

Order of Service
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 2025

Prelude
“Lied” Louis Vierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Barb Huitema

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us rise and greet one another with words of peace and remain standing for our song of centering.

We greet one another with signs and words of peace.

SONG OF CENTERING

“God Welcomes All”

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

This musical system is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The treble staff contains a series of chords: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, and G5. The bass staff contains a series of chords: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F#3, and G3. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

This musical system continues the melody in G major and 4/4 time. The treble staff contains a series of chords: A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, and A5. The bass staff contains a series of chords: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F#3, and G3. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

One: As the sun sets behind the hills,

ALL: We celebrate hope in our Creator.

One: Even as the sun shines brightly in the daytime.

ALL: We celebrate peace in our Creator.

One: As we move about our world each day,

ALL: We celebrate the love of our Creator.

Prayer: Holy One, God of love, you notice when our hearts are heavy with the injustices of our world. We often feel defeated by the ways members of our community are treated and the lack of compassion toward folks in far away places. May we feel your spirit's peace even when struggles accumulate. Open our souls to your healing. Embolden us to be persistent in our quest to do justice and love kindness. May we follow your light when the shadows attempt to swallow our resolve. In the powerful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SONG OF GATHERING

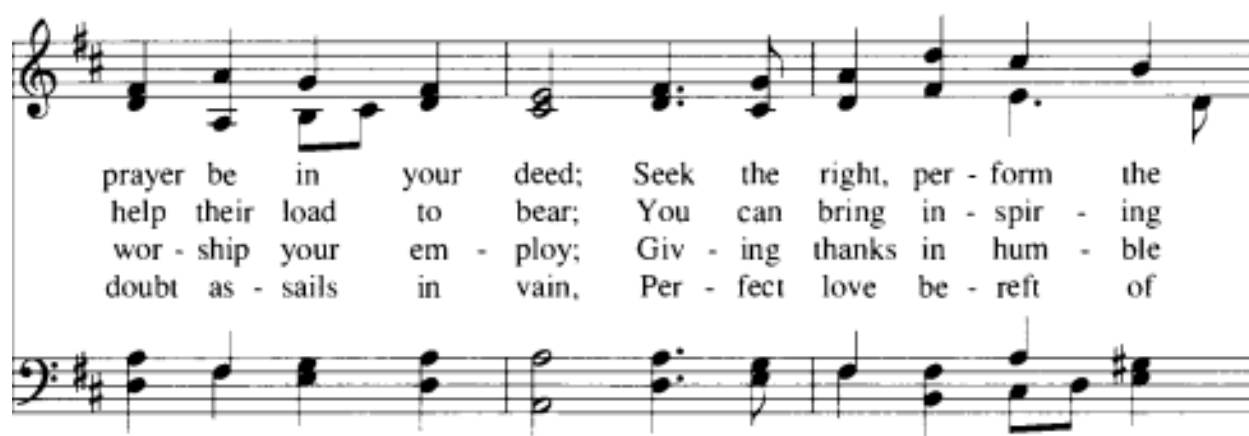
"Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed"

NCH#537

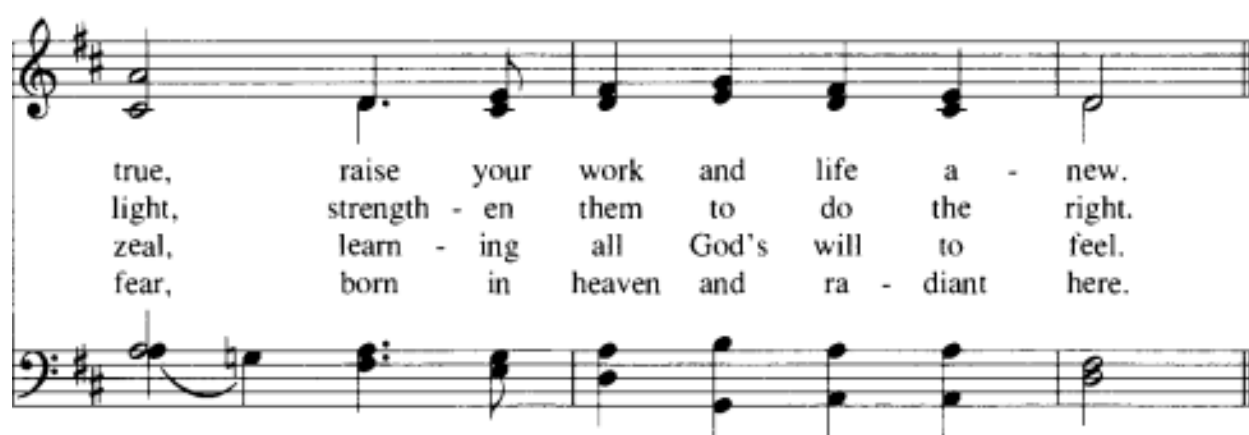
Francis Albert Rollo Russell, 1893; alt.



