

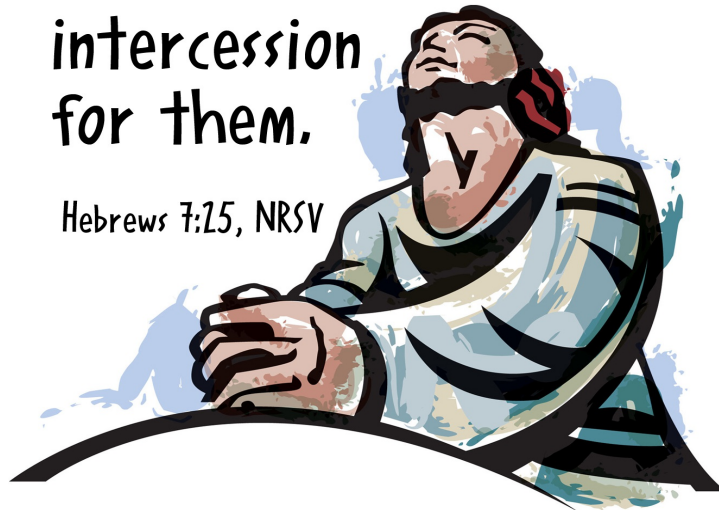
## St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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Worship 10:15am

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

He is able for all time  
to save those who  
approach God through  
him, since he always  
lives to make  
intercession  
for them.

Hebrews 7:25, 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 24, 2021**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

*Please Do Not move the red ribbons or sit where they are placed.  
They are there for your safety and the safety of those around you to help designate social distancing.*

### A TIME OF GATHERING

### RINGING OF THE BELL

**PRELUDE** "Spirit Song" by John Wimber, arr. for piano by John Carter

### 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 <sup>②</sup>

How much easier it is to criticize others than to see our own faults. How quickly we bemoan our suffering and struggles instead of rehearsing all our reasons for gratitude and joy. How often we cling to the past rather than heeding God's call to new life. We are invited to confess our destructive attitudes.

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

*{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}*

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" all 3 verses **♪ Red #8**  
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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 <sup>②</sup>

**Leader:** Let your minds ponder the manifold works of God.  
Let your spirits soar amid the wonders of creation.  
**People:** **The earth is full of God's creatures.**  
**We depend on God for the gift of life.**  
**Leader:** We gather to worship and praise the God of all people.  
We come to learn from the God we only dimly perceive.  
**People:** **We reach out for answers to our questions.**  
**We long to find meaning and purpose for our days.**  
**ALL:** Amen.

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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<sup>®</sup> (Leader)

How much easier it is to criticize others than to see our own faults. How quickly we bemoan our suffering and struggles instead of rehearsing all our reasons for gratitude and joy. How often we cling to the past rather than heeding God's call to new life. We are invited to confess our destructive attitudes.

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN<sup>®</sup> (Unison)

**We confess, O God, that our lives have made of you a distant deity. We listen to what others say about you, but we have seldom glimpsed for ourselves who you are. We are dominated by our doubts instead of by our practice of prayer. We are not ready to repent in dust and ashes, but we do ask for mercy as we face up to sins we have not recognized and wrongdoing we have tried to ignore. Instill in us a new appreciation of righteousness, and help us to grow in the way you would have us go. 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<sup>®</sup> (Leader)

Christ died for us, demonstrating the vastness of God's love for us, bringing reconciliation and the assurance of salvation. We are offered a new quality of life in which faithfulness is valued more highly than security. Rise up, all who have been drifting through life. Christ has come to lead us through the shadowed valleys. Let us respond in spirit and truth. **Amen.**

### \*CALL TO PRAISE<sup>®</sup>

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.**

*{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}*

### \*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:** [Jeremiah 31:7-9](#)  
**Second Lesson:** [Hebrews 7:23-28](#)  
**Gospel Lesson:** [Mark 10:46-52](#)

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### HYMN

*"There Is a Name I Love to Hear "*

all 3 verses

h NCH #52

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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.*

### STEWARDSHIP WITNESS OR READING:

*"Rooted In Love"*

### CALL TO PRAYER

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Let us pray....

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE<sup>®</sup> (Leader)

**Leader:** Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

*{A time of silent prayer}*

**Leader:** Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God.

**People:** **Your mercy is great.**

**Leader:** Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God.

**People:** **Your mercy is great.**

**Leader:** Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

**People:** **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life, 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 <sup>®</sup>

Leader: Our tithes and offerings are to magnify God's name and to express our deep sense of thanksgiving.

**People: They are also an expression of empathy and concern for sisters and brothers who struggle to find life.**

Leader: Giving reorients our lives to what is of lasting value and importance.

