



*Seeking the peace and well-being of the city*

September 28, 2025 2:30 p.m.



## Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

### **PRELUDE**

Trumpet Tune in C

Prelude on Song 13

*(Come, and Worship)*

M. Helman

R. Vaughan Williams

### **GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **INTROIT**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

### **\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

26 Many & Great

LACQUIPARLE

WORDS: Joseph R. Renville, 19th c.; para. Philip Frazier (1892-1964), alt.  
MUSIC: Native American melody; arr. Jack Schrader (1942- )  
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LACQUIPARLE  
Irregular

Unison

C(no3) Cm C<sub>2</sub> Cm

1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works,  
2 Grant un - to us com - mun - ion with you,

(Opt. Hand Drum — )

$\frac{Fm}{C}$  Cm  $\frac{Bb}{C}$  Cm  $\frac{Fm}{C}$  Cm

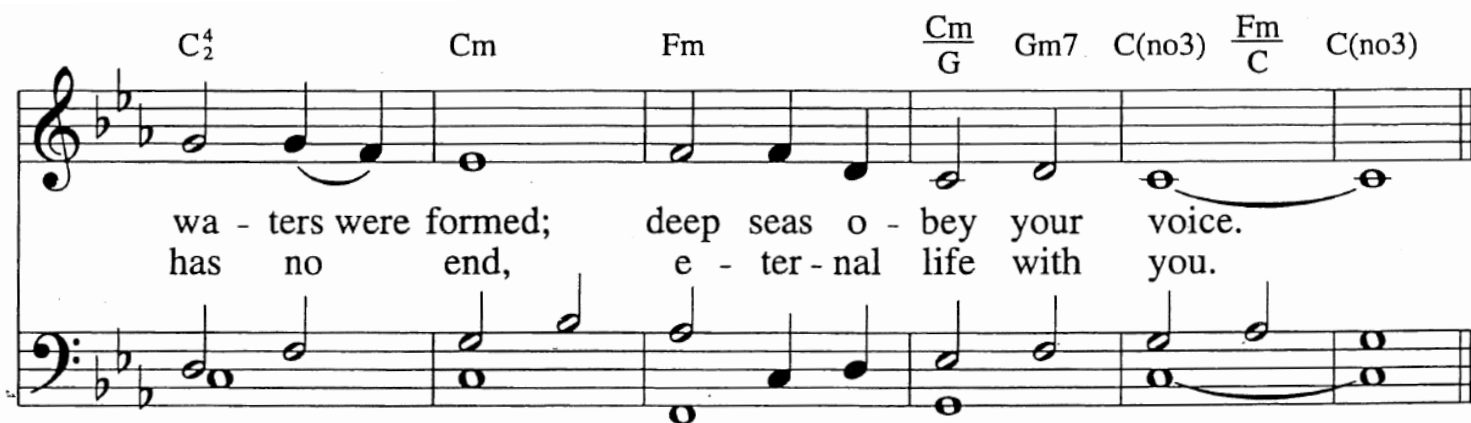
Mak - er of earth and sky. Your hands have  
O star - a - bid - ing One. Come un - to

$\frac{Fm}{C}$  Cm  $\frac{Fm}{C}$  Cm  $\frac{Fm}{C}$  Cm

set the heav - ens with stars; your fin - gers spread the  
us and dwell with us; with you are found the

$\frac{Fm}{Ab}$  Gm7 Fm C(no3) Cm

moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your word the  
gifts of life. Bless us with life that



### **\*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** (from [ministrymatters .com](http://ministrymatters.com) & [re-worship.blogspot .com](http://re-worship.blogspot.com))

Gracious and generous God,  
you lavishly bestow the gift of your love.

Forgive us, we pray,  
when we think we have somehow earned  
or are entitled to your generosity;  
when we take what you give and beg you for more;  
when we hoard our gifts,  
becoming distracted with their allure,  
and do not hear the mournful cry of those around us.

Forgive our weakness, and teach us again  
to know the contentment of having enough,  
and sharing not only from our riches  
but also from our poverty.

*(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

Amos 6:1, 4-7

Read from "The Message"

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

### ANTHEM

There is a Balm in Gilead

Trad. Spiritual, arr. H. Helvey

### RESPONSIVE PRAYER (from franpratt .com)

One: God of Compassion and Love,  
You care for sparrows and sinners. Your heart is bent  
toward the disadvantaged.

