

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Commitment Sunday
October 17, 2021
Morning Worship 10 am**

Watchword for the Week: *For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45*

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Andrew L. Heil

Prelude: *Tribute* Craig Phillips (2001)

Call to Worship

Hymn 555 – *Come Now, Almighty King* T. Italian Hymn

1 Come now, al - might - y King, help us your name to sing,
2 Come now, In - car - nate Word, our just and might - y Lord,
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, your sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be

help us to praise. Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, ev - er vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and your peo - ple bless and give your
in this glad hour. Your grace to us im - part, now rule in
for - ev - er - more! Your sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess; strength - en your right - eous - ness, Sav - ior and Friend!
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r!
glo - ry see and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!

Scripture lessons:

Isaiah 53: 4-12

Psalms 91: 9-16

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,

the Most High your dwelling place,

no evil shall befall you,

no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
 You will tread on the lion and the adder,
 the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
 Those who love me, I will deliver;
 I will protect those who know my name.
 When they call to me, I will answer them;
 I will be with them in trouble,
 I will rescue them and honor them.
 With long life I will satisfy them,
 and show them my salvation.

Hebrews 5:1-10

Liturgy: *Stewardship*, pages 154-157 (stopping at end of hymn)

(Standing)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, creator of all things visible and invisible,
 powerful beyond measure, good beyond all understanding.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

DUKE STREET (22 Q)

Join hearts and voices as we lift our grat - i -
 tude for ev - 'ry gift, and mul - ti - ply each
 gift with praise to God who gives us all our days.

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Lord, our God, you bring forth and nourish every living being.

We lift up our hearts to you.

We assemble here celebrating the joys of human life, shared one with the other.
 We recall the ministry of Jesus, crucified and raised up for our salvation, still
 present among us through the mystery of the Holy Spirit.

We praise you for new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Confessing that we have strayed from your holy will, we humbly acknowledge
 our sins before you.

(Kneeling or sitting)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in many ways, times, and places. We have mishandled this good earth entrusted to our care, and we have misused our personal gifts, hurting both ourselves and others. Forgive our false pride which hides our negligence, and forgive our careless acts which destroy your handiwork. In your mercy correct our faults and restore us to responsible, compassionate living.

SILENT CONFESSION

Hear and know that the Lord is good. God forgives those who are contrite in heart. Live in peace, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

(Sitting)

WELWYN

O ho - ly God, whose gra - cious pow'r re - deems us,
make us, by faith, true stew - ards of your grace,
help us to hear and heed Christ's great com - mis - sion,
shar - ing good news in this our time and place.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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Let us taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us be grateful for all that God has provided.

Inspire us, God of mercy, to be thankful for what we have received.

Let our lives resound with the wonder and beauty of all that God has been creating from the beginning. As caretakers of creation, may we learn anew to enjoy the land, preserve the water, respect all living creatures, and meditate upon the grandeur of open sky and sea.

Teach us, God of creation, to walk the earth with gratitude and wisdom.

Let our eyes be opened to the needs of all people, especially the poor.

Move us, God of justice, to share what we have and to be just and merciful in our nation and the world.

Let us hear God's call to the urgent tasks of our time: studies to pursue, projects to begin, communities to build, individuals to support, damages to restore.

Use us, God of the covenant — use our time, our talent, our treasure.

BUNESSAN

Bless, Lord, the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our

The first system of musical notation consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in 2/4 time and begins with a treble clef. The piano accompaniment is in 2/4 time and begins with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: "Bless, Lord, the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our".

neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work".

with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.

The third system of musical notation concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread." The system ends with a double bar line.

Invitation to Present Stewardship Commitments Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

Presentation of Commitments

Our Creator God calls us to become the servant body of Christ, ministering to the world, and grants us the blessings of membership in the holy, universal church.

We thank you for our place in the church.

The Spirit of the Lord fills this house. God delights in its beauty, and sings through the music of the faithful. God speaks by the reading and proclamation of the word, stirs in the waters of baptism, nourishes through the gifts of bread and wine. God hears the prayers of the people and rejoices in our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

We thank you for your presence and power among us.

The Lord gathers us into the fellowship of this congregation. Here we share our spiritual gifts and employ them to build up the body. Some of us teach and proclaim, some shepherd and heal, some lead and administer, some serve, prophesy, and evangelize. All of us dwell in God's love, and all pray for one another in the peace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We offer our gifts to honor your holy name and to strengthen one another in faith.

