



Lectionary Year C
Liturgical Color: Green

November 9th 2025
Portage Lake United Church
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation

Welcome and Announcements

We gather in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, source of all goodness and mercy. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

- The fall meeting of the Congregation/Corporation will be held today, following worship. Please get your coffee/tea and cookies and return to the sanctuary. The meeting will also be available on ZOOM.
- The office will be closed on Tuesday for Veteran's Day.
- Soup Fundraiser, Sunday, November 9th, 5:00-8:00 pm @ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. \$5.00 donation, proceeds to Western UP Food Bank
- Angel Mission needs: Nutritious granola bars
- ***Are there any other announcements?***

Serving This Morning

Presider: Rev. Peter Norland

Musician: Susie Bykkonen

Greeter: Judy Albee

Reader: Elizabeth Middleton

Prayer Writer: Lois Jambekar

Coffee: The Norland's

Children's Church: Olivia Bykkonen



PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

Too often we relate to God
as a myth or a theorem to be talked about
and not as a friend.

Norman Shawchuck



GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

✚ Call to Worship (responsive)

The God who is greater than we will ever understand,
is humbled to become one of us.

The God who is more
loving that our hearts dare imagine,
gives us more grace than we ever realize.

The God who is wiser than we will ever know,
teaches us all we need to become God's children.

Let us worship God!



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MORNING AND OPENING HYMNS


483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

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Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675

Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.


Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566



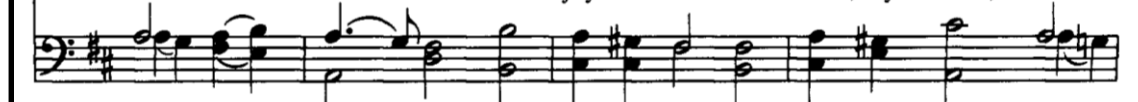
1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -
2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy
3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -
4. Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy



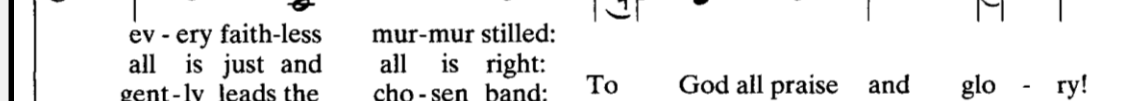
a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of
keep - eth; By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch - ful
tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and
prais - es That all may hear the grate-ful song My voice un -



our sal - va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And
eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king-dom of God's might, Lo!
joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth-er's ten - der hand, God
wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both



ev - ery faith-less mur-mur stilled:
all is just and all is right:
gent-ly leads the cho-sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry!
soul and bod - y take your part:





+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace,
you have given us eternal comfort and good hope.
You have shown us the glorious splendor of your majesty
and the wonder of your works.
Join our work with your own,
that by the grace in which we trust,
we may be brought to the resurrection in which we hope,
by the faithfulness of your wondrous love. **Amen.**

+ CONFESSION

You call us to faithful living,
giving ourselves to you and to one another
after the example of Jesus.

Yet sin prevents us
from following your directions.

We pursue our own goals,
worship our own gods,
and place our hope in things
that cannot last.

Wash us anew.

Forgive us again.

Give us ears to hear your call
and faith to follow where Christ leads.

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This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.



+ PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

Children of God, we are the body of Christ.

By one spirit we were baptized into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace.

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.



Ann Campbell

WORD



Job 19:23-27a

I know that my Redeemer lives

19:23 "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!

19:24 O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!

