



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – October 18, 2020 29th 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

Shepherd's Psalm

arr. Brent Olstad

Linda Bosteels, flute

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE
MOBILE MEALS

FIRST CHIME

INTROIT

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Lamentations 3:21-26*

Leader: Let us call to mind the reason for our hope:

People: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

Leader: They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

People: I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

Leader: The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;

People: It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

All: Let us worship God

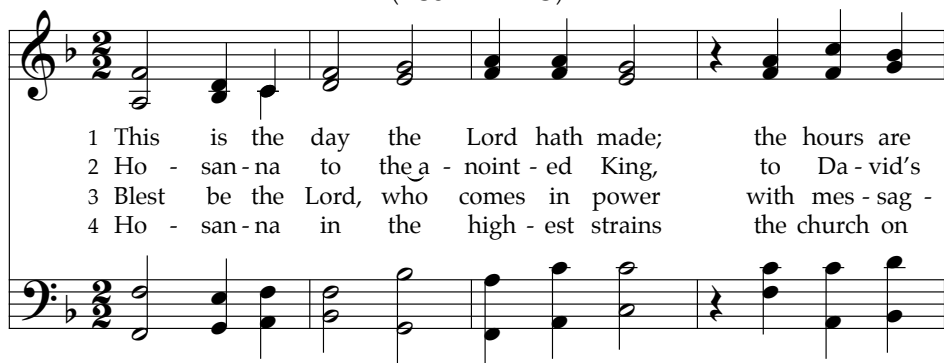
*HYMN 681

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

681 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

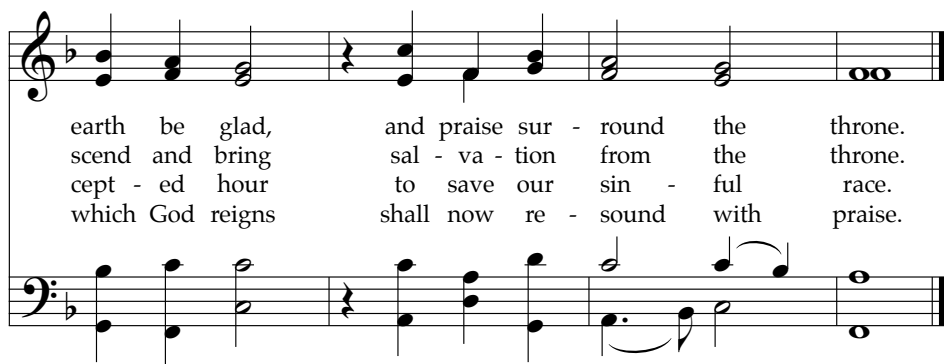
(Psalm 118)



1 This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are
 2 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's
 3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag -
 4 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on



all God's own. Let heaven re - jice; let
 ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
 es of grace, who comes in this ac -
 earth can raise! The high - est heavens in



earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
 scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
 cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.
 which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

These stanzas provide Watts's paraphrase of Psalm 118:24–29 (minus a stanza he inserted about Easter and Pentecost as part of his effort to Christianize the Psalms). They are set to a tune composed for and named by a Paul Gerhardt text, "Now Let All Thank and Bring Honor."

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

John Ellis

O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek you with a sincere heart you reveal the beauty of your face. Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross and open our hearts to its transfiguring power; that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk the path of discipleship as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and 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

O for a Closer Walk with God

Charles Villiers Stanford

Sanctuary Singers

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 33:12-23 (pg. 80)

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

SOLO

Holy Is the Lord

Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio

Noah Morgan, tenor

We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength. We bow down and worship him now. How great, how awesome is he. And together we sing, everyone sing: Holy is the Lord, God Almighty! The earth is filled with his glory. It is rising up all around. It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22 (pg. 24)

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

SERMON

Testing Jesus

Rev. John McKinnon

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 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Amen

DANISH AMEN

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. David Ferreira

Linda Bosteels, flute

*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.***

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B^b

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B^b (D) F (A) C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B^b (A) C (D) F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B^b (D) F

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, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 541

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation on AUSTRIAN HYMN (hymn 81)

John L. Edwards

Upcoming Events

KirkNight To-go — Wednesday, October 21 | 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: Meatballs with Red Sauce and Polenta and Chocolate Chip Cookies

Halloween Bingo (via Zoom) — Sunday, October 25 | 4:00 p.m.

Join us via Zoom on Sunday, October 25 at 4:00 p.m. for a frighteningly fun game of Halloween Bingo. We will provide the boards and the M&M “markers.” Pick up your supplies after service today, in the church office during the week or while getting your KirkNight meal. Call the church office (405-525-6584) if you need supplies sent to you.

Meeting ID: 859 2786 2260 | Password: 115116

Halloween Parade - Wednesday, October 28 | 5:00 p.m.

Okay, Care Crew, it's your turn to be cared for. Wear your Halloween costume and bring your Halloween goodie bag to the church on Wednesday, October 28. We will gather in the back parking lot. Be ready for a parade of cars to drive past you as candy is thrown out. Stay for a special KirkNight Halloween-themed meal that you can eat outside with your family.

Adults, you are included in this fun. Decorate your car and there will be a prize for the best decorated car. Enjoy the kids in their Halloween finest and have candy available to throw. You're welcome to stay for the KirkNight meal!

Menu: Mummy Dogs, Mac & Cheese Cups, Veggie Cups and Halloween Cookies

Presbyterian Women (PW)

Abigail Circle — Tuesday, October 20 | 6:00 p.m.

Ginnie Tack's backyard.

Book Club — Tuesday, October 27 | 7:00 p.m.

The next PW book club will take place via Zoom and they will be reading Sue Monk Kidd's newest book, “The Book of Longings.”

God Be with You Till We Meet Again 541

Unison *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

A North American Congregational minister wrote this text as a Christian expansion of the root sense of "good-bye": God be [with] ye/you. The tune, named for a cousin, was composed by one of the few 20th-century British composers to make a major contribution to hymnody.