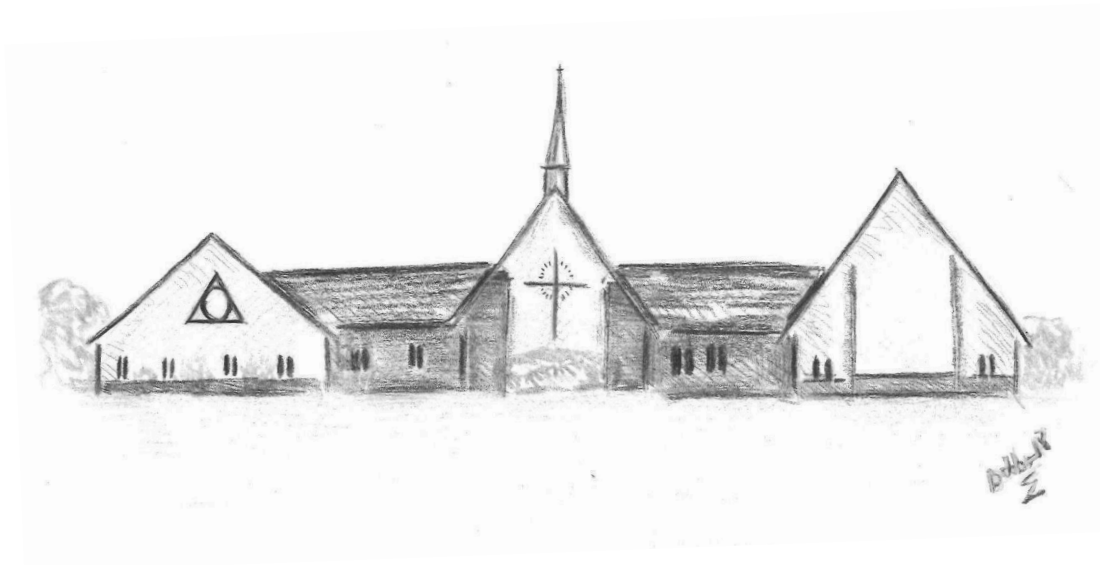


Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025



OUR MISSION:

***To make disciples for Jesus Christ,
to baptize and to teach the faith,
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ
and become responsible members of His church.***

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME SONG

ELW 512

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases ending in a half note. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us
confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults

and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world,

that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

P God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✙ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

TOP 20 # 2

ELW 532

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**
- P** Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods.

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

P Please rise.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 1

- L ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- C ² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**
- L ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
- C ⁴ **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- L ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- C ⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

7 Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

The musical notation is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is in G major, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The chords are: F, C/E, Gm7, C, C/Bb, F/A. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia." The chords are: Bb, C, Dm, F/A, Bb2, Csus. The third staff continues with the lyrics: "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le -". The chords are: Dm, Gm7, C7sus, C, F/A, Bb, C, F. The fourth staff concludes with the lyrics: "lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The chords are: F/A, Bb2, Csus, Dm, Gm7, C7sus, C, F.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

P The holy gospel according to Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

P Please be seated.

SERMON

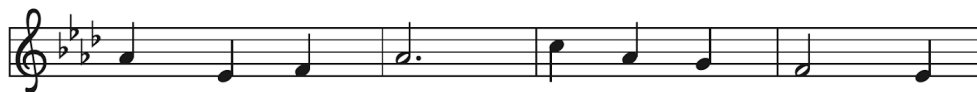
The Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor

P Please rise.

SERMON HYMN

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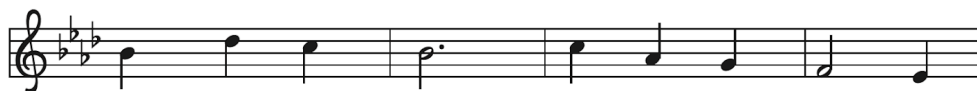
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

P Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

L Gathered into God's embrace, let us lift our voices on behalf of a weary and wounded world.

A brief silence.