**Many: Your justice covers the rich and the beggar.**

One: We acknowledge our obstacles in participating in  
your work: self-centeredness, apathy, disgust,  
blindness, pride. These things keep us from seeing  
the beggar at our gate.

**Many: We need you to teach us your way.**

One: Give us courage to face the agony  
of those around us, and give us the strength to help.  
When we are asked to get our hands dirty  
and lift the downtrodden,

**Many: help us to be faithful and obedient.**

**All: By having compassion, we bring heaven to earth and break down  
the walls of hell. Amen.**

# \*HYMN OF ASPIRATION

Draw the Circle Wide

BROWNING

*Refrain* Eb Ab Bb Eb Ab Bb

Draw the cir - cle wide. Draw it wid - er still.

Eb Ab Bb Gm G Cm Ab

Let this be our song, no one stands a - lone, stand - ing side by

Bb Bb7 Eb Ab *Last time* Ab Bb

side, draw the cir - cle wide.

Eb Ab Eb Bb Eb Ab Eb Bb G

1 God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre - a - tion turns;  
 2 Let our heart touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass great and small;  
 3 Let the dreams we dream be lar - ger, than we've ev - er dreamed be - fore;

Cm Fm7 Bb Gm Cm Fm Ab/Bb Bb *To refrain* Bb7

no - thing lost, but held for - ev - er, in God's gra - cious arms.  
 let our lov - ing know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call.  
 let the dream of Christ be in us, o - pen ev - ery door.

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87 85 with refrain  
BROWNING

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE




# \*HYMN OF MEDITATION

596 Help Us Accept Each Other


BECK

*Unison*  
G A7 G Cdim G Am7(b5) Gmaj7 G6 A7



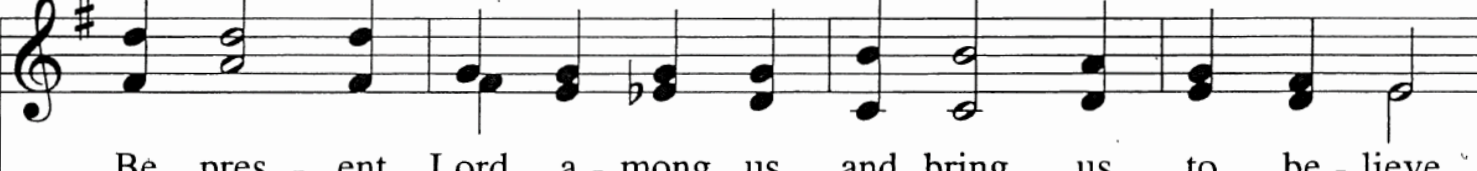
1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
3 Let your ac - cept - ance change us, so that we may be moved  
4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

Bm Em Emsus2 Em D Cmaj7 Bm7 Am7 D7sus2 D7



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for right - eous - ness and bread,

Bm7 Emsus2 Em Em(#7) Em7 Am9 Bm7 C D/C C#dim7



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
to prac - tice your ac - cept - ance un - til we know by heart  
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:

we are *our-selves* ac-cept-ed, and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be-come.  
 the ta-ble of for-give-ness, and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.  
 re-new us with your Spir-it; Lord, free us, make us one!

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 MUSIC: John Ness Beck (1930-1986)  
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## SECOND READING

Luke 16:19-31

Read from the "The First Nations Version"