19:25 For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;

19:26 and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,

19:27 whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

The coming of Christ Jesus

2:1 As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, 2:2 not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. 2:3 Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. 2:4 He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. 2:5 Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? 2:13 But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 2:14 For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2:15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. 2:16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, 2:17 comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word

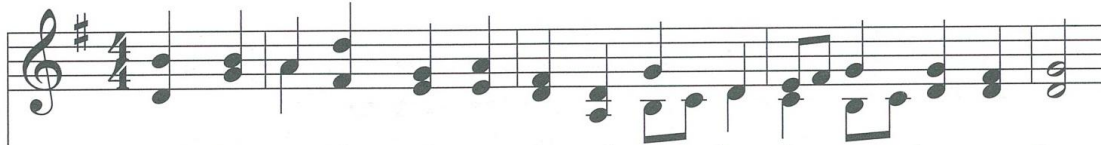
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✚ HYMN Now There is No Male or Female

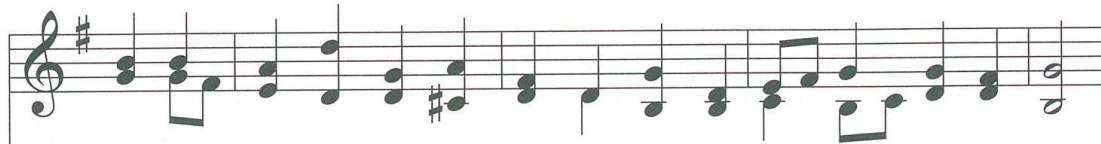
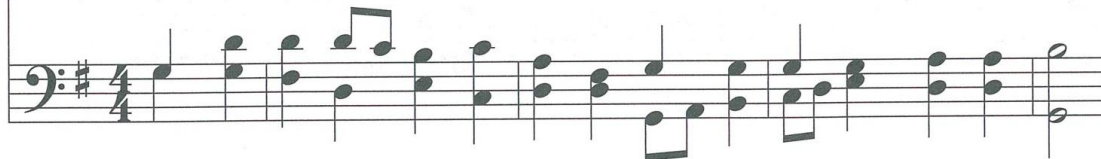
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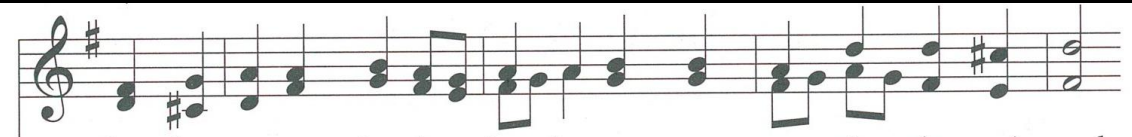
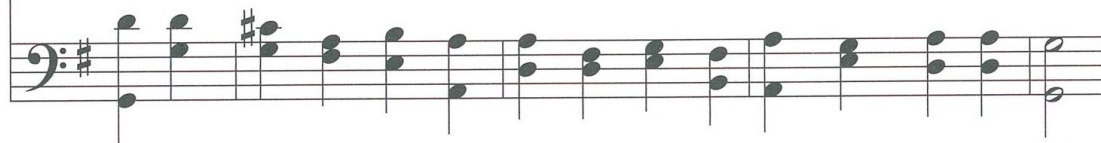
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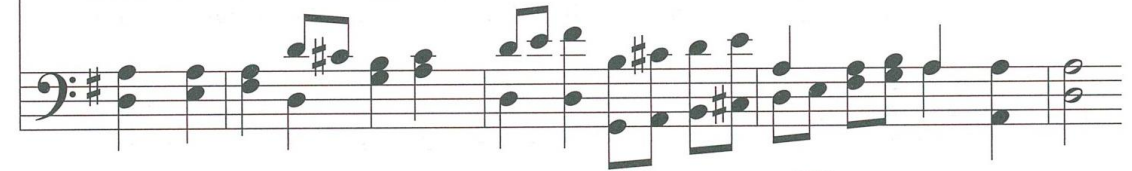
1 Now there is no male or fe-male; now there is no free or slave;
2 Cru - ci - fied with Christ the Sav-ior, bap-tized in his ho - ly death,
3 Death has no do - min-ion o'er him, so for us death holds no power;



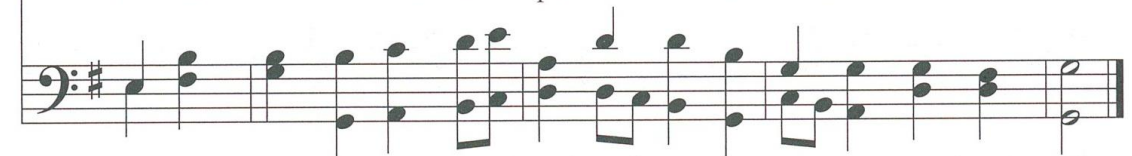
now there is no Jew or Gen-tile in the earth Christ died to save.
and as Christ was raised to glo - ry we have new life on this earth.
life's own wa-ters now have marked us, born to God this ver - y hour.