L God of love, send us out filled with your love and life. Be known in our daily living, that your love may be known through our proclamation. God, we pray,
C **open our hands in love.**

L God of peace, fill the hearts of those who rule, govern and lead. Give them and us compassion to guide the peoples of this world in the ways of truth, justice, equity and peace. God, we pray,
C **open our hands in love.**

L God of healing, visit those who yearn for your wholeness, especially those whose names and needs we lift up now. Encourage all those who bear another's burdens. Give wisdom and perseverance to all who work in health care professions.

We pray for those who are sick, hungry, unhoused, or lonely. May they find healing through your love and the care of those around them. Lead us to be your hands and feet in the world.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy & Diane.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Susan, Kathy, Rich, Al, Joan, Peggy, Anna, Marita, Tilly, Heather, Charles, Bill, Steve, Mike, Margie, Ray, Melodie, Christine, Cathy, Adam, Bob, Lynne, Carol, Richie & Melissa

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength: Abbey

In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.
For the Fry Family upon the death of Greg's father.
For the Castor Family upon the death of Dean Castor.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

God, we pray,

C open our hands in love.

L God of service, give us strength and humility. In our service to those near and far, whose needs are visible or invisible, may we find you in the faces of our neighbors. God, we pray,

C open our hands in love.

L Everlasting God, support us in this life. As we remember those who have gone before as examples of faithful living and honor those whose faith was known only to you, inspire us to follow their example of baptismal life until we join with them in worship. God, we pray,

C open our hands in love.

L Into your wounded hands of love, O God, we place all our prayers, trusting in your mercy through the crucified and risen one Jesus.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P Please rise.
P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.

Peace

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -

5 Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!

Chords: Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Eb, F, Bb, Bb7, Bb, Eb, F7, Bb, Gm, Gm/Eb, F, 1.Bb, 2.Eb Bb

- P Please be seated.

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P Please rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring,
fruit of the earth and the work of human hands,
that they may be used to your purposes
for life and love in the world.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

$\text{♩} = 65$ C G Am F Dm⁷ G C G

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

6 Am Em F Am G C G Am

full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes

11 F Em F G C

i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

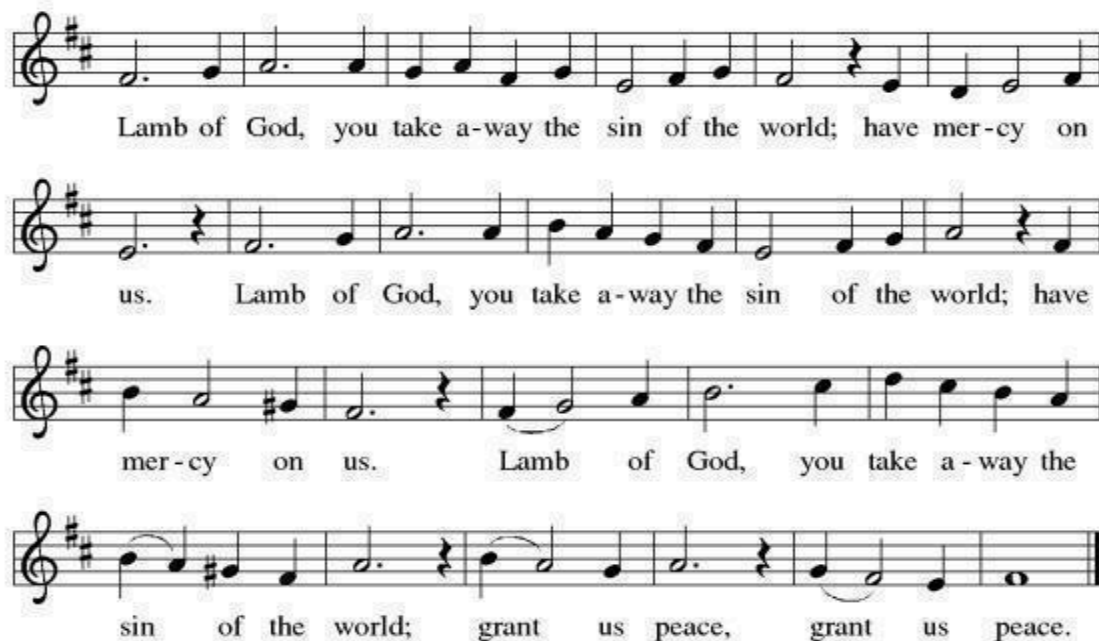
LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

P Please be seated until the invitation.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.

