



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



**October 20, 2024**

**Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost**

# ORDER of WORSHIP

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

**L:** We thank you, O God, for maples that bring forth sweet sap in spring, leaves that give shade in summer, and foliage that reveals glorious color in autumn.

**P:** We thank you for the trees you created, and for all they share with us.

**L:** We give thanks for birch trees, whose bark can leap into flame and conjure a campfire even in the cold and rain. We thank you for fruit trees, evergreens, and oaks.

**P:** As Creation is graced and sustained by trees, may our faith be strong like them and bear good fruit.

#### \*Opening Hymn

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
(v1, v2, v3)

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy Creator, forgive us when we exploit the earth. Help us when we value land according to how we can use it. Forgive us when we neglect to understand the forest's connection to all other creatures. Nurture our appreciation for the lives of our woodlands. Teach us to live in harmony with the marvelous home you have given us. Through Jesus Christ, 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, led 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**

**God, your love is eternal. As the maple leaves come down in colorful splendor, we ask that you reveal your goodness in each season of our lives. Amen.**

### **First Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 104:1-9, 24**

**1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, 2 wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent; 3 you set the beams of your chambers on the waters; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind; 4 you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. 5 You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. 6 You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. 7 At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. 8 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys, to the place that you appointed for them. 9 You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. 24 O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39 They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." 41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42 So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43 But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

**Sermon***Wisdom in Creation*

## **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

*Bless His Holy Name*  
Sanctuary Singers

### \*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

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
*(v1, v2, v3)*

### Benediction

### \*Postlude

*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**

Peter Teshima

## **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**

Breaking News from RAMP - Church World Service is asking RAMP to take on a family of five (two parents and three teenage daughters) from Afghanistan, who have been living in a refugee camp in India for the past few years. They will most likely be moving into an apartment in Madison, and RAMP is in urgent need of a person or two to take on the role of family coordinator - someone who will be the main point person between RAMP and the family for the first year of their resettlement. RAMP would provide the funding for the apartment, training and additional volunteer backup for all of their educational, health, employment, and social services. More information is available from Gayle Shepardson, [gayle.s@rampnj.org](mailto:gayle.s@rampnj.org).

## **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**

We are excited to have seven ghosts who are “rising from the dead to tell their stories” and we expect over 250 patrons to attend.

There are many ways you can help the cemetery tour. You can....

A) help set up during the day on Saturday, or

B) help welcome / register guests, or

C) help give a tour. Don't worry. You would be partnered with a veteran tour guide, like Michael Callahan, so no experience is necessary.

We are hoping to get permission from the Borough to use the old Masonic Lodge building across the street for a reception after the tour. As a reminder, this historic building was originally built by our church and it was where we worshipped from 1825 to 1930. The reception would be for everyone involved, including cast members, volunteers and the public. If we get that space, then we would need some help with that. If you can help, please contact Jim Burnet at [Jimburnet@gmail.com](mailto:Jimburnet@gmail.com).

## **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, who is currently at Morristown Memorial Hospital



## 802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

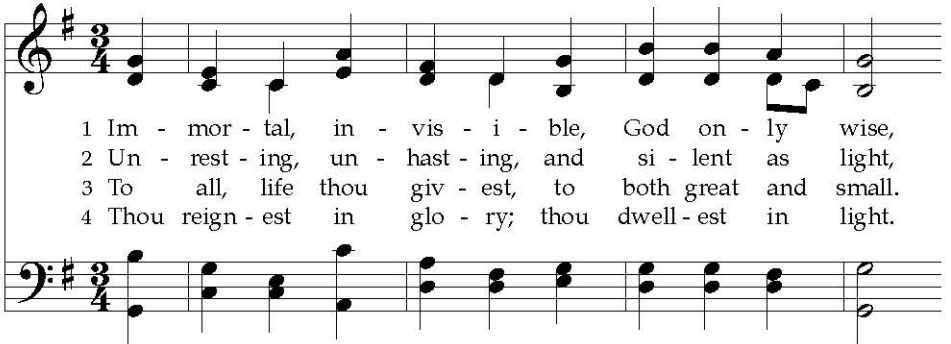
fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
 thy unction grace bestoweth;  
 and O what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
 thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

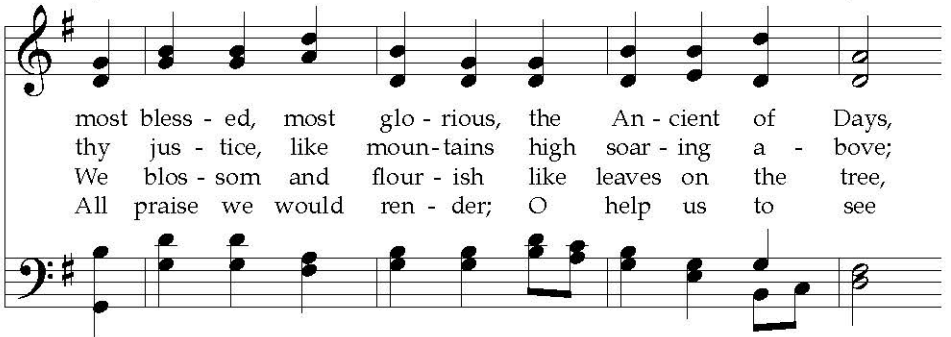
## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

# 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**

**Jim Burnet  
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**Stephanie Haedrich  
Giorgios Vlamis**

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