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July 21, 2024

9:45 AM

9th Sunday after Pentecost
Summer of Fun & Games

Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

SPECIAL MUSIC OPENER (sung by Mike Gibbs)

Lord Don't Move That Mountain by Andrews

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRELUDE

The Church's One Foundation

Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: When we pass through the waters,

C: God is there with us.

L: When we suffer and feel hopeless,

C: God is there with us.

L: When we are joyful and celebratory,

C: God is there with us.

L: Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,

C: God is there with us, always.

L: Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel, God with us.

L: I invite you to stand as comfortable to join in song and praise of our ever present God.

How Firm a Foundation

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Piano $\text{♩} = 120$



1. How firm a foundation for you has been laid, by
2. "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be no dismayed, for
3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the
4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my
5. "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose, I

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God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid! What more can God
I am your God, I will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you
riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow; For I will be
grace all - suf - fu - cient shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not
will not, I will not de - sert to its foes; That soul, though all

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say than to you has been said, to you, who for ref - uge to
help you, and cause you to stand up - held by my gra - cious, om -
with you; your trou - bles to bless, de - liv - er - ing you from your
hurt you; for I have de - signed your soul to make pure just as
hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll nev - er no nev - er, no

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Je - sus have fled?
- ni - po - tent hand."
deep - est dis - tress."
gold is re - fined."
nev - er for - sake!"

*TIME OF CONFESSION²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us pray together, Watching God,

C: We are always uncomfortable, when you notice how we get absorbed and obsessed within ourselves. We can be so proper, so good, so well-off, that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the others deeply needing you. We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day, that we forget to do good when we have the chance.

Forgive us, Welcoming God. Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus, our Lord and Savior, welcoming and having compassion on all: the poor, the damaged, the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2279 FWS

The Trees of the Field

ALL SING: You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-5a (CEB)

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (CEB)

SERMON

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| <i>1. I wanna sing, sing, sing,
I wanna shout, shout, shout,
I wanna sing, I wanna shout,
Praise the Lord!
It makes no difference what you say,
I'm gonna praise Him anyway.
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna shout,
Praise the Lord!</i> | <i>2. Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me
home
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me
home</i> | <i>3. O when the saints,
Come marching in,
O when the saints come
marching in (over there!)
O how I want to be in that
number,
When the saints come
marching in.</i> |
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HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 2237 FWS (see next page)

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

Ruth Duck

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. As a fire is meant for burning with a
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are
3. As a green bud in the spring - time is a

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bright and warm-ing flame, so the church is meant for mis sion, giv - ing
pil-grims on the way. We are seek-ers; we are giv - ers; we are
sign of life re - newed, so may we be signs of one ness 'mid earth's

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glo - ry to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or cus-toms, but to
ves-sels made of clay. By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac-tions we would
peoples, man - y hues. As a rain - bow lights the heav-ens when a

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build a bridge of care, we join hands a-cross the na tions, find-ing
show that Christ is light. In a hum-ble, lis-tening Spir - it we would
storm is past and gone, may our lives re-lect the ra diance of God's

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neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
live to God's de - light.
new and glo-rious dawn.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC (sung by Mike Gibbs)

Leave It There

by Tindley

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

The Lord's My Shepherd

Traditional

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 425 NCH (black hymnal, vs. 1)

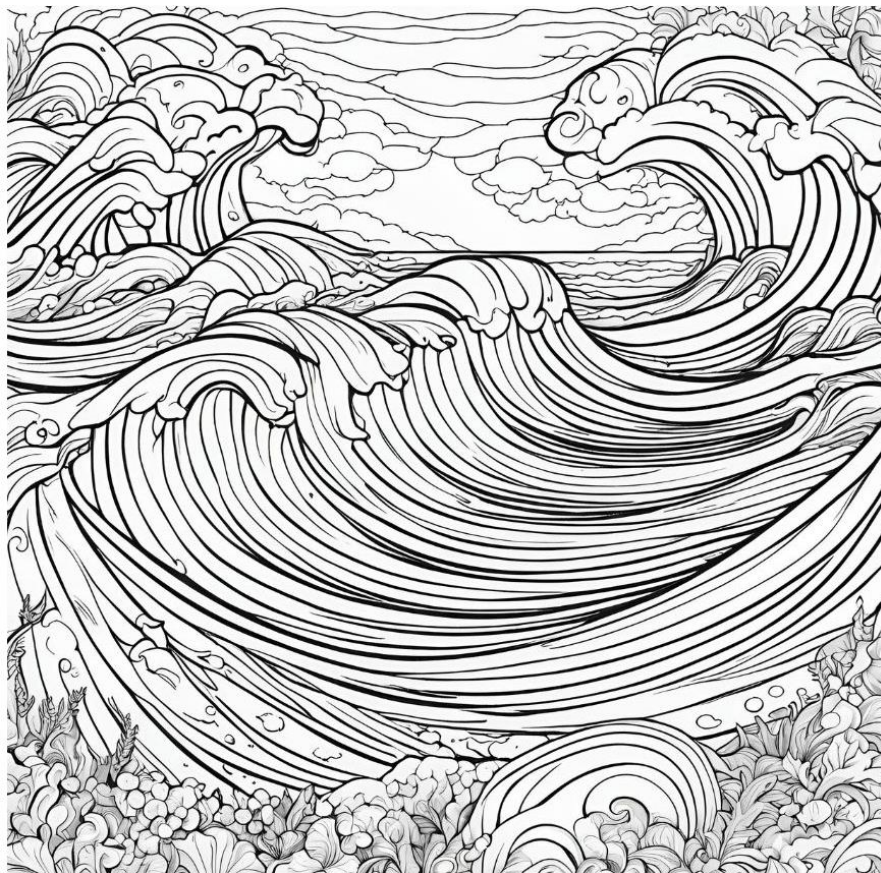
For the Fruit of All Creation

ALL SING: For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 2173 FWS** (see next page)

Shine, Jesus, Shine



Shine Jesus Shine

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♩ = 80
Refrain
Piano

Shine, Je-sus, shine, ___ fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry,

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blaze, Spir-it, blaze, ___ set our hearts on fire; flow, riv-er, flow,

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___ flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy, send forth your word, ___ Lord, and

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Fine

let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing
2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence
3. As we gaze on your king - ly brigh - ness,

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in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
from the shad - ows in - to your ra - di - ance; by the blood I may
so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

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World, shine up - on us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.
en - ter your bright - ness, search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry.

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DC. al Fine

Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine on me, shine on me.

References

¹The Call to Worship is written by Rev. Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org/2011/10/23/worship-resources-for-october-30-2011-and-all-saints-day/> and accessed for worship 7/11/24.

²The time of Confession is adapted from the writings of Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies. http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/2010_08_01_archive.html and accessed for worship 7/11/24.

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

Welcome Team Members—Lana Fritz, Stella Fletcher, Vanessa Bicher, & Paula Strayer

Liturgist—Brenda Beyer

Special Musician—Mike Gibbs

Tech Team—Elaine Bevivino, Dave Firestone, Joseph Vacante



