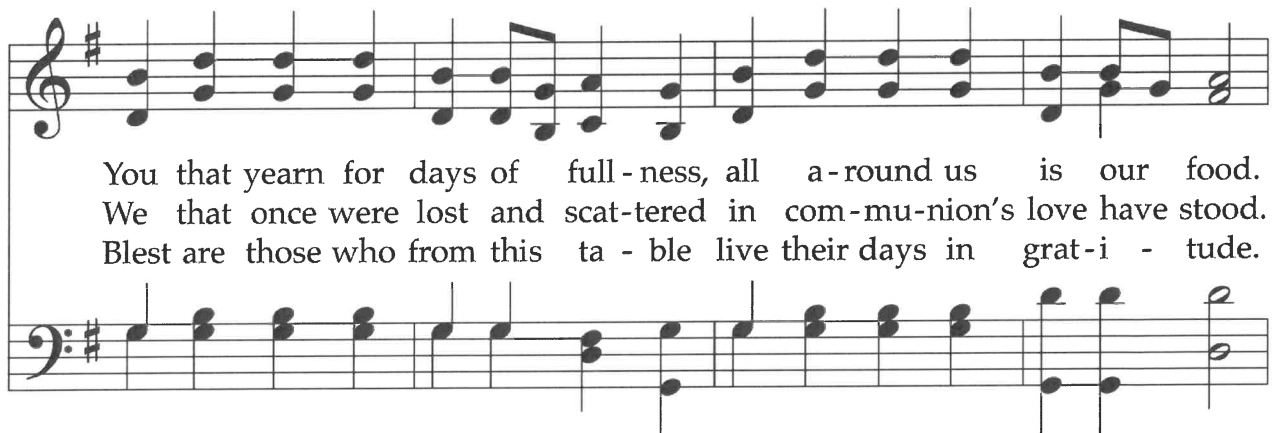
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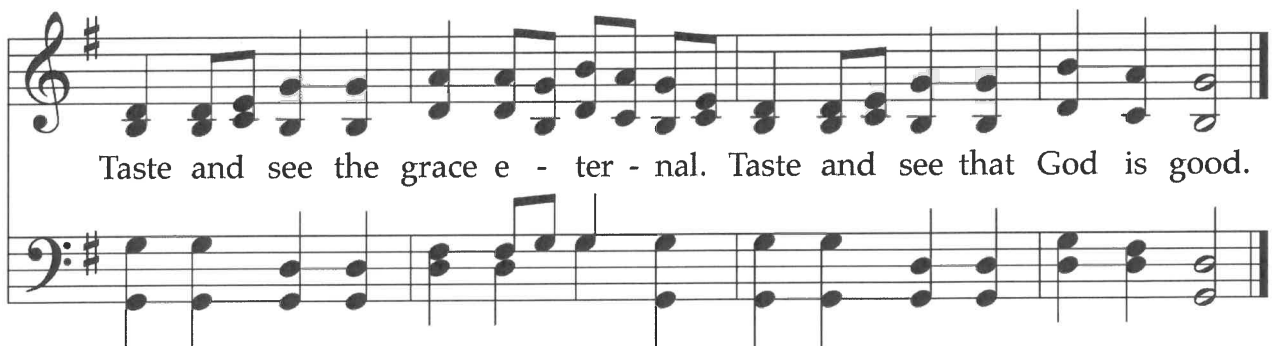
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Forgive Us, Lord

Perdón, Señor

Fine Leader

1 For griev - ance and in - jus - tice:
 2 For weak - ness and trans - gres - sion:
 3 In your e - ter - nal mer - cy:
 1 Por tan - tas in - jus - ti - cias:
 2 Por to - das nues - tras fal - tas:
 3 En tu mi - se - ri - cor - dia:

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm) (Bm) (Dmaj7)
 All B \flat C Dm *Fine* Dm Fmaj7

For - give us, Lord. for -
 Per - dón, Se - ñor. per -

to Beginning

A - loof - ness and in - dif - ference:
 Re - sis - tance and re - bel - lion:
 In your sus - tain - ing grace:
 Por tan - ta in - di - fe - ren - cia:
 Por nues - tra re - bel - dí - a:
 En tu di - vi - na gra - cia:

(G) (A) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (G) (A) (Bm)
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give us, Lord. for - give us, Lord.
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Feed Us, Lord