1 Chris - tian, rise and act your creed; let your
2 Hearts a - round you sink with care; you can
3 Of - fer oth - ers hope and joy, and God's
4 Come then, law di - vine, and reign: faith that



prayer be in your deed; Seek the right, per - form the
help their load to bear; You can bring in - spir - ing
wor - ship your em - ploy; Giv - ing thanks in hum - ble
doubt as - sails in vain, Per - fect love be - reft of



true, raise your work and life a - new.
light, strength - en them to do the right.
zeal, learn - ing all God's will to feel.
fear, born in heaven and ra - diant here.

The Liturgist invites the congregation to be seated

FIRST READING

Liturgist

2 Tim 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

HANDBELL CHOIR

“Amazing Grace”

Patricia Cota

CHILDREN'S BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Barb Huitema

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

SERMON

Barb Huitema

"Persistent"

SONG OF RESPONSE

The Liturgist invites the congregation to stand as they are able for the Song of Response.

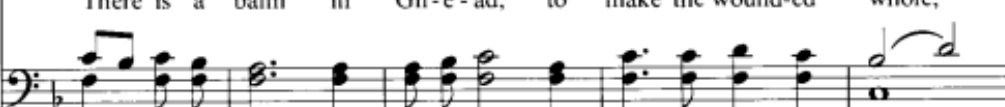
“There Is a Balm In Gilead”

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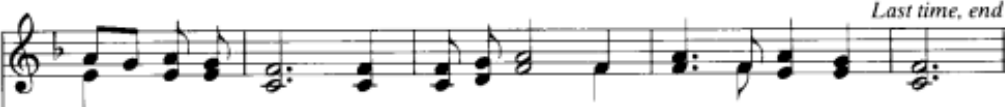
Refrain



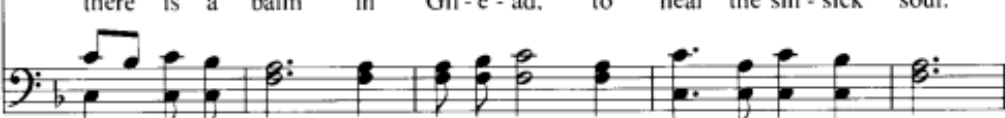
There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,



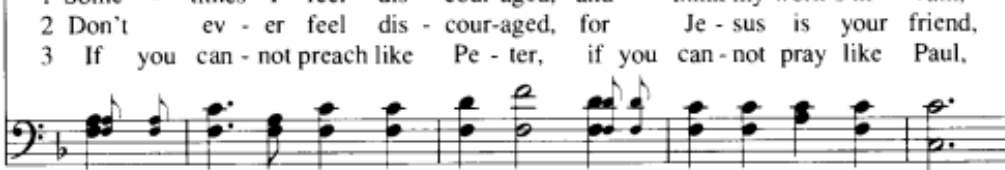
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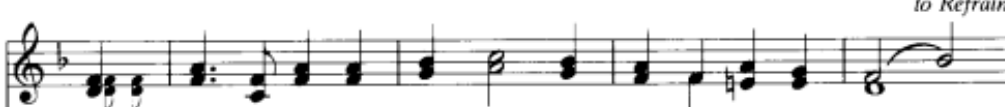
there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.



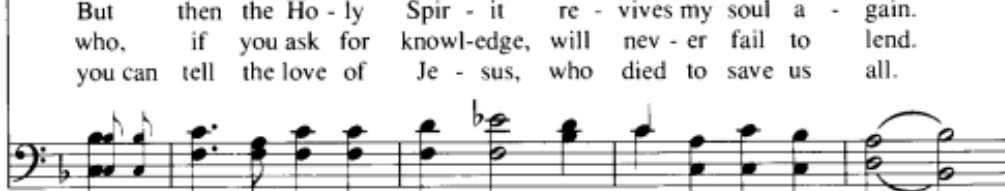

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend,
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,



