



**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*of* **MADISON**



**October 13, 2024**

**Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost**

# ORDER of WORSHIP

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prelude

### Welcome/Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

**L:** In the season of these harvest months, the beauties of Autumn strike us with awe.

**P:** Leaves turn bright colors, birds fly in formation, and fields ripen with produce.

**L:** Such goodness speaks of God's love. For God provides what each creature needs.

**P:** Let us worship God!

#### \*Opening Hymn

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
(v1, v3)*

### Prayer of Confession

Compassionate God, when difficult things happen in our lives, we become tempted to give up. We surrender our hopes to frustration. We abandon our dreams to cynicism. We cede our beliefs to meaninglessness. Give us the passion to wrestle with our faith, even if it causes us to question you. Help us to understand that your love runs so deep that it will hold us in our toughest struggles. Through your Spirit, we pray.

*(A moment of silence is observed.)*

### Assurance of Pardon

**L:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

**P:** In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

## **\*Congregational Response**

*You alone can rescue,  
You alone can save,  
You alone can lift us from the grave;  
You came down to find us, lead us out of death,  
To You alone belongs the highest praise,  
Amen.*

## **\*Passing of the Peace**

# **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

## **Children's Message**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Loving God, reveal yourself to us. Help us to gain wisdom in our deepest struggles and find meaning in our darkest valleys. Through Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

### **First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 22:1-15

**1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? 2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night but find no rest. 3 Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. 4 In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. 5 To you they cried and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. 6 But I am a worm and not human, scorned by others and despised by the people. 7 All who see me mock me; they sneer at me; they shake their heads; 8 "Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" 9 Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. 10 On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. 11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help. 12 Many bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; 13 they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.**

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; 15 my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

## Second Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17-31

17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 18 Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19 You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’ ” 20 He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” 21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” 22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. 23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” 24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” 27 Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” 28 Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” 29 Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Sermon

*Questioning God*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*Affirmation of Faith

from Romans 8

If God is for us, who can be against us? Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

No. We believe that in all these things we are more than victorious through Jesus who loved us. For I believe that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

#### Invitation to Offering

#### Offertory

#### \*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Christ all people here below;*

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Praise Holy Spirit evermore;*

*Praise Triune God whom we adore.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Amen!*

#### \*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

### Prayers of the People

#### 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.

# GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

**\*Closing Hymn**

*God of Grace and God of Glory  
(v1, v2, v4)*

**Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Your Grace is Enough*

*As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.  
We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,  
to be Christ's body in the world.*

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**WORSHIP LEADER**

Mary-Anna Holden

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THANKSGIVING DRIVE FOR THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY**

Although Thanksgiving is not until November 28, the food pantry begins providing Thanksgiving baskets to their clients at the beginning of November, so we collect the important items in October. This year we are focusing on the items that go with the turkey dinner - stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, corn bread, and canned vegetables - and hope to put together bags with one of each item. So whether you can donate one of each, or multiples of one item, please bring your donations to the church and leave them in Doris's Wagon in the Parish House or the basket in the narthex. Please note that gravy should be in cans or cartons, not glass jars. Thank you in advance for helping to make Thanksgiving for some of our neediest neighbors.

## **RAMP News**

RAMP is preparing to welcome a new refugee family in the coming weeks and is looking for volunteers to help them get settled. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: medical, translation, groceries and meals, clothing, and transportation. Visit [rampnj.org](http://rampnj.org) to learn how you can help. In the meantime, please continue to save your quarters and drop them in the tube each Sunday.

## **OKTOBERFEST DINNER - OCTOBER 23, 6pm**

Location to be determined. Email [Jimburnet@gmail.com](mailto:Jimburnet@gmail.com) if interested or if you have restaurant suggestions!

## **CEMETERY TOUR - NOVEMBER 2**

Helpers needed for setup during the day and for that evening. Email [Jimburnet@gmail.com](mailto:Jimburnet@gmail.com) if interested.

## **PRAYER LIST**

- Former member Carol Sylverstein, recovering from a serious fall
- Steve, grieving the death of his son
- Tammy, undergoing cancer treatment for full and complete healing
- Aida for good outcomes on her current journey
- Loretta for a successful surgery, pain relief, and faith throughout her journey
- Mari's mom, recovering from a stroke and Mari, her caregiver
- Linda who is undergoing cancer surgery
- Evelyn Dowling who is recovering slowly from surgery for tears in her retina
- Gar Burwell, recovering at Morristown Memorial Hospital



## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

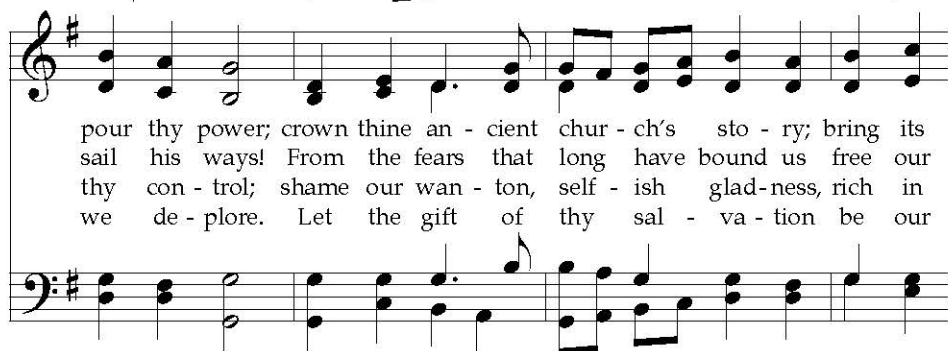
Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

## 307 God of Grace and God of Glory



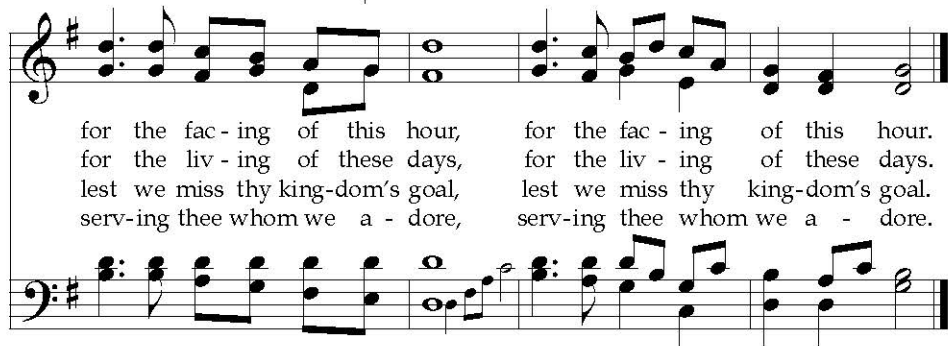
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

# NOTES

**WELCOMING ALL  
AS A LOVING COMMUNITY  
CENTERED IN CHRIST,  
GROWING IN FAITH,  
SERVING IN JOY, AND  
LIVING IN GRATITUDE**

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**WORSHIP  
Sunday Service 10:15 am**

**SESSION**

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