

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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Worship 10:15am

*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here.*

**"MANY WHO ARE
FIRST WILL
BE LAST,**



**AND THE LAST
WILL BE FIRST."**

MARK 10:31, NRSV

*Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Online Streaming Worship Service*

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,
and may you receive strength and guidance today
that will enable you to handle life's challenges.*

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**Sunday, October 10, 2021
20th Sunday after Pentecost**

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

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A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

“Lead Me, Lord”

by Samuel S. Wesley
arr. for piano by Robert Thygeron

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*{To center your hearts and minds,
you are invited to individually offer this prayer silently
during or before the Prelude}*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ^②

O Lord, we seek to gather as children of your Kingdom. This is the time and place of your dominion. We recognize that you, not we, prescribe the rules under which life can be rich and full and free. Help us in this hour to embrace the best we know. Open our thoughts and feelings so we may learn better ways. We approach you with boldness, daring to question and make requests, knowing that your grace and mercy exceed our wildest imagining, and your guidance is ever available to those who ask. Amen.

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

vs 1,2,5,& 6

♪ Red #253

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*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP ^②

Leader: The word of God is living and active.
It pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.

People: **We cannot hide from God who knows us.
God understands our thoughts and intentions.**

Leader: Leave everything to follow Jesus in this hour.
This is the time to embrace new ways.

People: **Here we set the patterns for everyday life.
Here we are strengthened for every day's challenges.**

ALL: Amen.

Virtual Worship Service

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We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

*CALL TO CONFESSION[®] (Leader)

The Word of God is living and active, sharper than a two-edged sword, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. We cannot hide from God, but must render an account to our Creator. Come, then, to confess the sin and doubts that cripple our lives.

*CONFESSION OF SIN[®] (Unison)

Almighty God, hear our prayers. Help us to trust that you hear us, even when we do not perceive you. Gracious God, at times we feel forsaken and terrified more than supported and comforted. We cry out and hear no answers, and the silence adds to our anxieties and doubts. We suffer and find no relief. We are tempted to blame you even though we are the ones who cut off communication. We complain in the midst of plenty and groan over imagined slights. When we feel mocked and scorned and despised, we turn inward with the hurt instead of opening ourselves to your healing touch. Have mercy on us, help us in our time of need, and grant us healing of body, mind, relationship, and spirit. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

*PRAYER FOR MERCY

“Kyrie”

♪ Red #518

Leader (*spoken*): Lord, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Leader (*spoken*): Christ, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Leader (*spoken*): Lord have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON[®] (Leader)

Remember that Jesus shared our common lot and is able to sympathize with our weakness. The Man of Nazareth was tempted as we are tempted. Our confessions, both those spoken and those without voice, are no surprise to the Christ, who is our great high priest. Yet we are counted as brothers and sisters in the faith and offered abundant grace and mercy. For God, all things are possible. We are forgiven! **Amen.**

*CALL TO PRAISE[®]

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the world.
People: **We give God praise, for our souls are in the hand of the Lord.**

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*PRAISE RESPONSE

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

vs 3

♪ Red #253

**Take my voice, and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.**

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{Please be seated}

We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings. We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God." Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

First Lesson: [Job 23:1-17](#)
Second Lesson: [Hebrews 4:12-16](#)
Gospel Lesson: [Mark 10:17-31](#)

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HYMN

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

vs 1 & 2

‡ NCH #565

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

We Respond with Thanks

We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped, we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by re-affirming our faith in God, praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and giving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

{Those who are able, please rise}

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended to the dead;
on the third day he rose again,
ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The word "catholic" means "the universal church" and was the word used in the original version of the Creed. It does not refer here to the particular denomination of the Roman Catholic Church, but rather the whole Christian church of all denominations, the body of Christ, as a universal fellowship.

{Please be seated}

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray....

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE[®] (Leader)

Leader: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

{A time of silent prayer}

Leader: Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us when we pray to say....

LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power,

and the glory forever. Amen.

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE

“Thy Word” refrain, vs 1, refrain

♩ *Blue* #184

**Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

**Verse 1: When I feel afraid, and I think I’ve lost my way,
Still You’re there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.**

Repeat Refrain

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OFFERTORY INVITATION ②

Leader: Jesus said to the young questioner who asked about eternal life:

People: **“You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”**

Leader: As long as our reliance is on things we have accumulated, our Christian discipleship is threatened.