**People: Let us give as we are able – with joy!**

## 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](#) option on our website at [sprucc.org](#). [Click Here](#)  
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551}.*

### OFFERTORY

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

*{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}*

**\*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** <sup>2</sup> (Leader)

Hear our prayer for all who may be helped by what we give. We offer more than money; we offer ourselves. May the sympathy and comfort we share with people in need serve to draw them closer to you. Keep us strong, that this church may give radiant witness to truth, constructive opposition to evil, and merciful redemption to those caught up in the wickedness of our times. **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** <sup>2</sup>

**Leader:** Take heart; your faith is making you well.  
May you know wholeness and peace.

**People:** **We have witnessed miracles of transformation.  
Christ grants insight and deep inner healing.**

**Leader:** You are chosen as disciples and apostles of good news.  
You have gathered to learn; now go out to witness.

**People:** **We can tell others about our own journey with God.  
We pray that God will work in and through us.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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**\*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN**

♪ Red #558

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**\*SENDING HYMN**

"I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"

all 3 verses

♪ NCH #474

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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.}*

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

	<u>Today</u> <b>October 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<u>Next Sunday</u> <b>October 31<sup>st</sup></b>
Usher Captain	Dale M.	Jon H.
Usher Co-Captain	Sue H.	Robin H.
Usher/Greeter	-	-
Usher/Greeter	-	-
Acolyte	Geri G.	Geri G.
Welcome/Lector	Geri G.	Elsa W.
Cantor	-	Brian K.
Sermon	Pastor Ben	Pastor Ben
Children's Message	Elsa W.	Pastor Ben
AV Tech	Kirk A.	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 worshipping 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.  
Terry P.  
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](mailto: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](mailto:CareTeam@sprucc.org). For more information, go to our “[Visitation Care Ministries](#)” page at [www.sprucc.org](http://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 has resumed. 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.

### Youth Group Activity - Cocoa Bombs

Today, beginning at noon the Youth Group will be meeting to make cocoa bombs - a delicious combination of cocoa mix and marshmallows in a molded chocolate sphere decorated on the outside with sprinkles, shaved chocolate, drizzled chocolate, or whatever the imagination can dream up. They will be selling these scrumptious creations at the Christmas Bazaar. Please look for them at the Bazaar and consider supporting the Youth Group with your purchase.

The Youth Group is open to ALL youth in grades 5-12. They meet twice a month on the second and last Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:00pm. The youth need not be a member of St. Paul's Church. Their next scheduled meeting is this Thursday, October 28 from 6:00-7:00pm.

### Halloween Treats

The Evangelism Committee will be handing out Halloween treats next Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 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 the close of today, Sunday, October 24**. If you can help hand out candy, please let the church office know. We always have a fun time.

### Duncan's Corn Maze

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the corn maze. We had a total of about 22 people from both St. Paul's and Zion, their friends and relatives. We had a great time!

### Christmas Candy

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christian Women's Group is now taking Christmas Candy orders. Order forms may be found at church or on our website. **Please submit your order with payment to the church by October 31<sup>st</sup>**. The candy will be available for pickup at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 20 between 9:00am & 1:00pm.

The Women's Group will be making the candy starting on Sunday, November 7 (at noon). Candy making will continue during the week, Monday to Wednesday (possibly Thursday) starting at 8:30am each day. Help is needed (both male & female) to mix, roll, coat, box, etc. Please contact the church office with any questions.

### Soup & Such

Soup & Such will take place this Thursday, October 28, from 4:00-6:00pm. Helpers should come around 3:00pm.

### 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. 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>

Meeting ID: 874 5212 4156

Passcode: 783249

For people joining with telephone, choose one of these numbers:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

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### **Evening Bible Study - All are invited!**

The evening Bible Study has begun. You may participate from home using the Zoom information found below, or you may participate in person by coming 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 from 6:30-7:30pm. 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.

To join the Zoom meeting use the following (they are the same as the Weekly Morning Bible Study):

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### **Christmas Bazaar**

The Bazaar will be here soon! It's scheduled for Saturday, November 20 from 9:00am-1:00pm. There will be candy, baked goods, attic treasures, basket raffle, and more!! Contact the church office with questions.

### **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 Thursday, November 11, 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 by Tuesday (11/9) of that week. She may be reached at [mestme@aol.com](mailto:mestme@aol.com) or 610-659-2775.

### **Telephone Live Streaming & Playback Worship**

This service is being offered to those who do not have internet access. You may call us at our toll free number **1-888-649-5770** and listen to the worship service live using a landline or cell phone. (No internet, smartphone, tablet, or computer is necessary - this works with a standard corded phone, cell phone, or even with a rotary phone). You also have the option for the church to automatically call you when the live stream worship begins (rather than you calling the church); which you can sign up for at the above toll free number, or you can call the church office, and we can add you to the call list. If you have any questions, difficulties, or issues, please let us know by calling the office at 610-621-5770. There is no charge to you for this service. If you know of someone who does not have internet access, please let them know of this feature.