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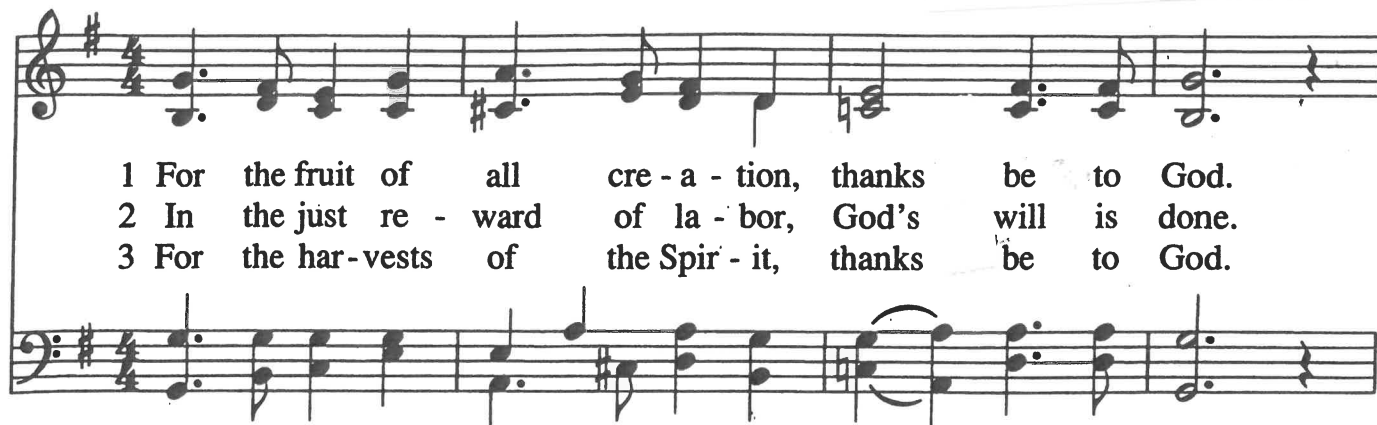
1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
 2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
 3 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
 4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,



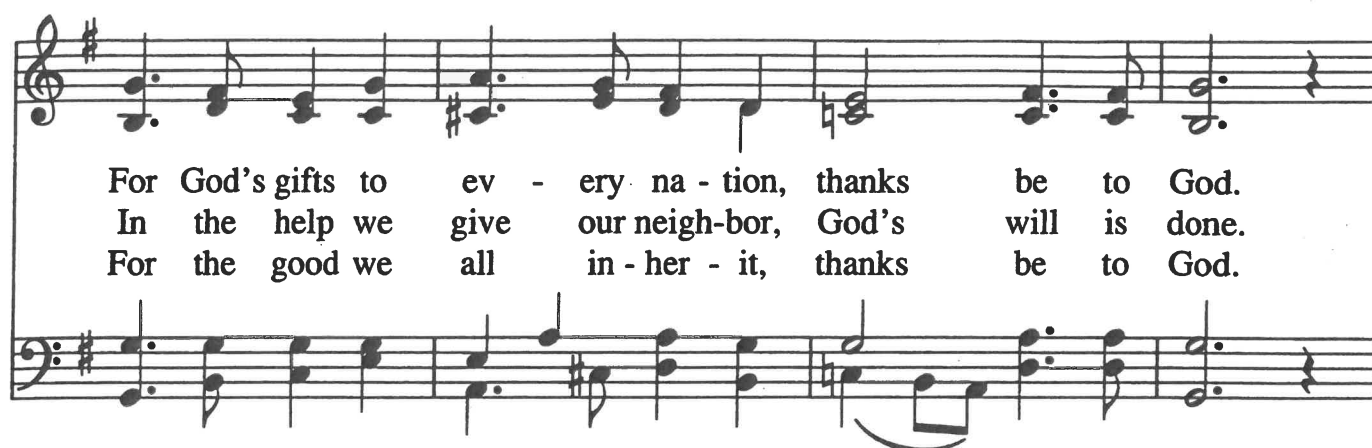
be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
 may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
 of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
 giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