to Refrain



But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Barb Huitema

ALL: Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Bill Newsom

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

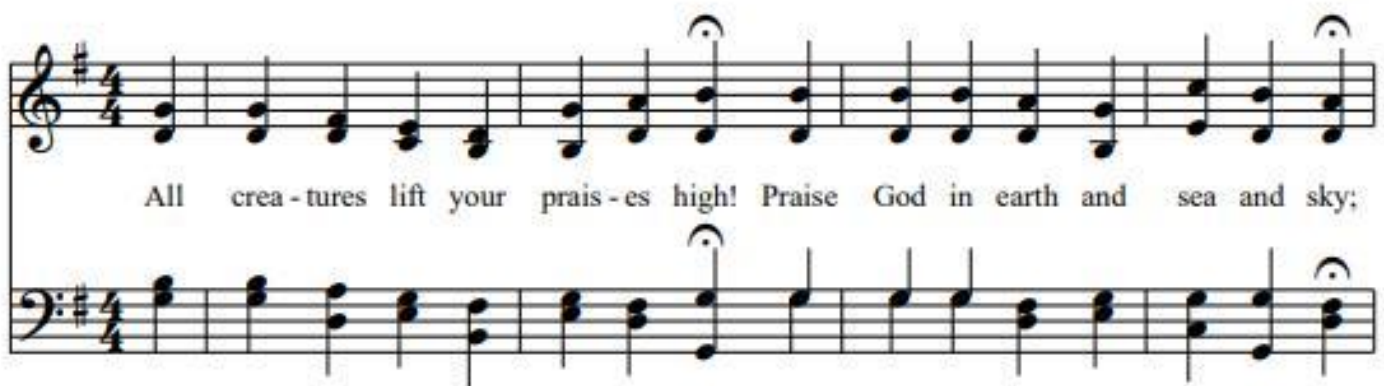
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Ushers will come forward to receive the offering

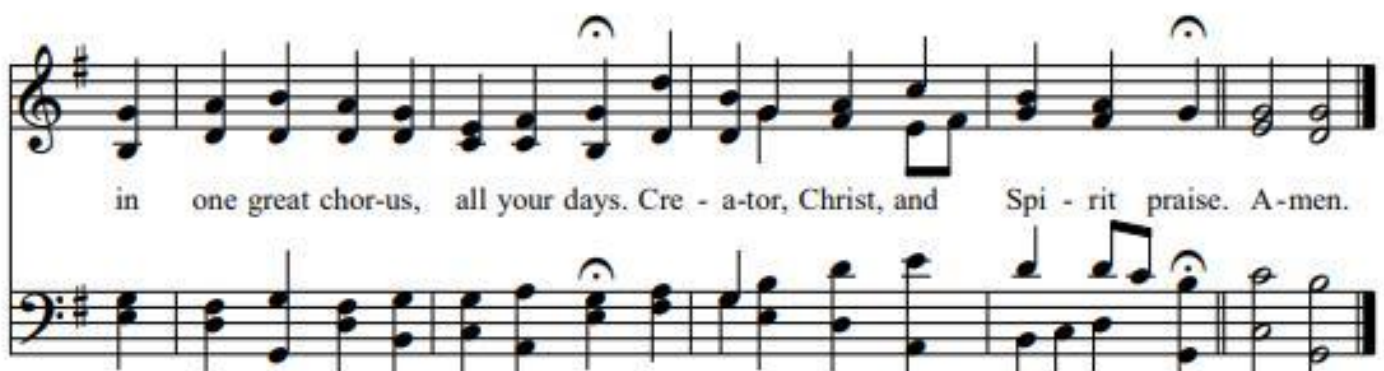
THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOR

OFFERTORY

Doxology



All crea-tures lift your prais-es high! Praise God in earth and sea and sky;



in one great chor-us, all your days. Cre - a-tor, Christ, and Spi - rit praise. A-men.

CHARGE

Liturgist

Go out into the world and trust in the faithfulness of God. Speak truth. Embody compassion. Live simply and creatively. Love recklessly. Sing with everything you have. Transform the world through the power of hope.

All: We go in peace to love and serve God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

SONG OF PARTING

“If You But Trust In God To Guide You”

NCH#410

1 If you but trust in God to guide you, with hope-ful heart through
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's plea - sure in cheer-ful hope, with
 3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv-ing; of - fer your ser - vice

all your ways, you will find strength, with God be - side you,
 heart con - tent, trust-ing that grace which knows no mea - sure
 faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word, though un - de - serv-ing,

to bear the worst of e - vil days; For those who trust God's
 will by un - bound - ed Love be sent; Nor doubt our in - most
 there find the truth to set you free; God will not fail to

change-less love build on the rock that will not move.
 wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways near.
 guide and bless those who em - brace God's faith - ful - ness.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Finale from *Symphony #3* – Camille Saint-Saen

