

Carlisle/Kilbride Pastoral Charge
October 11, 2026 – Season of Creation 5
Thanksgiving Sunday
Kilbride 9:30 am; Carlisle 11:00 am



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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome & Acknowledgement of the Land

We begin this time of worship by acknowledging that we are meeting on the land of
(*Kilbride: the Huron-Wendat, Petun, Seneca, Neutral, Anishinaabe, and most recently
the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation*),
(*Carlisle: the Neutral, Haudenosaunee, Anishinabek, and Mississaugas of the Credit
First Nation*),
who continue to cry out for justice. As treaty people, we commit to listen, learn, and
work to right the wrongs of the past and present.

The Life and Work of the Church

Lighting the Christ Candle:

We come not to curse the darkness, but to light a candle.
The light of Christ is in our midst.

Centring Music: VU 236 (vv. 1-2) – Now Thank We All Our God

*Words: Martin Rinckart ca. 1636, English trans. Catherine Winkworth 1858, alt.; Music: Johann
Crüger 1647*

With Temple Square decked out for Thanksgiving, the Tabernacle Choir, accompanied
by orchestra, perform this hymn of praise and gratitude in an arrangement by John
Rutter. Translator Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), an English hymnwriter and
promoter of women's education, is particularly recognized for her work in translating
German church hymns into English.

[Now Thank We All Our God | The Tabernacle Choir](#)

1 Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us strong in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ill
in this world and the next.

Call to Worship:

God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, all that lives upon it.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Thanks be to God.

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

Opening Prayer:

Loving and Generous God, you have called us together to worship just as we are. We cannot pretend to be what we are not, for you have made us and know us through and through. In our weakness, we come with prayers for strength; in our strength, we come with prayers of thanksgiving. Open our hearts that we might pray with honesty, and await your answers with renewed faith. Amen.

Hymn: VU 226 – For the Beauty of the Earth

Words: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint 1864, alt.; Music: David Evans 1927

*Although **Voices United** uses the hymn tune LUCERNA LAUDONIAE for Folliott Sandford Pierpoint's lyrics, we'll be singing an alternate tune: DIX by Conrad Kocher (1838), adapted by William H. Monk (1861). This is the tune from VU 81 "As with Gladness Men of Old," the same tune sung by Cantus (in an arrangement by Paul John Rudoi) in the following Youtube video. Now in its 32nd season, Cantus is low-voice octet that performs music from the Renaissance to the 21st century across the US and internationally.*

CANTUS: For the Beauty of the Earth by Konrad Cocher arr. Paul John Rudoi

1 For the beauty of the earth,

for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,
God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4 For each perfect gift sublime
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Prayer for Grace: *(mgm)*

Generous God, do we accept the bounty of your generous spirit without question – goods offered for our living, the grace of forgiveness extended, the support for us in life's transitions – and then forget to express our gratitude by imitating your generosity?

(Silence for personal reflection)

Forgive us when we are smaller in spirit than you wish us to be.

Teach us to be our best selves by your grace. Instill in us gratitude for our many blessings and grant us the capacity to live generously and gratefully. Amen.

Assurance of Grace:

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the spirit of Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Prayer for Illumination:

Holy and Loving God, may these words passed through the centuries and, translated

faithfully, stir our hearts and our minds that we may catch a glimpse of your presence and a sense of your word for us this day. Amen.

Readings from Our Christian Tradition

Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

A land of streams

8:7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills,

8:8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey,

8:9 a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.

8:10 You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

8:11 Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today.

8:12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them

8:13 and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied,

8:14 then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,

8:15 who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock.

8:16 He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good.

8:17 Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth."

8:18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

God provides every blessing in abundance

9:6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

9:7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

9:8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

9:9 As it is written, "He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

9:10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

9:11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce

thanksgiving to God through us,

9:12 for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

9:13 Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others,

9:14 while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.

9:15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

The healed leper gives thanks to Jesus

17:11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.

17:12 As he entered a village, ten with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance,

17:13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

17:14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean.

17:15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.

17:16 He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

17:17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?"

17:18 Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

17:19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Response:

The Word of God spoken among us.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Hymn: VU 232 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Words: Henry van Dyke 1907, alt.; Music: Ludwig van Beethoven 1824, adapt. Edward Hodges 1864

Beethoven revolutionized the symphony in 1824 when he premiered his 9th in Vienna on May 7, 1824, employing a choir and four solo vocalists – in a genre understood to be exclusively instrumental – to sing Friedrich Schiller's text "An die Freude" or "Ode to Joy" in the final movement. By this point in his career he was profoundly deaf. Years later Henry Van Dyke wrote the hymn lyrics we use in churches today. In this video, Ryan Ofei and Tianna perform another adaptation alongside Maverick City Gospel Choir, part of a contemporary Christian worship music collective that originated in Atlanta in 2018.

[Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee \(feat. Ryan Ofei & Tianna\) | Maverick City Music | TRIBL](#)

1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;

hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.

3 You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

Mission & Service Story

Offertory: VU 544 – In Gratitude and Humble Trust

Words: Frank von Christerson 1960, alt.; Music: English traditional melody, harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams 1905

FOREST GREEN is an English folk tune not only used for this offertory, but also sometimes for the carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem." This lovely newer arrangement by Dale Wood is performed by organist John Ferguson and the St Olaf Handbell Choir. [Forest Green "O Little Town of Bethlehem" \(Arr. D. Wood for Organ & Handbells\)](#)

In gratitude and humble trust

we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

Offering Prayer:

We thank you God that we can share in the life and work of your church through these gifts. You have blessed us, and now, in gratitude, we offer our gifts in response to your great love for us. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Sing into prayer: VU 400 – Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The Marble Collegiate Church Choir in New York sings Ken Medema's piece in an arrangement by Kenneth Dake.

Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Lord's Prayer: *(alternate from New Zealand)*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn: VU 477 (vv.1-3) – I Come with Joy

Words: Brian Wren 1968, rev. 1993; Music: American folk tune from William Walker's Southern Harmony 1835, arr. Austin C. Lovelace 1977

John Leighton, Rev. Bruce McAndless-Davis, and Ashley McConnell from Peninsula United Church in BC launch into a light and energetic performance accompanied by pianist Angela Chu. The lyrics were written by Brian A. Wren (b. 1936 in England), an ordained church pastor and a hymn writer whose texts are published in several of his own publications as well as in many hymnals.

[I Come With Joy - VU 477](#)

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

Service of the Table (see insert)

Hymn: VU 477 (vv.4, 5) – I Come with Joy

Words: Brian Wren 1968, rev. 1993; Music: American folk tune from William Walker's Southern Harmony 1835, arr. Austin C. Lovelace 1977

[I Come With Joy - VU 477](#)

- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude: Joyful Joyful Lord

I can't tell who is more incandescently joyous in this video: the choristers or the audience! Imani Milele Choir is a Ugandan children's choir whose mission is "to bring Faith, Hope, and Love to the world through music." Their highly energetic performance of another "Ode to Joy" rendition comes from Mervyn Warren's gospel-infused arrangement for the 1993 film *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit*.

Imani Milele Choir | Joyful Joyful Lord (Sister Act 2)