People: **We give out of thanks to God and concern for our neighbors.**

RETURNING GOD’S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

Online Giving

*{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.
A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed
when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.*

*Whether worshipping in person or online,
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church
is through our secure [Online Giving](https://www.sprucc.org) option on our website at [sprucc.org](https://www.sprucc.org). [Click Here](#)
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul’s UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551}.*

OFFERTORY

“Hymn to Peace”

by Gilbert M. Martin

{Those who are able, please rise}

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***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” vs 4

♩ *Red* #253

**Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.**

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER** ② *(Leader)*

Thank you, God, for the wealth you have entrusted to us. As we share a portion of that wealth, we pray that it may never become the object of our affection. Keep our focus on people and relationships and lasting values, rather than on the possessions we can accumulate. We dedicate our time, money, and ourselves to the reign of God among us, praying that all whom our gifts may reach may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **Amen.**

We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,
we go out into the world to share God's Good News
through our words and actions.*

*COMMISSION ²

Leader: You have come before God and have worshiped.
You have heard the instructions of Holy Scripture..

**People: We go forth now to live those words.
We shall return to worship as a community of faith.**

Leader: It is not enough to worship with just words.
It is not enough to merely keep the Ten Commandments.

**People: We will put our faith in God above all else and follow in Jesus' ways.
Our faith will be revealed through our humble service and sacrifice of
time, talent, and treasure for the sake of others.**

ALL: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

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*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

♪ Red #558

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*SENDING HYMN

"All Creatures of Our God and King" vs 1,2 & 5

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*{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,
as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}*

††† Worship Participants †††

Thank you to all who have made this worship experience possible.

	<u>Today</u>	
	October 10th	October 17th
Usher Captain	Denise U.	Terry P.
Usher Co-Captain	Carl U.	Mike P.
Usher/Greeter	-	Zion UCC
Usher/Greeter	-	Zion UCC
Acolyte	Geri G.	Zion UCC
Welcome	Jon H.	Pastor Mary Etta & Geri Gammel
Layreader/Lector	Jon H.	Zion UCC
Sermon	Pastor Ben	Pastor Mary Etta
Children's Message	Pastor Ben	Pastor Mary Etta
Cantor	Brian K.	Pastor Mary Etta
AV Tech	Eric O.	Kirk A.



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The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshiping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others

† Prayer List †

*Please lift up those listed here in your prayers this week.
“Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.
The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” ~ James 5:16b*

Medical Concerns & Healing:

Terry B.
Sam B.
Lori & Ryan B.
Deb D.
Rich D.
Jacob E.
Andy G.
Jaden G.
Ann H.
Leigh H.
Richard H.
Rev. David K.
Jim & Donna K.
Ella L.
Edmund L.
Amy M.
Diane M.

Medical Concerns & Healing:

George M.
Nate, Jenny, Luke & Teddy M.
Gary N.
Terry O.
Paul P.
Fred R.
Earl S.
Jim S.
Rob & Jodi S.
Spencer Family
Kathy S.
Martha W.

Social Concerns:

Those impacted by COVID-19
Those working on a vaccine for
COVID-19
Those who serve in the armed
forces

Celebration:

Wedding of Kayla A. (daughter of
Kirk & Geneva A.)

Mourning:

Family & Friends of Robert G. Jr.
Family & Friends of R. Lynn H.
Family & Friends of Starr M.
Family & Friends of Chick M.
Family & Friends of Sharon R.
Family & Friends of Bruce W.
Stephanie W. & Family with the
passing of her father

*Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you.
All are welcome to add names to the prayer list.*

*Names are generally left on the list for about four weeks.
Please let us know if you would like a name to remain longer or shorter.
If you would like someone's name added to the prayer list,
please contact the church office at 610-621-5770 or office@sprucc.org.*

Visitation Care Team

Our Visitation Care Team (VCT) is composed of lay members who have been trained for visitation. If you are in need of prayer, a visit, or just a listening ear, they are here to be of support to you. To contact the Visitation Care Team with a visitation request or to share information about a potential care need email the VCT at CareTeam@sprucc.org. For more information, go to our “[Visitation Care Ministries](#)” page at www.sprucc.org under the “ministries” tab.

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Link to Website's
Upcoming Events

††† General Announcements †††

Welcome!

We are glad that you are here to worship with us. May you find the worship and message meaningful and satisfying to your soul. May your week be blessed.

Sunday School Materials

Sunday school music, videos, and an assortment of other materials are available for downloading. Click on this link for [Sunday school for youth](#).

Devotional Music

Pastor Bob has added an 8th selection of musical devotions to our website. We hope you enjoy the special musical journey he will be taking you on in this latest release, which includes original compositions, and experience a centering in the Holy Spirit through this music. Click on this link for [Devotional Music](#).

