



Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

August 17, 2025 1:30 p.m.



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Prelude on Hyfrydol

J. Payne

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

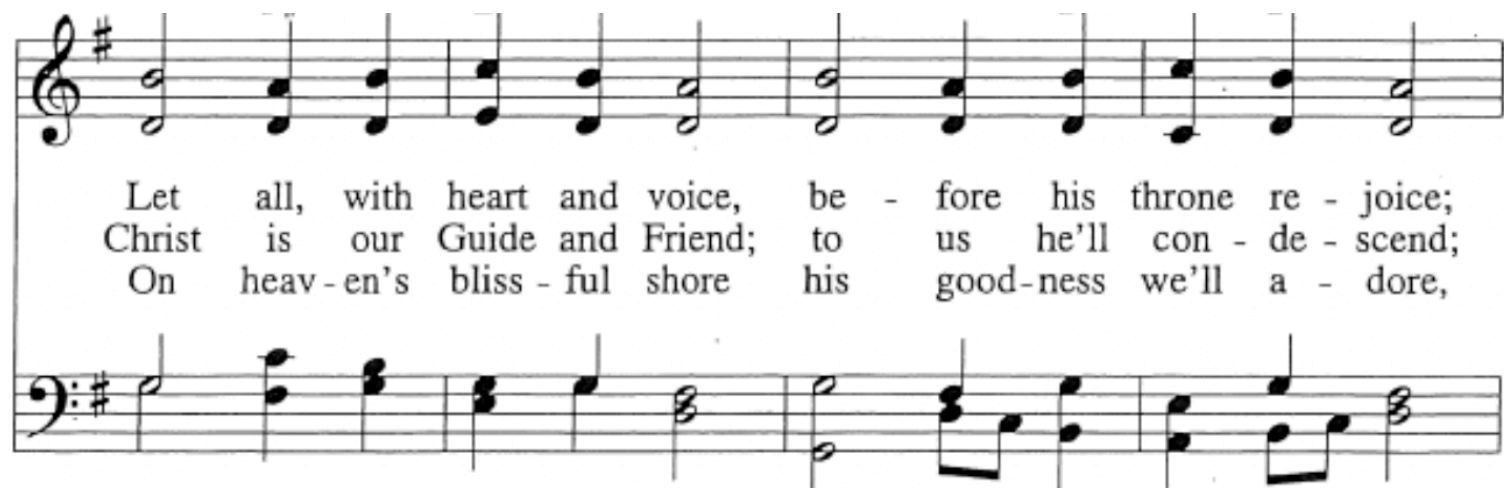
#87 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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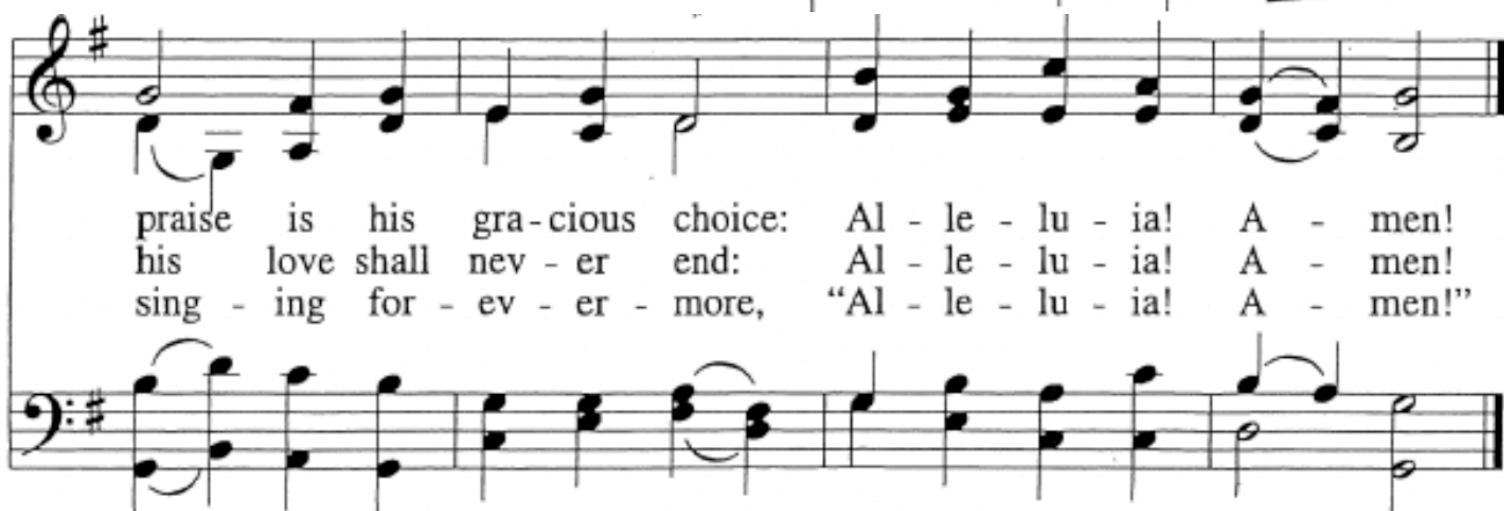
1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 Christ is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