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

## SERMON

Rev. Allan Effa

*(Silence for personal reflection)*

## CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### Offertory

There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. T. Shaw

### \*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

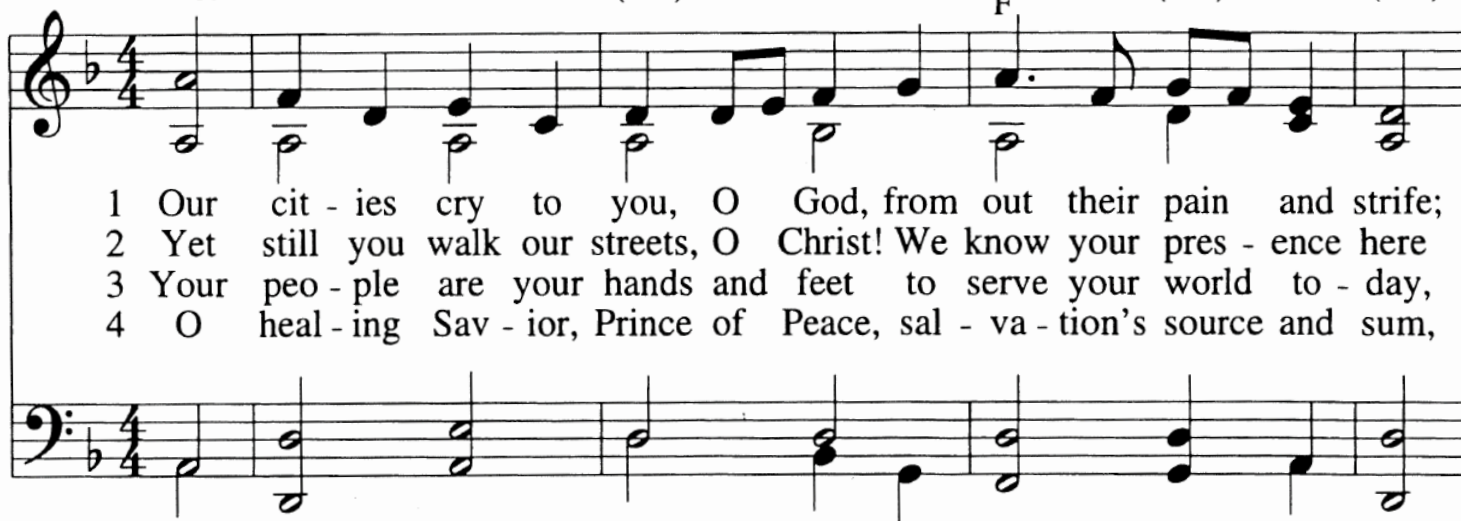
# \*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

Our Cities Cry to you, O God

SALVATION

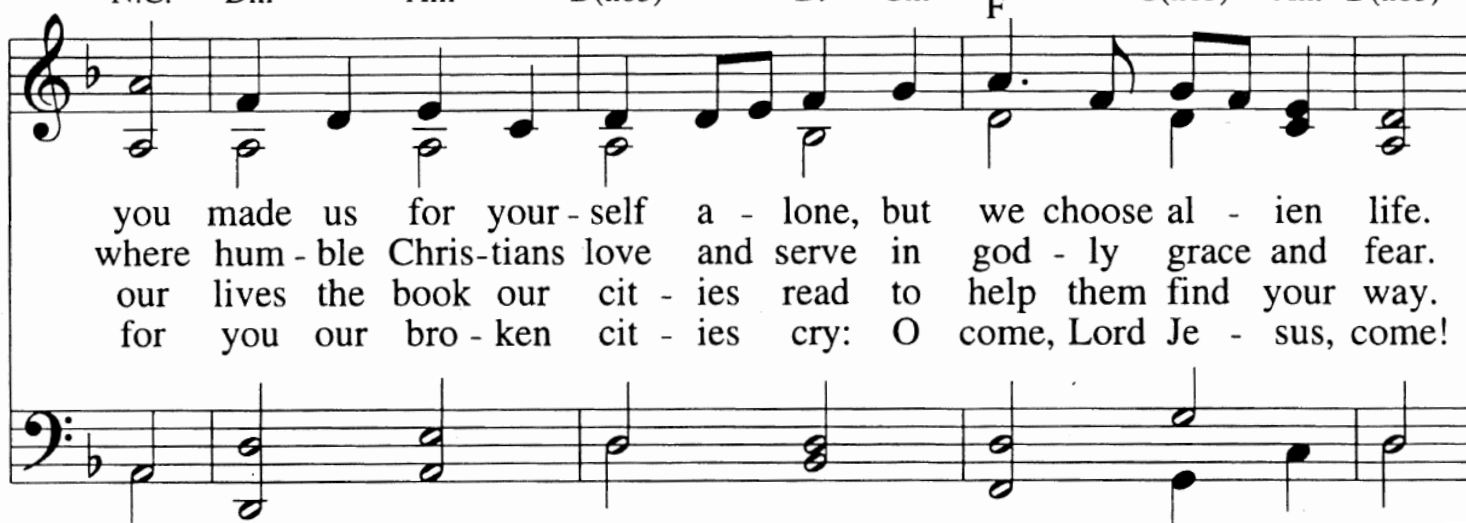
*Unison*

N.C. Dm Am D(no3) Bb Gm  $\frac{Dm}{F}$  G(no3) Am D(no3)



