



# Welcome

**PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, November 14, 2021 | 10:00 am  
25th Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

Improvisation on *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

Aleks Izotov, piano

**Lighting of the Candles**

Caroline Jones

**Words of Welcome**

Wes Avram

**Call to Worship**

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**\* Opening Hymn**

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

No. 422

1 *God, whose giving knows no ending,  
From your rich and endless store,  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
Costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
Gifted by You, we turn to You,  
Offering up ourselves in praise;  
Thankful song shall rise forever,  
Gracious donor of our days.*

3 *Treasure too You have entrusted,  
Gain through powers Your grace conferred;  
Ours to use for home and kindred,  
And to spread the gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands, in sharing,  
As we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
Serving You by loving all.*

2 *Skills and time are ours for pressing  
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
All at peace in health and freedom,  
Races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor,  
Lest we strive for self alone;  
Born with talents, make us servants  
Fit to answer at your throne.*

**Prayer of Adoration**

Caroline Jones

**Call to Confession**

*Come, Bring Your Burdens to God*  
Chancel Choir

Michael Hegeman  
South African Melody

*Come, bring your burdens to God;  
come, bring your burdens to God;  
come, bring your burdens to God,  
for Jesus will never say no.*

**Common Confession and Assurance** (unison)

Michael Hegeman

Lord, open unto us light for our darkness, courage for our fear, hope for our despair, peace for our turmoil, joy for our sorrow, strength for our weakness, wisdom for our confusion, forgiveness for our sin, love for our hates, thy Self for our self. Lord, Lord, open unto us! Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (Silence.)

**\* Congregational Response**

*Alleluia!*

Celtic Alleluia: Fintan O'Carroll

1st, Chancel Choir • 2nd, Congregation

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

A E Bm E A D E A

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

**\* Passing of the Peace**

Michael Hegeman

**Children's Message**

*Clap Hands!*

Hillary Mackowski  
Douglas E. Wagner

Pinnacle Children's Choir • Melissa Trafficante, director • Aleks Izotov, piano

*Clap hands!  
Shout your praises to God.  
Clap hands with joy and sing.*

*Sing the glory of God!  
Sing of His might and wonders.  
Sing the glory of God!  
Rejoice: the Lord is King!*

*Praises unending, reach to the sky.  
Join with melody and chord,  
Make music for the Lord!*

**Choral Response**

**Go, my children with my blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever,  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

**Our Common Life**

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**Offertory**

Musical Offering

*We Are God's People*

J. Brahms / arr. D. Funderburk

Chancel Choir • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, director • Aleks Izotov, piano

*We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,  
And strong in Him we stand:  
O let us live transformed by Him,  
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.*

*We are God's loved ones, His mercy ever more,  
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;  
Now let us learn how to return  
The gift of love once giv'n;  
O let us share each joy and care,  
And live with a zeal that pleases Heav'n.*

*We are a Temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,  
Formed in His image, a cup to hold God's grace;  
He wills us to be family, diverse and truly one:  
O let us give our gifts to God,  
And so shall His work on earth be done.  
Amen!*

\* Doxology (*Old Hundredth*, no. 592)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 20:1-16

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**Sermon**

*Losing Grip pt 4: Decenter Your Work*

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**Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer** (unison)

Terilyn Lawson

**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. 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.**

1 Lord, you give the great commission:  
"Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
And the gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose  
With renewed integrity:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
May we serve as you intend,  
And, amid the cares that claim us,  
Hold in mind eternity:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:  
"In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise,  
Life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us  
Closer in community:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

## The Charge

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## Sending Music

Toccata in C BWV 564  
Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, organ

J.S. Bach

Today's Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer of Howard Thurman (1900-1981).

\* Please rise, lift your head, lift your arms, or lift your spirit.

## Scripture

### Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4 and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' 9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

## Notes of Interest

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**Ushers** are Kaaren Gotwals, Lily Rogers, Greg Sharp, Joe Sidoti, Matt Sidoti, and Paulette White; **Head Usher** is Adam Rogers.

**Student Greeters** are Dylan & David Mulumba.

**The Flowers** are given by Ginny Gladish, in memory of my husband.

**About the Lord's Prayer:** In response to our just completed worship emphasis on the Lord's Prayer, we are using the more recent translation of the Lord's Prayer from the *Presbyterian Book of Common Worship*, 2018 edition, in today's service. Worshippers may want to pray in versions or languages of their choosing. A variety of voices, words, and languages may join together in a shared voice of prayer.

## Prayer Requests

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Please pray for the following members & friends:

- *For Karla, going through a divorce;*
- *For Tyler's recovery from addiction;*
- *For our men and women in the military.*

Contact Lisa Boswell at [prayer@pinnaclepres.org](mailto:prayer@pinnaclepres.org) or call 480.585.9448 to add your request to the Pinnacle prayer list.