A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.

P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.
In the name of the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

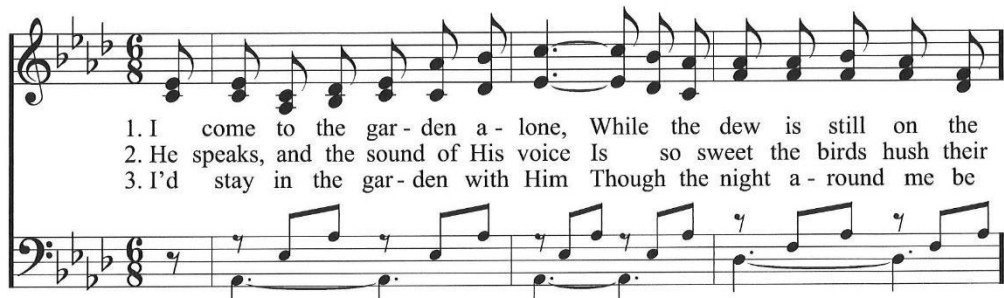
SENDING SONG

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In the Garden

C. AUSTIN MILES

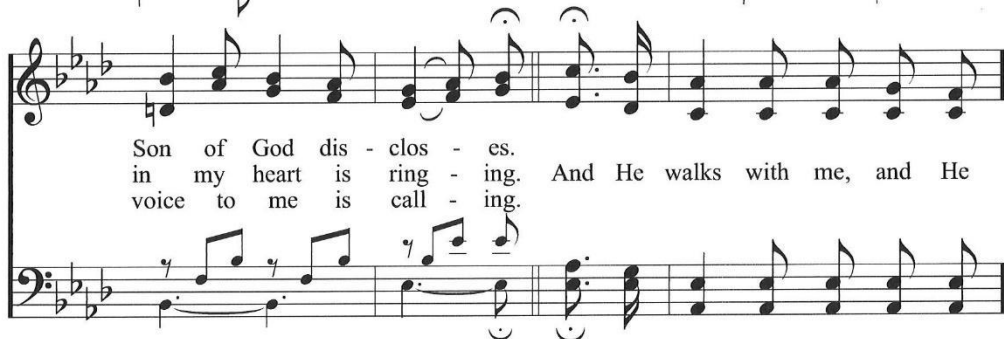
C. AUSTIN MILES




1. I come to the gar-den a-lone, While the dew is still on the
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their
3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him Though the night a-round me be



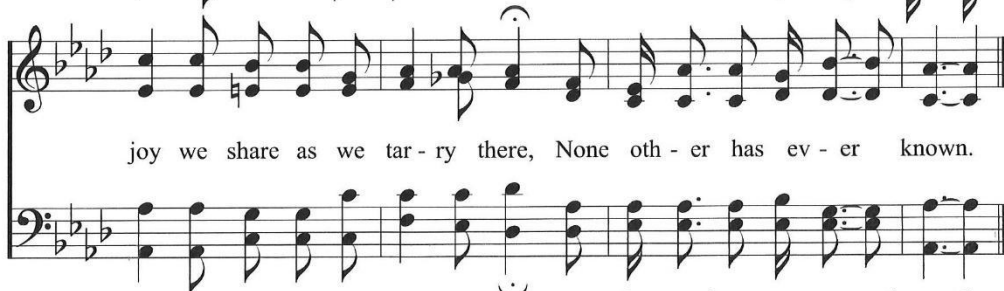
ros-es, And the voice I hear, Fall-ing on my ear, The
sing-ing, And the mel-o-dy That He gave to me, With-
fall-ing, But He bids me go; Thro' the voice of woe His



Son of God dis-clos-es.
in my heart is ring-ing. And He walks with me, and He
voice to me is call-ing.



talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the



joy we share as we tar-ry there, None oth-er has ev-er known.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!
C Thanks be to God.