WORDS: Christian H. Bateman (1813-1889)

MUSIC: Spanish melody; arr. David Evans (1874-1948)

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***INVOCATION AND 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(based on Psalm 82)*

Divine Judge,
it's a long list we could make,
of so many bad actors in our world;
perpetrators of harm and suffering, cruel policies,
collateral damage, hunger and poverty.

Together we shake our fists and cry for Heaven's justice.

Yet even still we are hesitant to ask for divine justice
as we call to mind the ways we are invested,
in these same systems of power which benefit us,
or the times we have chosen distraction, apathy, or excuses.

By your mercy, may we keep our hearts and eyes open
to the ways that we might share,
our voices, our resources, our time, our energy,
in the service of those in need,
In the care of a hurting world.

As we sit in silent reflection,
by your Spirit renew our imagination
and give us courage to be your disciples.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

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.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

RESPONSIVE READING *(Hebrews 12:1-3)*

One: Therefore, since we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses,

**Many: let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,**

One: and let us run with perseverance
the race that is set before us,

**Many: looking to Jesus the pioneer
and perfecter of faith,**

One: who for the sake of the joy that was set before him
endured the cross,

Many: disregarding its shame,

One: and has taken his seat at the right hand
of the throne of God.

**Many: Consider him who endured such hostility
against himself from sinners,**

All: so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#60 I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

FILLMORE

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord". It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The score includes two verses of the hymn. The first verse is "1 I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing, I will". The second verse is "2 All the hosts of the an-gels sing God's praise for - ev - er for the things he has". The score includes a G major chord symbol (G) and a D major chord symbol (D) above the treble staff. The bass staff has a G major chord symbol (G) and a D major chord symbol (D) below it. The score is a full page of music with a key signature of one sharp and a 4/4 time signature.



sing. I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will
done. All the hosts of the an - gels sing God's praise for - ev - er, all the



sing of the mer-cies of the Lord. With my mouth will I make known your
hosts of the an-gels sing God's praise. Who can be com-pared to God in



faith-ful-ness, your faith-ful-ness; with my mouth will I make known your
faith-ful-ness, in faith-ful-ness? Who can be com-pared to God in



faith-ful-ness to all gen-er - a - tions. I will sing of the mer-cies of the
faith-ful-ness to all gen-er - a - tions? I will sing of the mer-cies of the



Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord.
 Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord.