## 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 24, 2021, Lectionary Reading for 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 *and* Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22); Jeremiah 31:7-9 *and* Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

#### **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 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C.

#### **Psalm 34**

In 1 Samuel 21:10-15, King David feigned madness before King Achish. This is an OT song of thanksgiving to God written by King David for escaping Achish. It instructs the community to know the goodness of God.

#### **Jeremiah**

The book of Jeremiah (OT) is attributed to the major prophet Jeremiah and written around 600-500 B.C. (B.C.E.). A prophet is one who is divinely appointed by God to lead and instruct. Jeremiah's ministry extended over the last tragic forty years of the kingdom of Judah to the destruction of Jerusalem and the deportation of the Jewish people to Babylon.

#### **Psalm 126**

This OT song is a community prayer for God's help for deliverance and restoration. Psalms 120-134 are a part of the collection known as "A Song of Ascents." These songs were most likely sung by people on religious pilgrimages.

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> century, reported that this Gospel's author is Mark, a follower of Peter who wrote this Gospel after Peter's death.

### **Next Sunday, October 31, 2021, Lectionary Reading for 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Ruth 1:1-18 *and* Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 6:1-9 *and* Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

# Adoration and Praise

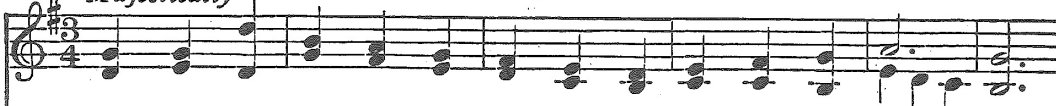
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JOACHIM NEANDER, 1680  
Tr. CATHERINE WINKWORTH, 1863

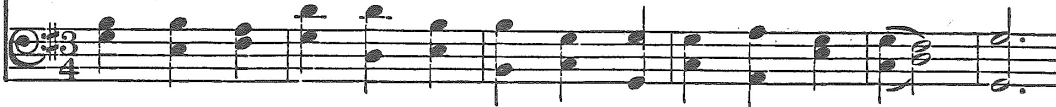
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LOBE DEN HERREN  
Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665  
Arr. in Praxis Pietatis Melica, 1668

*Majesticall*



1. Praise ye the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!  
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-eth,  
3. Praise ye the Lord, O let all that is in me a-dore Him!



O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal-va-tion!  
Shel-ters thee un-der His wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-tain-eth!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore Him!



All ye who hear, Now to His tem-ple draw near;  
Hast thou not seen How thy de-sires e'er have been  
Let the A-men Sound from His peo-ple a-gain:



Join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!  
Grant-ed in what He or-dain-eth?  
Glad-ly for aye we a-dore . . . Him. A-MEN.



JESUS CHRIST

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There Is a Name I Love to Hear

(O How I Love Jesus)

Frederick Whitfield, 1855; alt.

1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
 2 It tells my Sav - ior's love for all; Christ died to set us free;  
 3 It bids me serve a - mid the wrath God's peo - ple face each day,

It sounds like mu - sic to my ear, the sweet - est name on earth.  
 What - ev - er prob - lems may be - fall, we'll live in dig - ni - ty.  
 And sheds a - long life's trou - bled path bright sun - shine on my way.

Refrain

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus,

O how I love Je - sus, whose love has first found me.

Frederick Whitfield was ordained in the Church of England and served several English parishes. This hymn is a combination of Whitfield's stanzas and a refrain by an unknown author, both set to an existing nineteenth-century tune. The text was published in a leaflet in 1855.

Tune: O HOW I LOVE JESUS C.M. with refrain United States, 19th century

# 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.

# I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me

474

*African-American spiritual*

1 I'm so glad, Je-sus lift-ed me, I'm so glad,  
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me, Sa - tan had me bound,  
 3 When I was in trou - ble, Je-sus lift-ed me, when I was in trou - ble,

Je - sus lift - ed me, I'm so glad,  
 Je - sus lift - ed me, Sa - tan had me bound,  
 Je - sus lift - ed me, when I was in trou - ble,

Je - sus lift-ed me, sing-ing glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Je - sus lift-ed me.

*Just as the spirituals were adapted to be sung in a folk-song style during the 1960s music festivals and civil rights marches, so have they been adapted in a gospel style. This is a spiritual that especially lends itself to gospel rendering.*

Tune: I'M SO GLAD Irr.  
*African-American spiritual*