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United Church of Christ

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**Praising God in Psalms and Songs – Hymn Sing and Pledge  
Sunday**

Prelude

Offertoire  
Passacaglia

F. Couperin  
E. West

Greetings

Sung: **God welcomes all! Strangers and friends!  
God's love is strong! And it never ends!**

Words: John L. Bell, Music: South African traditional,  
transcribed by John L. Bell at the Sunrise Hospice, Themba  
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Preparing our Hearts for Worship ~ you are invited to light a  
candle at home symbolizing the light of Christ among us.

**Call to Worship Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his  
presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are  
his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his  
faithfulness to all generations.

## **Come Ye Thankful People, Come CH#718 vs 1**

Words: st 1, Henry Alford, 1884, st 2 Anna Barbauld (18<sup>th</sup> century)  
Music: George J Elvey, 1858, desc, O.I. Cricket Harrison, 1994 Desc,  
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**Come ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.**

### **\*Hymn How Great Thou Art #33 (vs 1 and 2)**

Words and Music: Stuart K. Hine, 1953, based on a Swedish folk melody and a poem by Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885  
© 1953, renewed 1981 Manna Music, Inc.

**O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;**

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee**

**How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

### **Opening prayer**

We thank you, compassionate God,  
That you sent your Spirit  
To encourage those whom Jesus left behind  
That they might not be alone.  
Through the comfort of your presence,  
You empowered them to witness to your love.  
Today we also seek the encouragement of your presence.  
Do not leave us alone, O God,  
But send your Spirit to us  
That we may worship and serve you with joy;  
Through Jesus our crucified and risen Savior. Amen.

### **“We Plow the Fields and Scatter” vs 1 and 3**

Words: Matthias Claudius, 1782; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1861,  
alt. Music: Johann A. P. Schulz, 1800

**We plow the fields and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God’s almighty hand.  
God sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes, and the sunshine,  
and soft refreshing rain.**

### **Refrain:**

**All good gifts around us are sent from heav’n above.  
We thank you, God, we thank you, God, for all your love.**

**We thank you, then, Creator,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time, and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
for all your love imparts,  
and what you most would welcome:  
our humble, thankful hearts.**

**Refrain:**

**All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.  
We thank you, God, we thank you, God, for all your love.**

### **Reading Psalm 98:1,4-9**

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have gotten him victory.

<sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

<sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.

<sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy

<sup>9</sup> at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

**His eye is on the sparrow #82 (vs 1 and 2)**

Words: Civilla D. Martin, 1905

Music: Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

**Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows  
come, why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven  
and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is  
he: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

**I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

**"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,  
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

**I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

**Reading from Psalm 84: 1-5a**

**One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O God of hosts!**

**All: My soul longs, yea, faints for your courts;  
My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

**One: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a  
nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your  
altars, God of hosts, my ruler and God.**

**All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
Ever singing your praise.**

**Blessed are those whose strength is in you.**

**Song Are ye Able, Said the Master #621 Vs 1 and 4**

Words: Earl Marlatt, 1926 Music: Harry S Mason, 1924

**“Are ye able,” said the Master,  
“To be crucified with me?”  
“Yea,” the sturdy dreamers answered,  
“To the death we follow Thee.”**

**Lord, we are able.  
Our spirits are Thine.  
Remold us, make us,  
like Thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance  
above us shall be  
a beacon to God,  
to love, and loyalty.**

**“Are ye able?” Still the Master  
whispers down eternity,  
and heroic spirits answer  
now, as then, in Galilee.**

**Lord, we are able.  
Our spirits are Thine.  
Remold us, make us,  
like Thee, divine.  
Thy guiding radiance  
above us shall be  
a beacon to God,  
to love, and loyalty.**

Time for all ages - You're my shelter!

Reading: **For God's Gifts 591**

-Howard Thurman, 20<sup>th</sup> –century African- American  
church leader c1953 Thurman Educational Trust; used by permission

O Holy God, open unto me,  
light for my darkness, courage for my fear, hope for my despair.

**Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!**

O loving God, open unto me  
wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins,  
love for my hate.

**Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!**

O God of peace, open unto me  
Peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow,  
strength for my weakness.

**Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!**

O Generous God, open my heart to receive all your gifts.

**O, Lord, kum ba yah!**

**Be thou my vision #595 (vs 1 and 2)**

Words: Irish song (8<sup>th</sup> C.); tr. Mary E. Byrne, versed by Eleanor  
H. Hull, 1912, alt.

Music: Traditional Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1963

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,  
thou in me dwelling, and I will thee one.**

**It Is Well with My Soul #561 (vs 1 and 4)**

Words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873

Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**It is well It is well with my soul, it is well,  
it is well with my soul.**

**May God haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul.**

**It is well It is well with my soul, it is well,  
it is well with my soul.**

**Sweet Hour of Prayer #570 (vs 1 and 3) VS 1**

**Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me  
From a world of care, and bids me at my  
Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has  
Often found relief, and oft escaped the  
tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!**

**Reading Cleanse the thoughts of Our Hearts #574**

- *Gregorian Sacramentary (6<sup>th</sup> century), alt.*

**Almighty God,  
unto whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid,  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy Name.**

Prayers of the People and **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.**

**Sweet Hour of Prayer VS 3**

**Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!**

**Invitation to offering**

**Choral Offertory Celtic Laud**

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

**Stewardship Sunday Prayer of Dedication**

- Sarah E. Weaver (C) 2011, alt.

**We dedicate our gifts to you, O God**

**Help us to use them to glorify you; to be vessels of your work in this world.**

We dedicate our pledges to you, O God.

**Guide our leaders as we prepare financially for the upcoming year.**

Use us, O God, to do your work in this world.

**Encourage us to see that we are all ministers called into the Body of Christ. Use us in our service.**

We pray over these gifts, blessing them in the name of Creator, Christ and Spirit, One God now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

- Posted in [Liturgy](#), [Stewardship](#)

## **Litany ~ A Thanksgiving #716**

*-William Barclay, 20<sup>th</sup>-century British biblical scholar (adapt.) Used by permission of Barclay Publications*

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.**

O God, we give you thanks for all that you have done for us.  
That you have created us, and have given us the gift of life  
and set us to live in this fair earth;  
that you have given us work to do, and the strength to do it:

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.**

We give you thanks for all that others have done for us.  
For those who taught us when we were children;  
for those who in the days of youth gave us the guidance  
that kept us from going astray;  
for those who to this day love us and surround us with their care:

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.**

We give you thanks for all that your church has done for us.  
For strength and guidance each week for life's way;  
for the friendship and the fellowship which we here enjoy;  
for the sacraments of your grace, and the prayers of your people:

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.**

We give you thanks for all that you have done for us in Jesus Christ.

That in Christ you have shown us the length and breadth  
and depth and height of your great love for us;  
that in Christ you have opened to us a new and living way  
into your presence:

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.**

We give you thanks for everything that has given us  
Strength for earth and hope for heaven.  
Accept this our sacrifice for your love's sake. Amen.

**Let All things now living #717 vs 1 and 2**

Words: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.

Music: Welsh Folk melody; desc. Katherine K. Davis, 1939 Words and desc  
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**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving**

**To God our creator triumphantly raise.**

**Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.**

**God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.**

**Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.**

**By law God enforces, the stars in their courses**

**And sun in its orbit obediently shine;**

**The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.**

**We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;**

**With glad adoration a song let us raise**

**Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"**

**For Everyone Born**

Words: Shirley E. Murray, 1931,

Music: Brian Mann, 1979-

***For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star over-head,  
and God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy, compassion and peace,  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
... justice and joy!***

***For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair,  
and God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy, compassion and peace,  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
...justice and joy!***

***For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,  
and God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy, compassion and peace,  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
...justice and joy!***

***For everyone born, a place at the table,***

***to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,  
and God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy, compassion and peace,  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
...justice and joy!***

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Musette**

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