



First Presbyterian Church
OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – September 20, 2020
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A special welcome to those visiting with us today!

We are grateful for your presence with us and hope you find this time of worship to be meaningful. For those of you worshipping with us in the Sanctuary this morning, please remember that masks are required to be worn at all times. Thank you for helping us all stay safe!

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE *Trumpet Tune in G Major* Jon O. Roberts

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE
PW MISSION Madelaine Hawkins

FIRST CHIME

INTROIT *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* CARLISLE
Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Micah 6:6, 8* Rev. Dr. Carl Bosteels

Leader: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?

People: God has shown us what is good. What does the Holy One require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 725 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* NYLAND

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison) Becki Walden

Here we gather, your children, with our own unique stories, different needs, varied gifts. Some of us have brought burdens with us today that we need to lay down; others are looking for challenges to take up. Some of us are uncertain of what lies ahead; and others are eager with expectation. Help each of us learn in this hour that we are loved, and to celebrate the humanity we share. Amen.

O Jesus, I Have Promised 725

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b B^b E^b

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 O let me feel you near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

(C) (Am7) (Dm) (G) (C) (G7) (C)
 E^b Cm7 Fm B^b E^b B^b7 E^b

be now and al - ways near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

(Am) (D) (G) (F) (G)
 Cm F B^b A^b B^b

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

(C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b Fm B^b E^b

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, true guard - ian of my soul.
 now give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This hymn written by an Anglican clergyman for the confirmation of his children in Victorian times appears here in updated language that may help to make its challenging commitments more immediate. The tune is named for the province in Finland from which it comes.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. (silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
To this peace we are called as members of a single body.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.

We Proclaim God's Word

DISCOVERY TIME

Sean Smith

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

ANTHEM

River in Judea

Jack Feldman, Linda Marcus

Sanctuary Singers

arr. John Leavitt

Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows. And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows. Late at night I hear it singing then again when I wake at dawn. And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on. There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago. And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know. I believe it keeps on traveling, but it rests on the Sabbath day. And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray. When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings, for the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings. May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river shore. 'Til then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more: There is a river in Judea, Hallelujah!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:21-30 (pg. 196-197)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

Great Are You, Lord

Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan,

Cora Winstead & Andrew Keeler

David Leonard

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness. You give hope. You restore every heart that is broken,
and great are You Lord. It's Your breath in our lungs so we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise, our hearts will cry, these bones will sing: Great are You Lord!

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16 (pg. 21-22)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Evil Is Live Spelled Backwards

Rev. Dr. Carl Bosteels

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*HYMN 351

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Amen

DANISH AMEN

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Morning Song

Trad. Gaelic Melody

Linda Bosteels, flute

arr. David Ferreira

*PRESENTATION HYMN

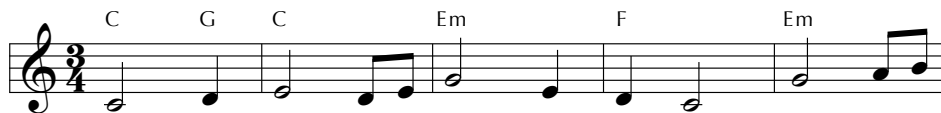
Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All Who Love and Serve Your City 351



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our



peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Ezekiel 48:35).

TEXT: Erik Routley, 1966

MUSIC: *The United States Sacred Harmony*, 1799; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964

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We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 712

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Jubilee

Fred B. Binckes

Upcoming Events

KirkNight To-go — Wednesday, September 23 | 4:30-5:30 p.m.

To order, call, text or email Jenn Snow at 405-408-3608 or jenn@junebugcatering.com. Meals will be available for pick-up from 4:30-5:30 p.m. by the ramp behind the kitchen.

Family Meal for 4-6: \$20 | Dessert \$5.00 | **Meal for 2:** \$10 | Dessert \$2.50

Menu: Green Chili Stew with Cornbread and Pecan Sandies

KirkNight meals now comes with Gospel To-go too! Gospel To-go is midweek manna for the soul. It includes a preview of the coming week's scriptures, a blessing, a thought of the day, a prayer of the week, a "good link of the week" as well as a children's activity.