For the Fruit of All Creation

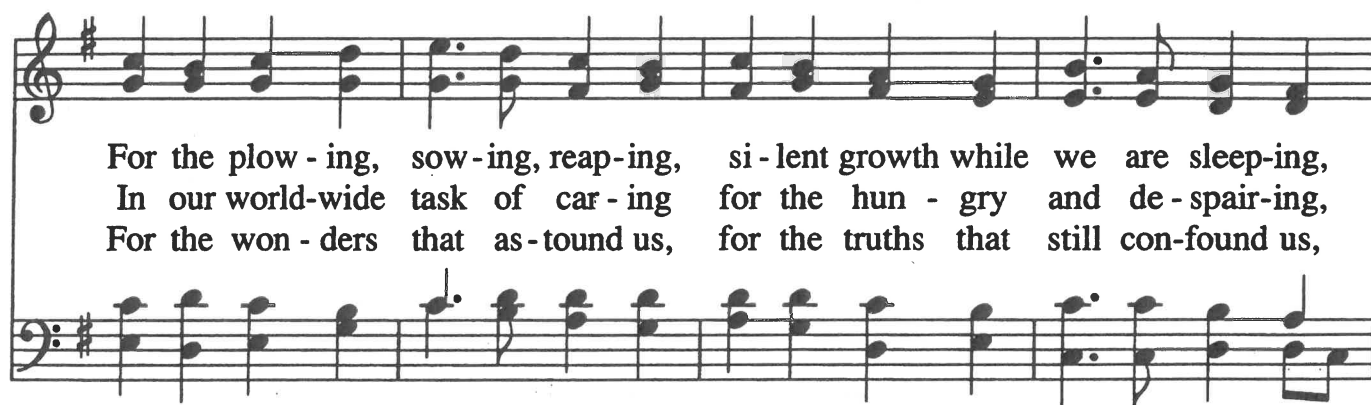
Fred Pratt Green, 1970



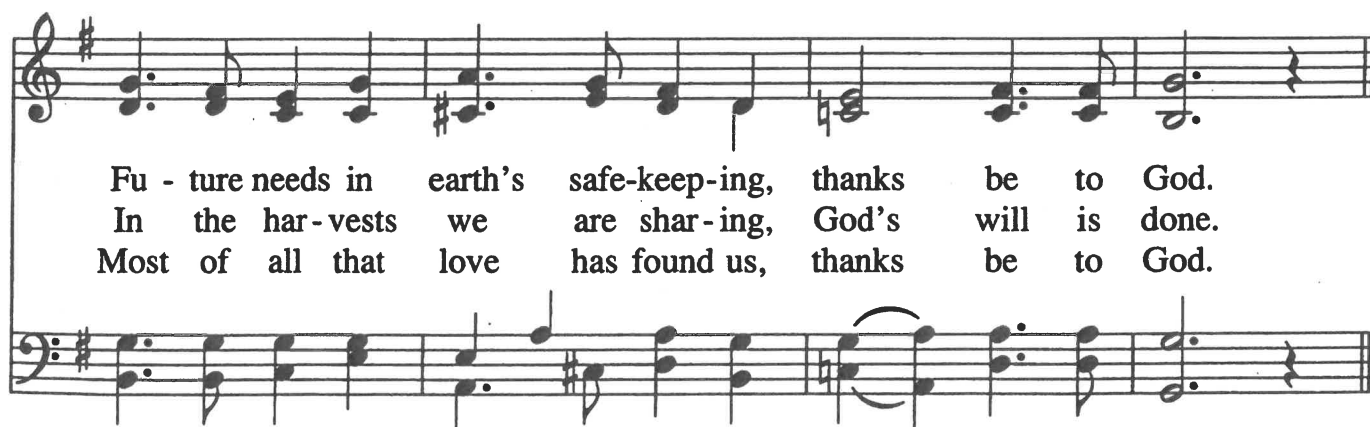
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

The Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;">Later Today 12:30 PM Youth return from CROSS Retreat (Parking lot)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3:00 PM Installation of Bruce Grady as Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of New Hope (at Trinity Avenue PC, Durham)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4:30 PM "At the River" Documentary Screening (at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:00 PM MnMs (Meaning in the Middle) Fellowship (via Zoom – link is sent to the class by email)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, September 25</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry interviews</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting (Daye Meeting Room)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM Session Meeting (Watts-Hill Hall)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, September 26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:30 AM Daytimers' Luncheon (at Bullock's Barbeque)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday September 27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:00 PM All Staff</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, September 28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry interviews</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, September 29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, September 30</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, October 1 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:45-10:45 AM Faith Formation classes for children, youth, and adults</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:00 AM Worship & Communion The Peace & Global Witness Offering received.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:00-7:00 PM Youth Ministry at Farm Church (meet at Watts & Green St.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:00 PM MnMs (Meaning in the Middle) Fellowship (via Zoom – link is sent to the class by email)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">First Friends Annual Beach Retreat September 29-October 1</p>			

CHURCH STAFF

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Omar Guess, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Amy Bowers Heit, Parish Associate
Esther Hethcox, Designated Associate Pastor
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor (Medical leave)
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