Sunday School

Sunday school for adults and youth resumed this morning. Both adult and youth classes will be shared with Zion UCC. Please join us to learn more about God's Word each Sunday at 9:00am.

Following Worship Service

After worship, there will be a fellowship time in the Miller Fellowship Hall with Zion UCC.

Christian Education and Worship Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting after the worship service in the old fellowship hall at approximately 11:45am.

Consistory

Consistory meets this Tuesday (10/12) at 7:00pm in the Upper Room.

Women's Monthly Luncheon

On the second Thursday of each month, the women of Zion get together to share a meal at the Country Fare Restaurant (Myerstown) at noon. The next luncheon is scheduled for this Thursday, October 14, and they would like to invite St. Paul's women to join them. If you would like to attend, please let Pastor Mary Etta know. She may be reached at mestme@aol.com or 610-659-2775.

Youth Group Meeting

There will be **NO** Youth Group meeting this Thursday, October 14, because we will be meeting next Sunday at Duncan's Corn Maze at 6:00pm.

Duncan's Corn Maze

Next Sunday, October 17, everyone is invited to Duncan's Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch. This event initially was a Youth Group event, but it has been opened up to include church families, friends, and relatives. We will meet at the maze at 6:00pm. Our adventure will start while it is light, but will most likely end after dark. **Dress appropriately and bring a flashlight.** The cost is \$10/person, children 5 and under are free. In order to get a group rate (\$9/person) we need to place advance reservations. Please contact the church office via phone or email to make your reservation. Not sure that you will be able to make it? Meet us there at 6:00pm anyway. If we have enough people, you may still be able to get the group rate.

There are several other fun family activities in addition to the maze that are free or low cost: pick a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, climb the giant bales and giant slide, corn box, hay bale jungle gym, giant sling shot game, etc. Worried because the next day is school. Don't worry! We will start around 6:00pm, but how long you stay is up to you. This will be a FUN event! We hope that you will be able to join us!

Halloween Treat Handouts

The Evangelism Committee will be handing out Halloween treats on Sunday, October 31st in front of the church from 6:00-9:00pm. A large orange container has been placed in the upstairs hallway near the doors to the sanctuary for donations of individually wrapped candy. Please bring your donations to church by Sunday, October 24.

Please consider joining us that evening as we always have a fun time.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) Special Offering

In 2021 the NIN “Unfailing Love” offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. Most UCC churches collect this offering on the first Sunday in October as part of World Communion Sunday, but contributions can be made at any time. A special offering envelope may be found on the table in the hallway just outside the sanctuary, and also in the October Herald. NIN is one of the UCC’s Five for Five Special Mission Offerings.

Weekly Morning Bible Study

Every Tuesday morning at 9:00am, Zion UCC offers a Zoom Bible Study based on the scripture passages for the coming Sunday. The study goes from 9:00-9:45am. All are invited! The same Zoom numbers are used each week.

To join the Zoom meeting use the following:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87452124156?pwd=RzI3dTI4Uy8vWGpBQnRzOGV2bnlrdz09>

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Passcode: 783249

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Evening Bible Study

Beginning on October 20 from 6:30 - 7:30pm, an evening Bible Study will be held. It will be a hybrid study. Those who would like to participate from home should use the Zoom information found below. Those who would like to participate in person should come to the church. A large screen will be set up in the Miller Fellowship Hall. The schedule will be as follows:

October 20

October 27

November 17 (Not November 24)

December 15 (Not December 22 or December 29)

January 19

January 26

February 16

February 23

We will meet a total of 8 times. During each meeting we will cover 2 sessions found in the Bible Study book. The book is entitled, *Acts 1-12: God Moves in the Early Church*, and written by Chuck and Winnie Christensen. Although it would be nice to have the book, it is not necessary to participate. However, a Bible will be needed (any version). If you do not have a Bible, come to the church and a Bible will be supplied. Pastor Mary Etta will be our study leader. All are invited! The same Zoom numbers will be used each week.

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About Today

Church Season: Pentecost -which is the season of the church in mission. It is the time between the ascension of Christ and his second coming, which is the time we are presently living in today, and as such is the longest season of the church year. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church.

Color of the Paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

Green - symbolizing the life God brings, especially through our mission work.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year B**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Mark.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church).