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Announcements:

- Welcome to all who are visiting us today. Please complete a purple visitor's card (found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you) and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for taking the time to worship with us today.
- Ladies please join the Juliets for lunch on Wednesday, September 10th at Via Roma 3200 Main Street, Eagleville PA 19403. Call or text Meg Smith at 484- 682- 3485 to RSVP.
- Join us on Thursday, September 11th at 1:00 pm for a zoom presentation of Anne Lamott's Aging Grace-fully.
- Save the Date – Sunday, September 14th for a congregational meeting following worship.
- Coffee Hour Volunteers are needed to set up on September 14th & 21st and clean up on September 21st. If you can help, sign up on the board in the narthex.
- Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day will be held on October 22nd. Purchase your discount shopping pass in the narthex today. One hundred percent of your donation goes directly to Trinity. See Craig Moyer or Ray Nyahay with any questions.
- For Pastoral emergencies please call 610-584-8411 extension 2 and leave a message for Pastor Nelson. This voicemail is being monitored for emergencies.



Serving Today 9/7	
Lector	Judy Flanigan
Greeter	Lori Peltier
Communion Assistants	Rick & Chris Cole
Ushers	Ann Dungan & Bob Graves
Coffee Hour	Nancy Klein & Kristin Stoeber
Building Opener	Jeff Shadle
Altar Guild	Brenda Aslin
Counting Team	Dave Stone, Lori Peltier & Meg Smith
Serving Sunday 9/14	
Lector	John Nowmos
Greeter	Sally Jeffries
Communion Assistants	Lynn Chialastri & Ann Dungan
Ushers	Bob Chambers & Karl Schafer
Coffee Hour	Set Up Volunteer Needed/Anne Meibohm
Building Opener	Karl Schafer
Altar Guild	Trish Graves
Counting Team	Dave Stone, Lori Peltier & Meg Smith



This Week at Trinity

Sunday, September 7 – God’s Work our Hands

10:00 AM – Worship with Blessing of TCNSK Staff
11:30 AM – Gemma Picnic & Blessing Bag Assembly
1:00-3:00 PM – Food Drive

Monday, September 8

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Church Office Open
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM -TCNSK
6:30 PM -Aerobic Rhythmics
7:00 PM -Trinity Christian Book Club – Empire Diner

Tuesday, September 9

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Church Office Open
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM -TCNSK
12:00 PM -PB&J Sandwich Making
6:30 PM -Finance Meeting – Room 129
7:15 PM -Worship & Music Meeting – Room 109

Wednesday, September 10

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Church Office Open
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM -TCNSK
12:00 PM – Juliet’s Luncheon
6:30 PM – Aerobic Rhythmics
7:00 PM -Evening Prayer on Zoom

Thursday, September 11

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Church Office Open
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM -TCNSK
1:00 PM -Anne Lamott’s Aging Grace-fully Zoom Presentation
7:00 - 7:45 - Bell Choir Rehearsal -Sanctuary
7:45 - 8:30 - Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Friday, September 12

8:30 AM – 2:00 PM -TCNSK
5:00 PM – Nyahay/Errington Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, September 13

8:00 AM - Car Club
3:00 PM -Nyahay/Errington Wedding

Upcoming Events at Trinity

Sunday, September 28 – 2:00 – 4:00 pm

American Dance Wheels Performance



**Fall Congregational Meeting
Sunday, 9/14 At Approximately 11:10 AM,
Following Worship and a Brief Coffee Break**

- 1. Opening Prayer- Pastor Karen Nelson**
- 2. Approval of Minutes from the Annual Meeting, January 26, 2025**
- 3. Election of Nominating Committee - with thanks to outgoing members**

**Nominees: Chris Cole, Lynn Chialastri, Kristen Stober, Peter Schell,
Dan Ditzler, Vince Gallenti**
- 4. Pastor's Remarks**
- 5. Council Report to Congregation - Council President, Elaine Gross**
- 6. Financial Report - David Stone**
- 7. Results of Elections with welcome of new Nominating Committee Members**
- 8. Closing prayer**

There will be a brief meeting of the Nominating Committee organized as a group following the Congregational Meeting.