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THE CHURCH GATHERS

SILENT PRAYER AND TIME FOR CENTERING

PRELUDE:

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

Creator God, you give us life,
and we thank you!

**Risen Christ, you bless us with your grace,
and we praise you!**

Holy Spirit, you give us the power to create and to work,
to love and to bless.

You have given us such rich and wonderful gifts!

We come to you joyfully, grateful for your generosity

Earth is generous with food and air, with color and beauty.

You are generous with love and grace.

Teach us, God, how to be generous.

Tell us again the story of your grace,
so that we may become a part of it.

**Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit,
and transform us by your grace.**

Alleluia!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to the throne thy
2. Praise the Lord for grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple
3. Fa - ther - like, God tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
4. An - gels in the heights, a - dor - ing, you be - hold God

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; praise God, still the same as ev - er,
frame God knows; moth - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,
face to face; saints tri - um - phant, now a - dor - ing,

ev - er - more God's prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
gath - ered in from ev - ery race. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious now God's faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet God's mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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LAUDA ANIMA
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION **

**Gentle God, trusting in your tender mercy,
we confess our sins to you with one another.
We confess that we forget you.
We are so concerned for our own comfort
that we forget our neighbors.
We so attached to our own will that we forget yours.
We are so aware of our needs that we forget our calling.
We are so pleased with our possessions
that we forget that they are yours.
Bring us back to mindfulness, God.
Forgive us and be generous with your grace.
Heal our hearts, restore your Spirit in us,
and re-create us in your image.
Awaken us to your gifts in us,
that we might live by them with trust and courage.
Lord, have mercy on us and grant us your peace.
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS ***

**Christ bears our forgiveness
with wounded hands and a generous heart,
and the Holy Spirit fills us with love and courage.
Loving God claims us as God's beloved.
Thanks be to God! *****

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

Teach Me O Lord

Music by Philip Stopford

Teach me O Lord, the way of thy statutes;
and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law;
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;
for there-in is my desire.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity;
and quicken me in thy way.

O establish thy word, thy word in thy servant
that I may fear thee. Amen.

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TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

CHILDREN MESSAGE: (WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

They'll Know We Are Christians

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

one in the Lord, We are one in the
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
 work side by side, We will work with each
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
 guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us

stored:
 land: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
 pride:
 one:

love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are

Chris - tians by our love.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 4:32-5:11 (Pg. 888) **

SERMON [Rev. Cythnia Maybeck](#) - Guest Preacher

"Your Money or Your Life!"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

*HYMN

399 Take My Life, and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no
Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be
long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;
let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and
filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver
it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my
let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
Take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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MESSIAH
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG (Verse 1)

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Sebastian Temple

Verses 1, 2, 4



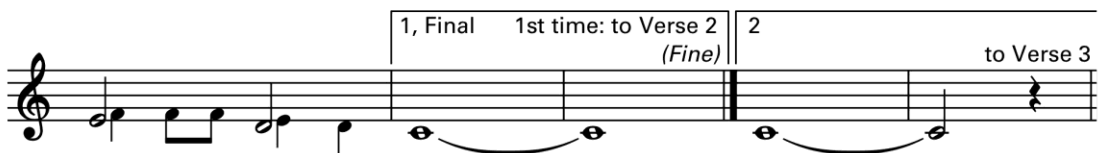
1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred,
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-



1. let me bring your love. _____ Where there is in - ju -
2. life, let me bring hope. _____ Where there is dark-ness
4. ing that we are par-doned, _____ In giv - ing of our -



1. ry, your par-don, Lord, And where there's doubt, true
2. _____ on - ly light, And where there's sad - ness
4. selves that we re - ceive, And in dy - ing that we're



1. faith in you. 2. joy.
2. ev - er 2. joy.
4. born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3



3. O Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-



3. soled, as to con-sole, To be un-der-stood, as to un-der-



3. stand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

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INVITATION TO PRAYER:

Leader: "The Lord be with you "

People: "And also with you..."

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

[The Lord's Prayer](#)

(UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG *(Verse 4 from previous page)*

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Almighty God,

I thank You for all the gifts You have given me:
my life, my loved ones, all that I have, and all that I am.

Most of all,

I thank You for Jesus, your Son, and our Redeemer,
who came among us to show us the way to eternal life.

Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts,

showing that complete trust in You is necessary
and that giving of self

is a most important part of following Him.

May the offerings of my time,

my talents, and my material resources

be made in the same spirit of sacrifice

that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us.

Amen.

(Adopted from Thomas Merton's Stewardship Prayer)

[Presentation of Tithes and Offerings](#)

During this time, we are grateful for your continuing financial support of our ministries.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below:

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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LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

What Gift Can We Bring

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Unison



1 What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
 2 Give thanks for the Past, for those who had vision,
 3 Give thanks for To - mor - row, full of sur - pris - es,
 4 This gift we now bring, this present, this token,

What words can con - vey it— the joy of this day?
 who plant - ed and wa - tered so dreams could come true.
 for know - ing what - ev - er To - mor - row may bring,
 these words can con - vey it— the joy of this day!

When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,
 Give thanks for the Now, for stud - y, for wor - ship,
 God gives us his word that al - ways, for - ev - er,
 When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,

what song can we of - fer in hon - or and praise?
 for mis - sion that bids us turn prayer in - to deed.
 we rest in his keep - ing and live in his love.
 this song we now of - fer in hon - or and praise!

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*Benediction

VOLUNTARY

Processional on "Lauda Anima"

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VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Cythnia Maybeck
Liturgist: Sharon Parker
Video and Sound Engineer: Charlie Devito
Altar Flowers: *In Celebration of Molly, Sarah, & Emily Thunberg Birthday's
given by their Mom Marcia Brown*

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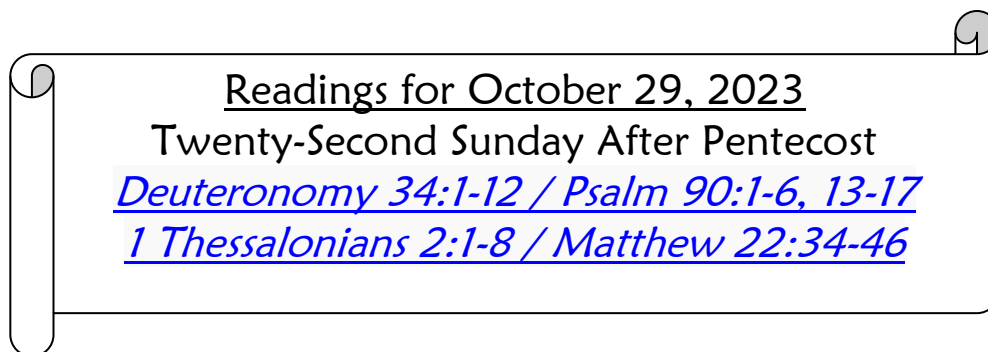
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***Worship elements from [Unfolding Light](#)

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