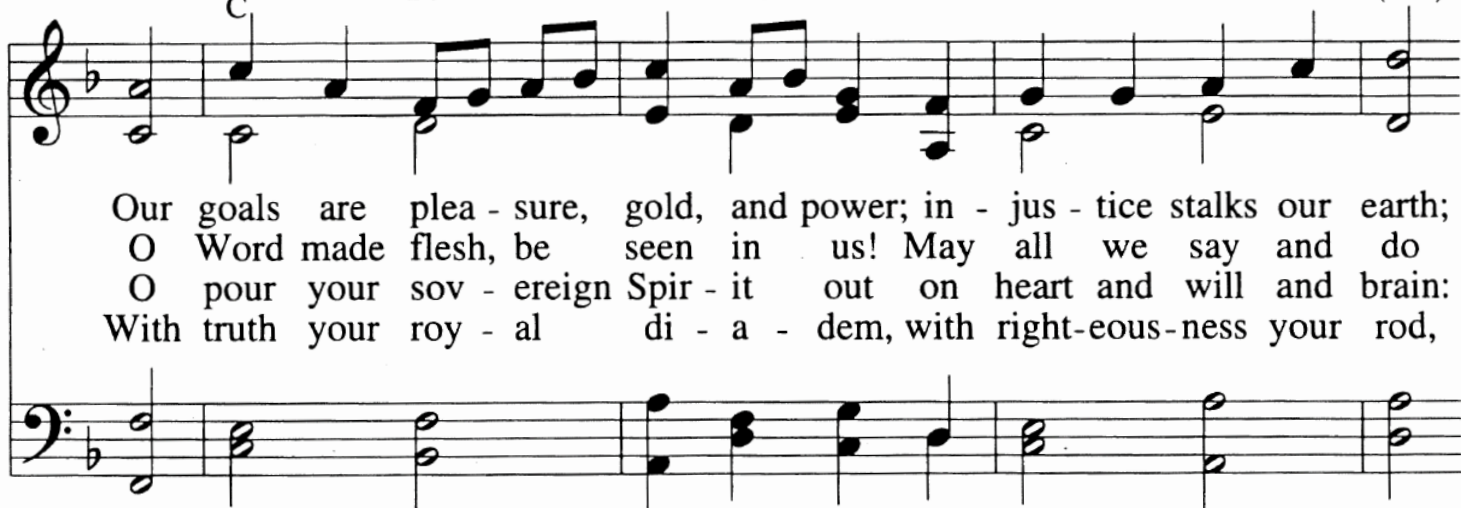
1 Our cit - ies cry to you, O God, from out their pain and strife;  
2 Yet still you walk our streets, O Christ! We know your pres - ence here  
3 Your peo - ple are your hands and feet to serve your world to - day,  
4 O heal - ing Sav - ior, Prince of Peace, sal - va - tion's source and sum,

N.C. Dm Am D(no3) Bb Gm  $\frac{Dm}{F}$  G(no3) Am D(no3)



you made us for your - self a - lone, but we choose al - ien life.  
where hum - ble Chris - tians love and serve in god - ly grace and fear.  
our lives the book our cit - ies read to help them find your way.  
for you our bro - ken cit - ies cry: O come, Lord Je - sus, come!

F  $\frac{Am}{C}$  Bb Am Dm C Dm C Am D(no3)



Our goals are plea - sure, gold, and power; in - jus - tice stalks our earth;  
O Word made flesh, be seen in us! May all we say and do  
O pour your sov - ereign Spir - it out on heart and will and brain:  
With truth your roy - al di - a - dem, with right - eous - ness your rod,



in vain we seek for rest, for joy, for sense of hu - man worth.  
 af - firm you God In - car - nate still and turn sad hearts to you!  
 in - spire your church with love and power to ease our cit - ies' pain!  
 O come, Lord Je - sus, bring to earth the cit - y of our God!

WORDS: Margaret Clarkson (1915- )  
 MUSIC: Kentucky Harmony, 1816; harm. Songs for Liturgy and More Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1971  
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SALVATION  
 C.M.D.

## \*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.

## \*Choral Benediction

Many and Great (reprise)

LACQUIPARLE

## \*The Sending of the Community

### \*Congregational Amen

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

## POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F Major BWV 556

J.S. Bach

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Guest Preacher - Rev. Dr. Allan Effa;

Writing Prayers & Leading Worship - Rev. Craig Traynor;

Writing Prayers - Kathy Brown;

Scripture Reading - Caitlin Hart; Ann Magnusson;

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