



**"Wisdom of Jigsaw Puzzles 4  
God's Picture, Our Puzzle"**

August 31, 2025  
*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*

*(†) The congregation is invited to stand as your able  
(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds*

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

*Silent Prayer and Time for Centering*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP      \*\*\*

Creator God,  
    you call us to hospitality;  
    to give as generously to others as you have given to us.  
**For there are angels among us.**

Loving God,  
    you call us to give you glory  
    in the compassion we show to one another.  
**To love without judgment,**  
    **of ourselves or of others.**

We gather as one Body,  
    seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.  
**We gather as one Body,**  
    **to worship the one who is Love.**

# † HYMN OF PRAISE

## The Love of God Comes Close

DARWALLS 148<sup>th</sup>

(For verse 5, please sing text highlighted at bottom of page)

1. The love of God comes close where stands an o - pen door to  
2. The peace of God comes close to those caught in the storm, for -  
3. The joy of God comes close where faith en - coun - ters fears, where  
4. The grace of God comes close to those whose grace is spent, where  
5. The Son of God comes close where peo - ple praise his name, \*where

let the stran - ger in, to min - gle rich and poor: the love of  
go - ing lives of ease to ease the lives for - lorn: the peace of  
heights and depths of life are found through smiles and tears: the joy of  
hearts are tired or sore and hope is bruised or bent: the grace of  
bread and wine are blessed and shared as when he came; the Son of

God is here to stay em - brac - ing those who walk his way.

*\*For non-eucharistic occasions: "where what he said is done with / love, as when he came;"*

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## **† PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God,**

**we find it hard to see in ourselves  
the trappings our society so admires and serves—  
power, wealth, and access that forget mutual love.  
We fail to see our allegiance to these dangerous gods—  
rushing for places of honor,  
scorning the humble and lowly,  
supporting systems that survive on greed and abuse.  
Forgive us when we are fearful  
that there is not enough.  
Remind us that you are enough.  
Teach us your generosity.  
Teach us your world-changing humility.  
Teach us your expansive love.  
Transform us and heal our lives. Amen.**

## **† ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**God's promises are not only to our ancestors,  
they are to us as well:  
"I will feed you with the finest of wheat;  
with honey from the rock I will satisfy you."  
In the living God, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!**

## **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

## **THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD**

RESPONSE (General)

S T Kimbrough, Jr. (Ps.112:4,5)

Carlton R. Young



Alternate response at Ps. 10.

R

- 1 Praise the Lord.  
Blessed are those who fear the Lord,  
who greatly delight in God's commandments!
- 2 **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;**  
**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- 3 Wealth and riches are in their house,  
and their righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;**  
**they are gracious, merciful and righteous.**
- 5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.
- 6 **For the righteous shall never be moved;**  
**they will be remembered for ever. R**
- 7 They are not afraid of evil tidings;  
their hearts are firm, trusting in the Lord.
- 8 **When they see their adversaries,**  
**their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid.**
- 9 They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;  
their righteousness endures for ever;  
their horn is exalted in honor.
- 10 **The wicked see it and are angry;**  
**they gnash their teeth and melt away;**  
**the desire of the wicked comes to nothing. R**

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SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

# † HYMN OF PREPARATION

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## The Servant Song

1., 6. Broth - er, sis - ter, let me serve you,  
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney;  
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you  
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing;  
5. When we sing to God in heav - en,

let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may  
we're to - geth - er on this road. We are here to  
in the night - time of your fear; I will hold my  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your  
we shall find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've

have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

*Optional choral ending*

*mp* *rit.*  
Let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you. ———

WORDS: Richard Gillard (Matt. 20:26)

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THE SERVANT SONG  
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† GOSPEL LESSON:

[Luke 14: 1, 7-14](#)

(Pg. 849) \*\*

PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture,  
For the word of God among us,  
For the word of God within us,

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

## † GLORIA PATRI

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

### 71 Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.' The score includes a variety of musical notations such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and rests.

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.  
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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Irr.

