



October 18, 2026
21st Sunday after Pentecost

Leading Worship Today:

Preacher: Brian Entz

Lay Leaders: Lisa Ellwoods and
Kimarie Tacke

Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text
All are invited to stand when there is an **

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PRELUDE

Adagio

Tomasso Albinoni

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Climb back inside

Your body

No more split

Selves

Minds without

Skulls

Thirst without

*Tongues- flail and
shake like a haunting*

You are alive

-resurrection, by Cole Arthur Riley

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 99 (MSG)

God rules. On your toes, everybody!

God rules from an angel throne—take notice!

God looms majestic in Zion,

God towers in splendor over all the big names.

Great and terrible your beauty: let everyone praise you!

Holy. Yes, holy.

***OPENING HYMN**

#681 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save us from sin.

Trusting in God's grace let us confess our sin.

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters your sins are forgiven and you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and free!

Alleluia, thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE**

#581 The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, reveal yourself to us again in the reading and hearing of your Word, that we might follow you more fully and love you more deeply. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 99

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

² The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

⁴ Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵ Extol the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees
and the statutes that he gave them.

⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹ Extol the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the LORD our God is holy.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Andante Tranquillo

Felix Mendelssohn



*"Let us present ourselves to God
as those who have been delivered from death to life."
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*DOXOLOGY

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God
above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*OFFERING PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he
rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the
body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God,
who, in Jesus, touched the earth,
admiring its beauty and blessing its people,
we honor you for the gift of life
and all the gifts that life brings us:
food, shelter, company,
the experiences that make us think,
the people that bring out the best in us.

Hear our prayers for the places in this world
where beauty has turned to ugliness,
food has been replaced by famine,
friendship has been forgotten
and fear, hostility and hopelessness
have the upper hand.

(pause)

God in your mercy,
bring healing, bring peace.

Hear our prayers for people who cannot pray
because of pain, loss or worry;
and for those who will not love themselves
and so cannot love their neighbor.

(pause)

God in your mercy,
bring healing, bring peace.

Hear our prayers for ourselves-
our private yearnings,
our secret hopes,
and any doubt, jealousy or anger
to which we hold too tightly.

God in your mercy,
bring healing, bring peace.

And hear us as we, in our mother tongues, say the words Jesus first prayed in his.

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.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

#708 We Give Thee but Thine Own

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Horn Concerto no. 1 in E Flat (1st movement)

Richard Strauss

Sebastian Vanderheiden, Horn

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Meal: Please join us for our community meal! We will be serving tater tot hotdish, green beans, breadsticks, and apple spice cake with caramel drizzle. Please sign up to volunteer outside the office. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Date: October 31st

Time: 5pm - 6:30pm

16th Annual Craft Sale: Attention all bakers and shoppers! We are getting closer to our Craft Sale. For those who are baking, we hope to have many cookies, bars, breads, snack mixes and candy to offer for the sale. All proceeds go to support Mission Projects, several of them local organizations. Thank you for sharing your talents and support! **Please have all baked goods dropped off to the church Thursday afternoon/evening (11/5) or Friday morning (11/6) prior to the sale.**

Date: November 7th

Time: 9am - 3pm

Immigration Aid Collection: Thank you for your on-going support for our immigrant neighbors. Now, we have an opportunity to support our neighbors who are able to return to work, but are in need of assistance with food. We are looking for **donations of vegetable / cooking oil and Maseca corn flour**. Donations can be dropped off in the bin outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you for being a blessing to so many in our community!

Today October 18	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: CCC: Pat Olsen Leading 11:30am: Faith Formation Committee
Monday October 19	5:00pm: Deacons Meeting
Tuesday October 20	9:00am: Crafty Ladies 9:00am: Guy's Breakfast 6:30pm: Session Meeting
Wednesday October 21	7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal
Thursday October 22	7:30am: People of Faith 10:00am: Women of Faith 5:30pm: Racial Justice Reading Group 7:30pm: Communications Committee
Sunday October 25	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: CCC: Faith & Politics: Pastor Brian

How Can We Pray for You?

Scan the QR code to submit prayer requests:



Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.

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BPC Prayer List:

- Rich Dahl
- Christy Wood
- Dennis Stanley, fighting cancer
- Anne Marie Wille, Bonnie Morek's daughter
- Lois Lindstrom
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law

- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins
- Cassie & Bryce Miller, grandson of Lanny and Shirley Taylor
- Louise Markve
- Don Eddy
- Joseph Wille, Bonnie Morek's grandson
- Windi Willette
- Tony
- Allen, father of Jennifer Glauvitz
- The Grady Family (friends of Theresa) upon the loss of their father
- Dennis, Kate, Alicia, & Dan Vanderheiden (Del's family)
- Gloria & Daniel Elliott (Bonnie Moreks brother brother and his wife)
- Nancy Grittmann
- Sandy Anderson and family following Steve Anderson's death
- Marcy, Peggy Hunter's sister-in-law
- James Doth

681 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

(Psalm 118)



1 This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are
 2 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's
 3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag -
 4 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on




all God's own. Let heaven re - jice; let
 ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
 es of grace, who comes in this ac -
 earth can raise! The high - est heavens in




earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
 scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
 cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.
 which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.