A A7 D

WORDS: James H. Fillmore (1849-1936), alt.; vs. 2 Marie J. Post (1919-); para. Psalm 89:1, 5, 8
 MUSIC: James H. Fillmore (1849-1936)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#575 Let Streams of Living Justice

THAXTED

Unison

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you

earth; give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let
 end, for love that makes us lov - ers, God
 seek; your har - mo - ny is lan - guage: we

all the poor have worth. The hun - gry's hands are
 grant us grace to mend. Weave our var - ied gifts to -
 are the words you speak. Our faith we find in

plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights, the
 geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun; on your
 ser - vice, our hope in oth - er's dreams, our

mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for
 loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is
 love in hand of neigh - bour: our home - land bright - ly

sight. Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike
 run. O great Weav - er of our fab - ric, bind
 gleams. In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your



down the ir - on power; a - bol - ish an - cient
church and world in one; dye our tex - ture with your
way - the path un - tried; your truth - the heart of

ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
ra - diance, light our col - ours with your sun.
strang - er; your life - the Cru - ci - fied.

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SECOND READING

Luke 12:49-56

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Lamb of God

arr. B. Wolaver

*New Doxology

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

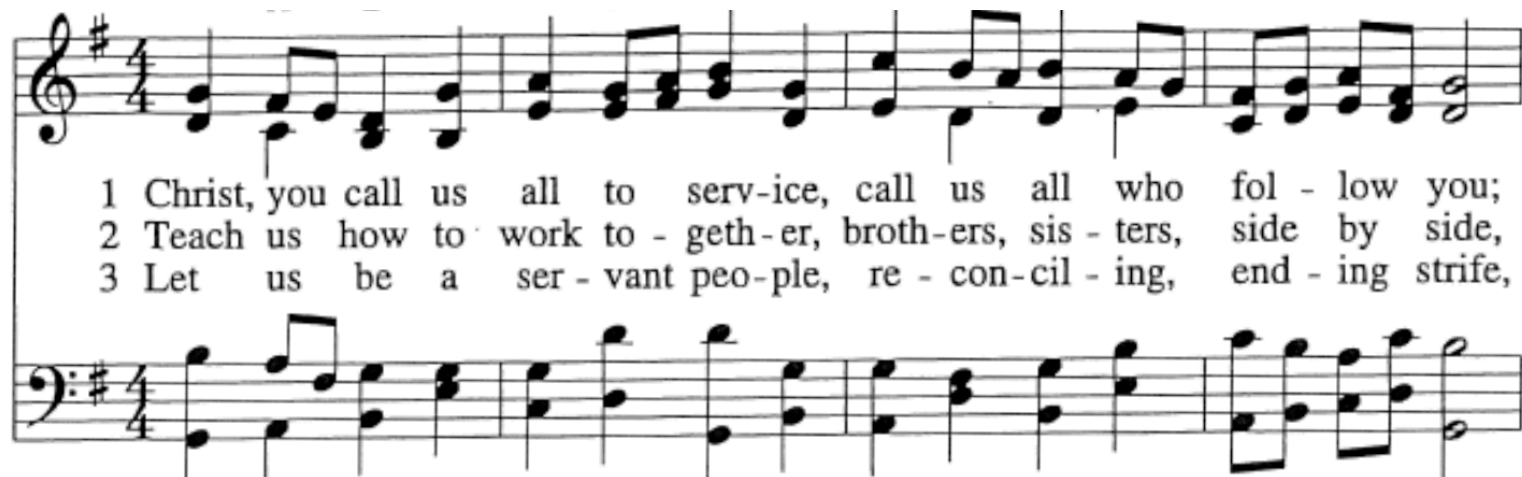
#571 Christ, You Call Us All to Service

IN BABILONE

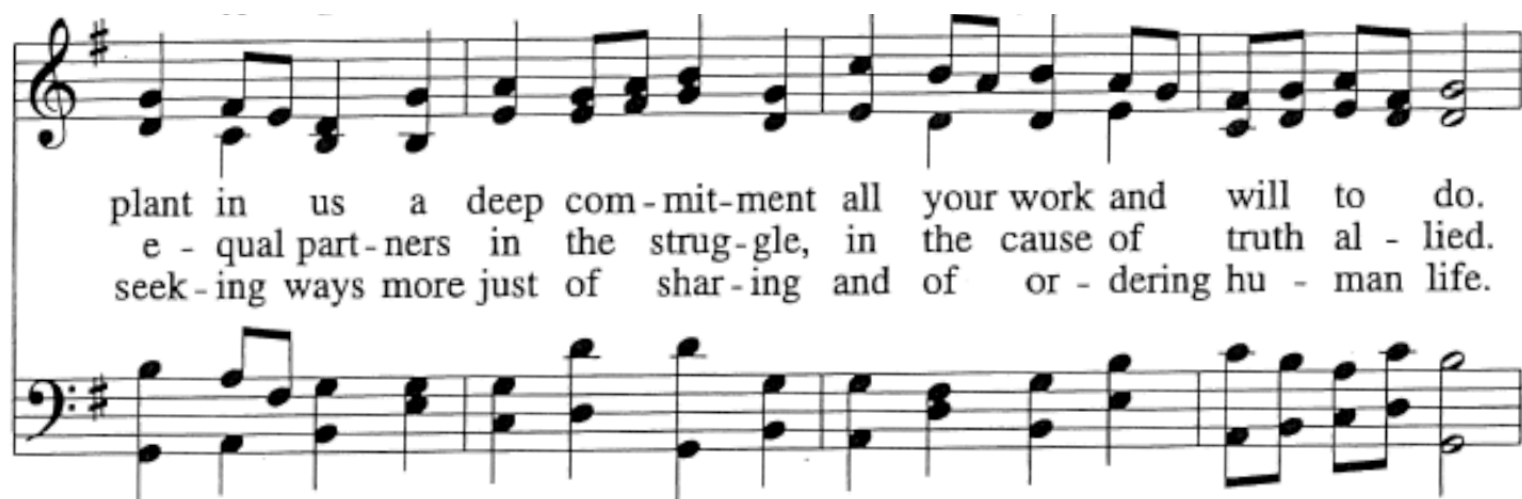
WORDS: Joy F. Patterson (1931-)

MUSIC: Dutch melody, 18th c.; arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