This Sunday, October 10, 2021, Lectionary Reading for 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 *and* Psalm 22:1-15; Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 *and* Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16:5-12; Mark 10:17-31

Job

The OT book of "Jōb" deals with the struggle of the suffering of the innocent, as well as offers answers to why. The name Job can be translated as "enemy," "the hated one," "the foe", and "where is the divine father?" It was most likely written between the 5th & 6th century B.C.

Psalm 22

This OT song is attributed to King David. This song is a prayer to God, asking for help in times of distress, giving thanks and praise to God for his presence and deliverance in times of affliction, and reaffirming the vow to worship and follow in the ways of the Lord.

Amos

This OT book is a compilation of the prophet Amos' speeches and accounts about the prophet from between about 786-760 B.C. Throughout the book, Amos calls upon people to remember and adhere to the teachings of justice and righteousness found in scripture and their faith traditions, and declares that, due to the social injustice and religious arrogance of the people of Israel, they will be punished by a total military disaster. The prophecy came true in 722 B.C. when Israel fell to the Assyrians.

Hebrews

The Epistle (letter) to the Hebrews (NT) is attributed to the Apostle Paul, believed to be written between 60-95 A.D. (C.E.). Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and leader in the Christian church, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus' ascension into heaven. He wrote more of the NT than any other person. The title of this letter "Hebrews" presumably refers to the original audience of this letter as primarily Jewish-Christian.

The Gospel According to Mark

Mark's Gospel is the oldest and shortest of the four Gospels, written between 65-75 A.D. Papias, a church leader in the 2nd century, reported that this Gospel's author is Mark, a follower of Peter who wrote this Gospel after Peter's death.

Next Sunday, October 17, 2021, Lectionary Reading for 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7, (34-41) *and* Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Isaiah 53:4-12, 10-15 *and* Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

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The Christian Life

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL, 1874

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JOHN B. DYKES, 1862

In moderate time; solemnly

1. Take my life, and let it be Con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to Thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a mite would I with - hold.
 5. Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no lon - ger mine.
 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treas - ure - store.

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy roy - al throne.
 Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee. A - MEN.

565 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Robert L. Edwards, 1961; alt.

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for serv - ing, that your will on
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your
 4 Lend your joy to all our giv - ing, let it light our

end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's
 earth be done: All at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the
 grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the
 pil - grim way; From the night of anx - ious keep - ing, loose us in - to

shat - tered door: Gift - ed by you, we turn to you
 Church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor,
 gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing
 gen - erous day. Then when years on earth are o - ver,

of - fering up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful song shall
 lest we strive for self a - lone; born with tal - ents,
 as we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing, teach - ing,
 and we've lived our hu - man span, God, ful - fill be -

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, hon - oring you by lov - ing all.
 yond our dream - ing, all our stew - ard - ship be - gan.

Robert L. Edwards, an ordained United Church of Christ minister, has served several churches in Connecticut. He wrote this text for a competition of The Hymn Society, and it was subsequently published in Ten New Stewardship Hymns in 1961.

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

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Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet

Amy Grant, M. W. Smith

Arranged by:
Sonia Sequeira

Adagio, 69 bpm Sl. Ballad

D A D A G A D

Piano

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path

D A D A G A D

Pno.

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path

A Em Bm F#m

Pno.

1. When I feel a - fraid I i think I've lost my way
2. Now I will not-for-get You - r love for me an - d yet

G A G D

Pno.

Still you're there ri - ght be - side me
My heart for - e - v - er is wander - ing

A Em Bm F#m

Pno.

And no - thing wi - ll I fear As - s long as yo - u are near
Je - sus be - e - my Guide An - d hold me by - y your side And

G A F# A

Pno.

Please be near me to the end.
I will love You to the end.

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, 1225
Tr. WILLIAM H. DRAPER, 1855-1933

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623
Descant by DAVID MCK. WILLIAMS, 1937

8. 8. 4. 4. 8. 8. with Alleluias

DESCANT with stanzas 3 and 5

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

UNISON

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven a - long,
3. Thou flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for thy Lord to hear,
4. Dear moth-er earth, who day by day Un - fold-est bless-ings on our way,
5. And all ye men of ten-der heart, For - giv - ing oth - ers, take your part,

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

HARMONY UNISON

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold - en beam,
 O praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice,
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright,
 O praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia! The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
 O sing ye, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son,

- - - - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

HARMONY

Thou sil - ver moon with sil - ver gleam, O praise Him, O
 Ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice, O praise Him, O
 That giv - est man both warmth and light, O praise Him, O
 Let them His glo - ry al - so show, O praise Him, O
 And praise the Spir - it, Three in One, O praise Him, O

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A-MEN.

UNISON

praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A-MEN.

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