Christ has set us free for free-dom: we no more sing slav-ery's creed;
Power of wa-ter and God's nam-ing, turn - ing us from dark to light,
From this mo-moment and for - ev - er dead to sin, a - live in Christ,



old sub - mis-sions can - not claim us; Christ has set us free in - deed.
joins us to those who, be - fore us, ran the race and fought the fight.
born of wa - ter and the Spir-it, now in Christ we find our life.



Opening with an allusion to Galatians 3:28 and closing with one to John 3:5, this text is filled with specific scriptural phrases related to baptism. It also includes larger themes like the parallels with the deliverance of Israel from slavery through the waters of the Red Sea.

+ GOSPEL READING Luke 20:27-38

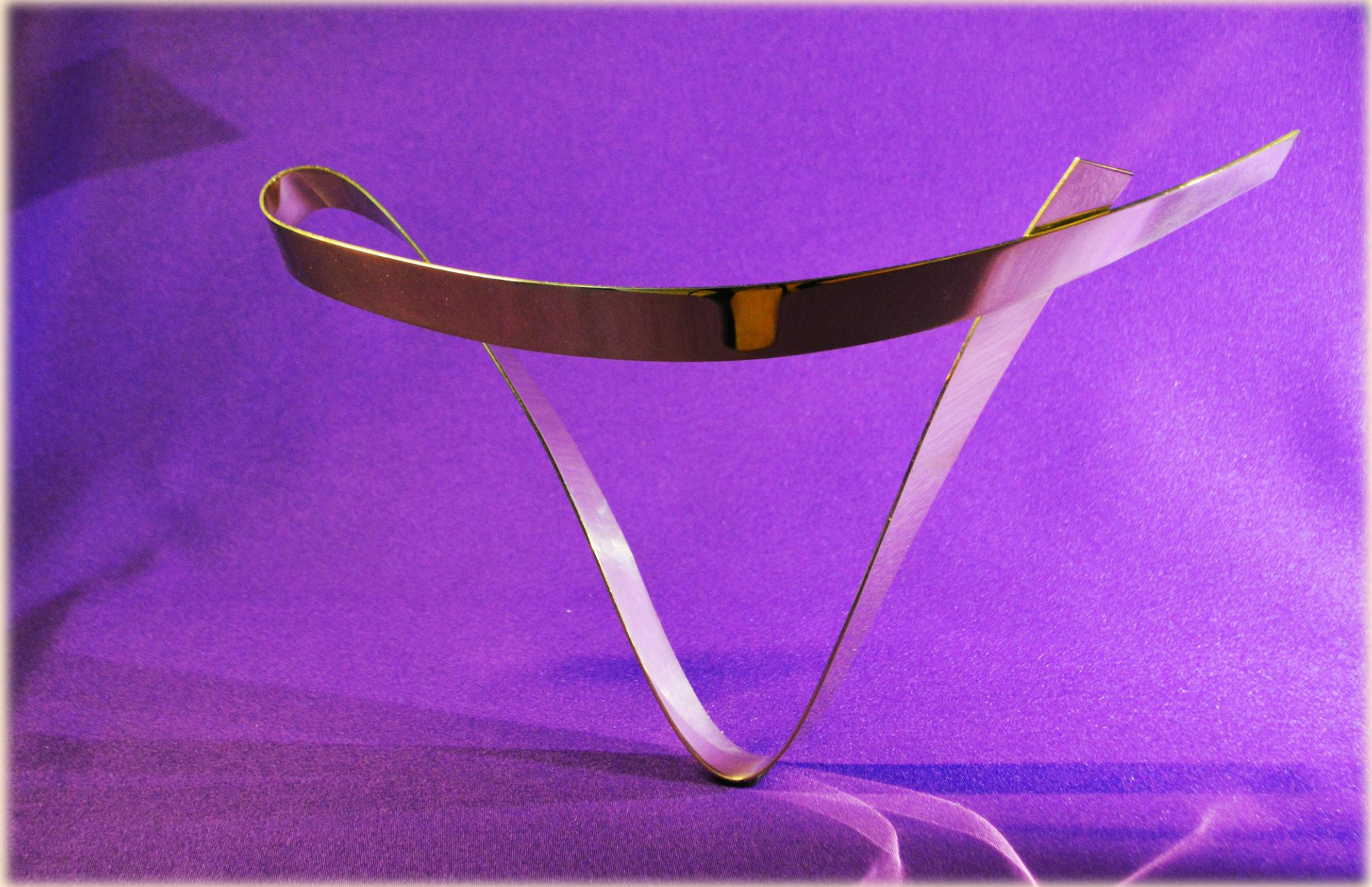
Jesus speaks of the resurrection

20:27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him 20:28 and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. 20:29 Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; 20:30