These stanzas provide Watts's paraphrase of Psalm 118:24-29 (minus a stanza he inserted about Easter and Pentecost as part of his effort to Christianize the Psalms). They are set to a tune composed for and named by a Paul Gerhardt text, "Now Let All Thank and Bring Honor."

715 The Earth Belongs to God Alone

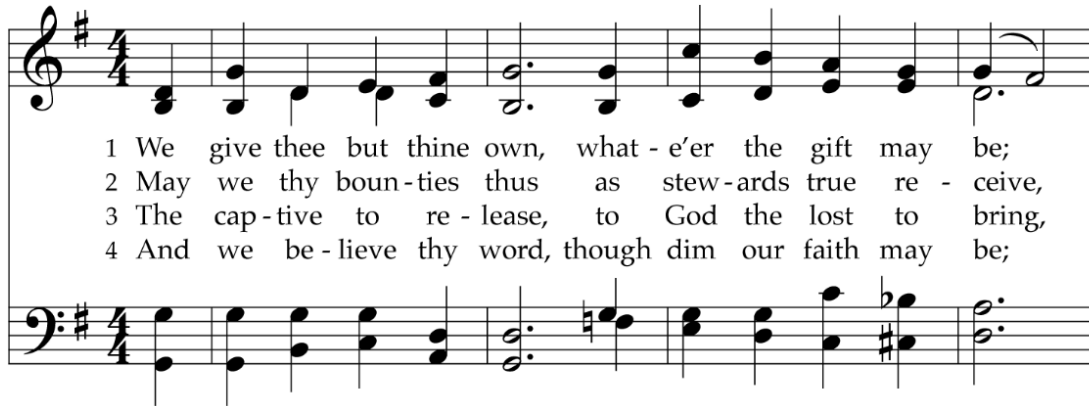
1 The earth be - longs to God a - lone; hard
 2 The fer - tile ground through years of toil has
 3 All life be - longs to God a - lone, in
 4 Till God en - dows the earth once more with

clay, rich soil, fine sand. Give thanks wher - ev - er
 cried for Sab - bath rest— a time of peace for
 wil - der - ness and fields. From fal - low land, or
 E - den's state of grace, may we en - deav - or

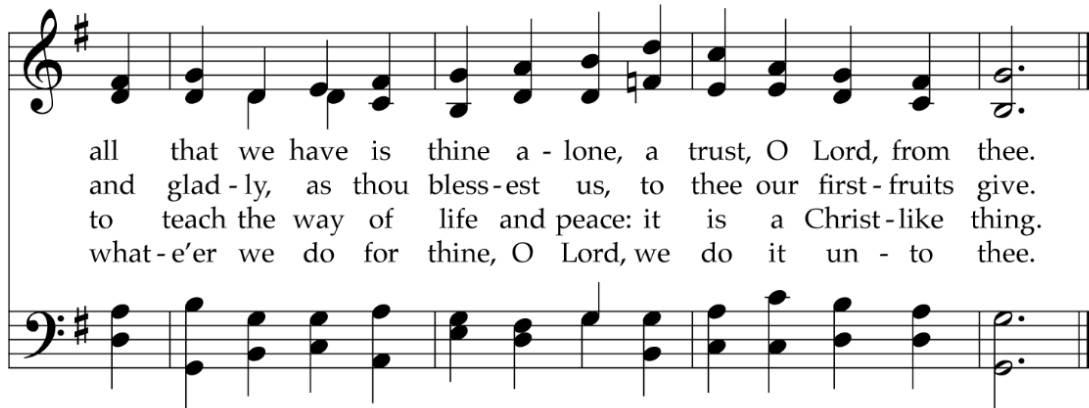
food is grown on bor - rowed ho - ly land.
 worn - out soil so land can be re - freshed.
 plowed and sown, God gives the good it yields.
 to re - store all land as sa - cred space.

This text emerged from a study of the attention in Levitical laws to the well-being of the land, especially by calling for fallow periods, or “land sabbaths,” to preserve the soil. 2 Chronicles 36:21 even suggests that the Babylonian exile may have resulted from abusing the land.

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.