Yoga — Wednesday, September 23 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

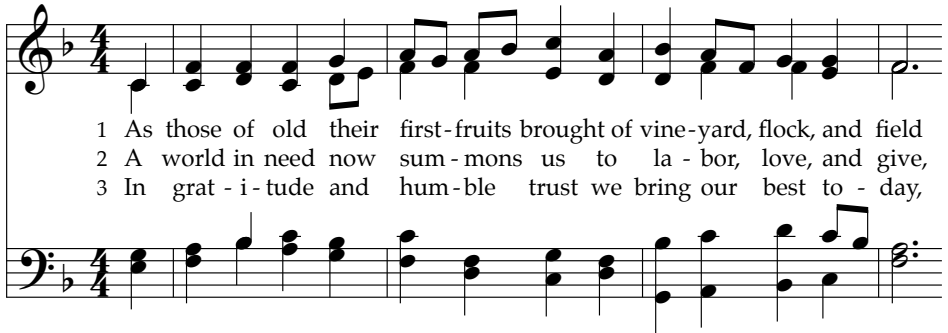
Join us for free Yoga on Wednesdays! It takes place in the courtyard (or Watchorn Hall, if there's bad weather). Social distancing will be observed. No sign-up or payment required.

Fall Face Mask Fashion Show

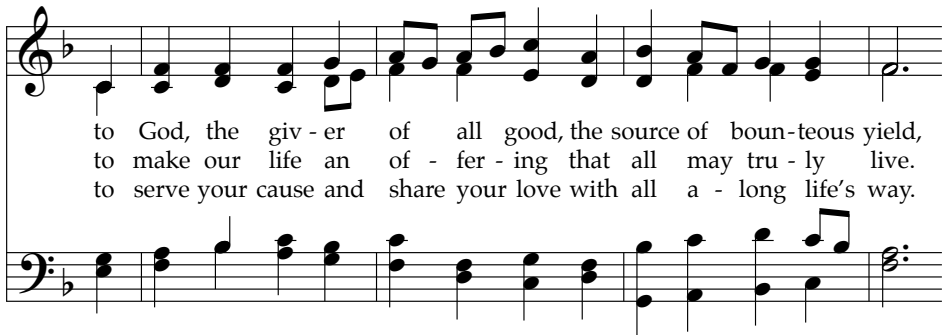
There's still time to be a part of the Fall Face Mask Fashion Show! Pick a mask up on Sunday morning in the Sanctuary or stop by the church office during business hours.

Once you've finished decorating, take one picture of your smiling face and another of your smiling face behind your newly-created, fashionable face mask. Text the pictures to Pastor John (405-420-6383) or email blake@fpcokc.org by **September 27**.

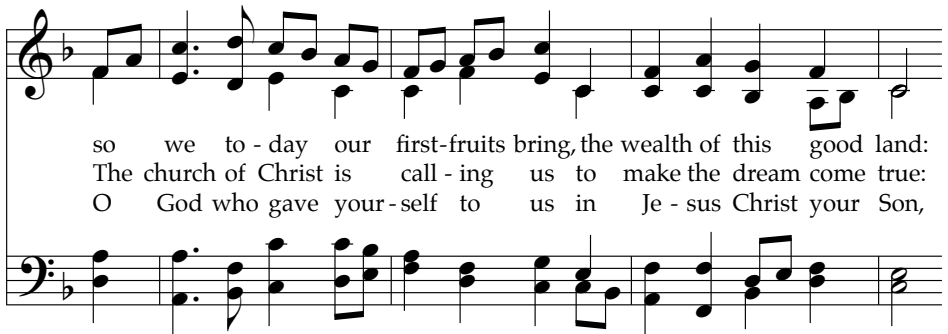
As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712



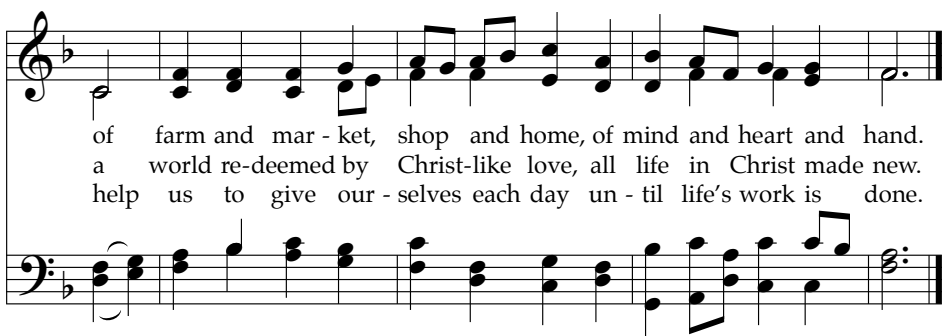
1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,
 3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,



to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
 to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.



so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
 The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:
 O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
 help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

This text by a Presbyterian pastor in California expresses the conviction that being a good steward is an essential part of the Christian life, for self-giving is God's own nature. The tune is named for the village in Surrey where the arranger collected this tune in 1903.