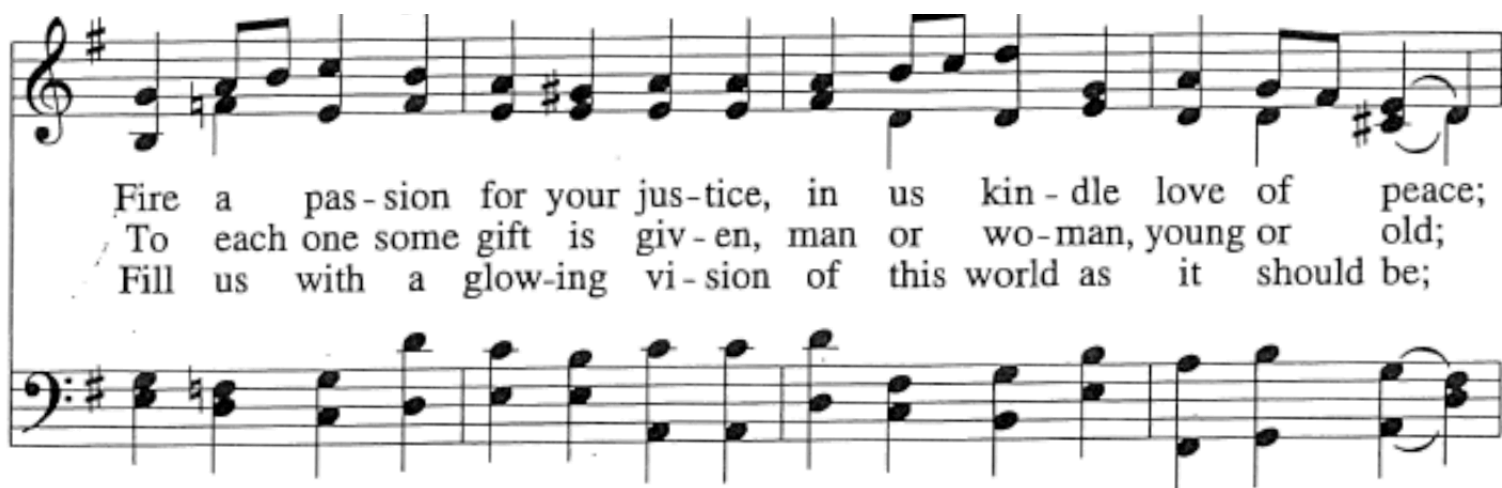
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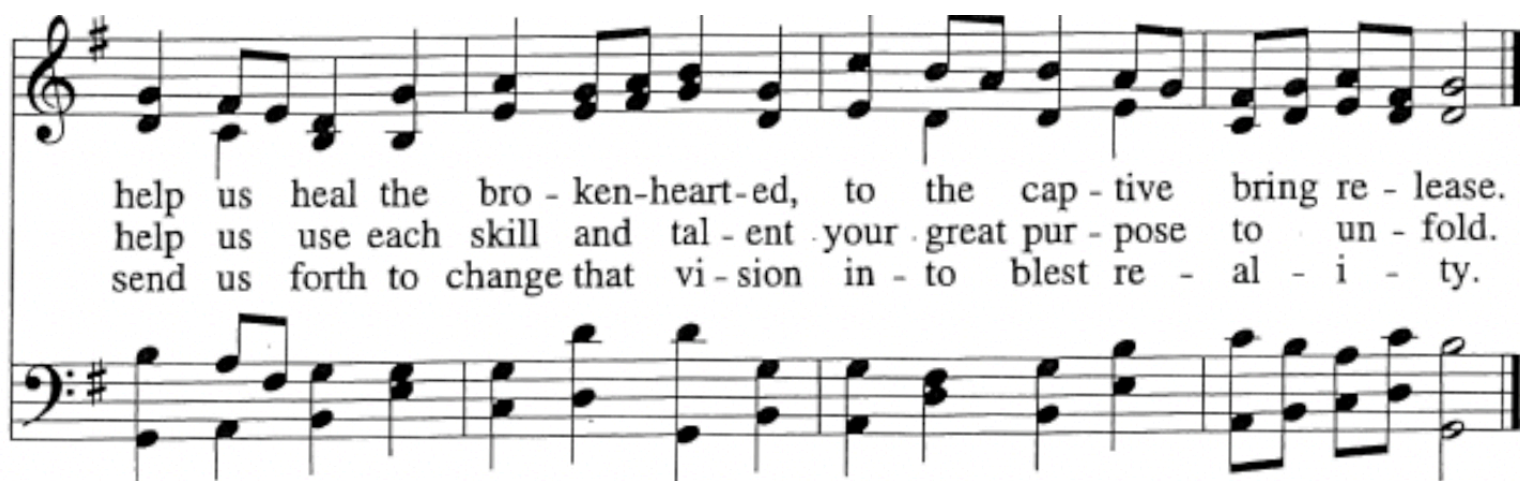
1 Christ, you call us all to serv-ice, call us all who fol - low you;
2 Teach us how to work to - geth - er, broth - ers, sis - ters, side by side,
3 Let us be a ser - vant peo - ple, re - con - cil - ing, end - ing strife,



plant in us a deep com - mit - ment all your work and will to do.
e - qual part - ners in the strug - gle, in the cause of truth al - lied.
seek - ing ways more just of shar - ing and of or - dering hu - man life.



Fire a pas - sion for your jus - tice, in us kin - dle love of peace;
To each one some gift is giv - en, man or wo - man, young or old;
Fill us with a glow - ing vi - sion of this world as it should be;



***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world -- begins again this week

POSTLUDE

All Glory Laud and Honour

R. Hughes

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Leading Worship & Writing Prayers of the People - Rev. Sue Hunter;

Scripture Reading - Sandra Beckman, Mark Domning;

Guest Organist - Jane Fagnan;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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