God calls us to commit our financial resources to the building of the kingdom, to tithe, and to give generously of our wealth in proportion to the blessings we have received.

Search our hearts and try our ways that we might give to your glory, O God.

Jesus leads us onward in the high mission of the church. We proclaim the gospel to all nations by word and deed, that people everywhere may find new life in God.

We hear your call. We pledge the best of our labors that your glory may be known in all the earth.

Let us now rise to serve God. Let us renew our commitment to Christ's call for servanthood, obedience, and sacrifice to establish a world of justice, prosperity, and peace.

We rise as one to love and serve the Lord!

[Standing]

TOULON

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you,
use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,
to - kens of love and pledg - cs brought a - new,
that our whole life is of - fered to your will.

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May the words of our lips and the meditations of our hearts —

May the deeds of our hands and the action of our lives —

Be pleasing in your sight, O God our Creator.

Through Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit,

One God of all, world without end.

Amen!

Gospel lesson: Mark 10: 35-45

Sermon: *Just Ask*

Reflection on Giving

The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we can express our gratitude in response to God: with time, treasure, talents, and testimony.

For financial giving online:

Click the "Give Now" button on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to HomeMoravian.org/online-giving. You can make one-time or recurring gifts.

Use the Moravian Ministries Foundation giving portal at <https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/>

Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.

Invitation

Anthem: *Prayer* H. Leslie Adams (1961)
 Jackson Ray, Tenor
 Text by Langston Hughes

Doxology

Prayer

Prayers for the Church and the World Rev. Heil

Hymn: *Lord, You Give Beyond All Measure*T. Zurich

Text by Nancy Sawtelle*

1. Lord, you give beyond all measure:
Gifts of beauty, gifts of grace,
Gifts of earth and gifts of heaven,
Gifts for all the human race;
Sacred gift of Christ, most blessed,
Freedom from our sins confessed,
All we have comes from above.
Thank you, Lord, for boundless love.

2. We are called to faithful service
for the blessings from your hand,
To return the gifts you've granted,
stewards in your perfect plan.
Free us from our earthly treasure;
us unite in heav'nly pleasure.
May we sense from heav'n above
how to live out Boundless Love.

3. Lord, I offer but a portion
what you have on me bestowed.
Seal my heart; make me an off'ring,
forward in Christ's way I go.
I commit my time and treas'ry:
talent, skill with which you've blessed me.
I return to you above
gifts received: your boundless love.

Benediction

Choral Response (congregation and choir): *Bless Us Richly, Lord*, verse 1

1. Bless us rich - ly God, our God,
 2. We greet oth - ers with es - teem;
 3. Christ then aids our la - bors here,
 4. Bring suc - cess in all our works,
 5. See the say - ing works of Christ;

'till our earth - ly days shall cease,
 we are Christ's be - lov - ed bride;
 gives to all his bount - eous grace,
 in you and his name a - lone;
 in his truth, your we then shall rise;

through Christ's suff - 'ring, death and blood,
 see, his church now years for him,
 so Im - man - 'el, God's own Lamb,
 bless us, bought by are your own blood,
 all we, who are weak with sin,

through Christ's word of peace.
 this church at his side.
 brings to us God's peace.
 hear our soul's sing true song!
 now whole, sing his praise!

Postlude: *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* T. Darwall
 setting by Healey Willan (1960)

Lord, You Give Beyond All Measure text ©2007
 by Nancy Sawtelle.

In preparation for our 250th anniversary celebration, Home Church commissioned a choral work from composer Jill Bruckart, a member of College Hill Moravian Church in Bethlehem. The text, written by Zinzendorf, is the first hymn text sung in worship on November 13, 1771, the founding day of the Salem Congregation. Sister Bruckart composed a new hymn tune for this text and built the choral anthem around it. Today, the congregation is invited to sing Verse 1 of this new hymn, “Bless Us Richly,” along with the choir as the choral response to the benediction.

We thank Scott Carpenter for serving as our organist today.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Lloyd W. Disher, Flora and Cicero Disher and Jack Rose* and in honor of *Ann Rose* by Hazel Disher, Wayne Disher, and Suzanne Disher Miller.

The Godly Play story, *An Ark and a Tent for God*, will be shared in person today and be available at www.homemoravian.org.