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SERMON: Ho-Soon Han

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*“God’s Picture, Our Puzzle”*

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

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# Jesu, Jesu

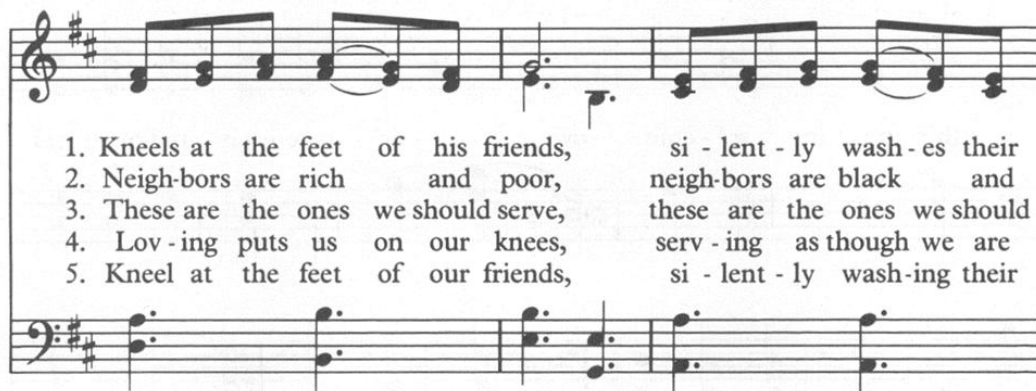
*Refrain (Unison)*



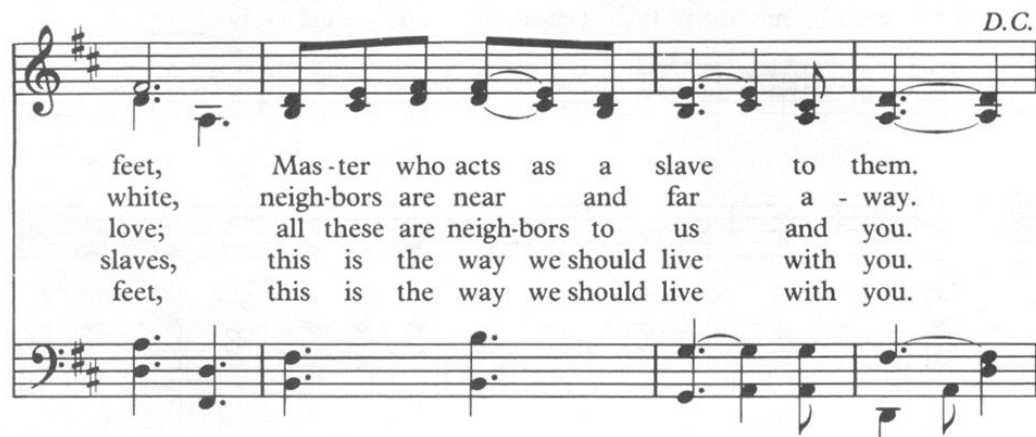
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and  
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are  
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their



feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
white, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.  
love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
slaves, this is the way we should live with you.  
feet, this is the way we should live with you.

WORDS: Tom Colvin, 1969 (Jn. 13:1-17)  
MUSIC: Ghana folk song; adapt. by Tom Colvin, 1969; harm. by  
Charles H. Webb, 1988

CHEREPONI  
Irr. with Refrain

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# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Sharing of Joys and Concerns*

## PRAYER SONG

### Ubi Caritas

Refrain

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; *Where charity and love are found, God is there*; Taizé Community, 1978  
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## SILENT PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG

(See Above)

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

# † DOXOLOGY

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

## 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Unison*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;



praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:

*Harmony*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*



Praise God, the source of all our gifts!



Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

*Refrain (Harmony)*



Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Offertory Prayer:

## THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

# † HYMN OF DEDICATION

## Bring Forth the Kingdom

Verses



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:  
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:  
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:  
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of  
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and  
Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and  
Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

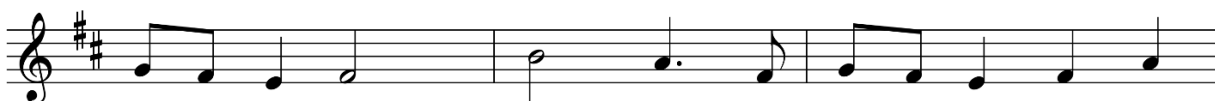


life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!  
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!  
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!  
love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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\*Benediction

Voluntary

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### Looking Ahead

Readings for September 7, 2025

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

[Jeremiah 18:1-11 / Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18](#)

[Philemon 1:1-21 / Luke 14:25-33](#)



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