then the second 20:31 and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless.

20:32 Finally the woman also died. 20:33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." 20:34 Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, 20:35 but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. 20:36 Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. 20:37 And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. 20:38 Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God



Sermon

Tom Co

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, in gratitude for all that you give us, we offer you these gifts and ask you to bless and multiply them, that they may become the good work and word that comforts and strengthens both our hearts and the hearts of others. Amen



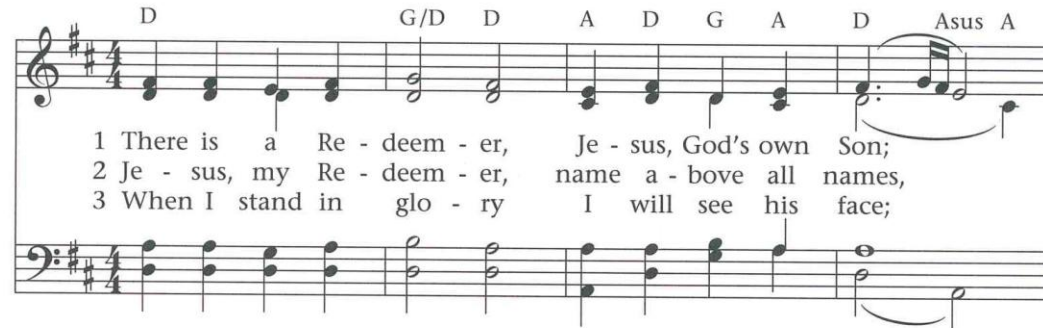
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There Is a Redeemer

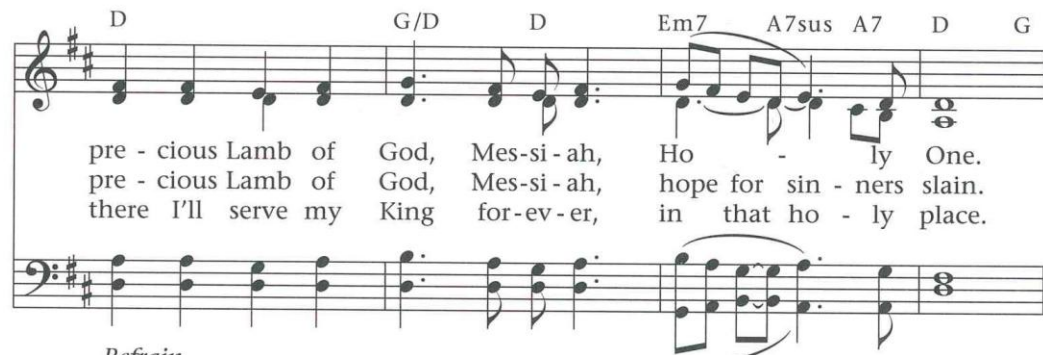
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1 There is a Re-deem-er, Je-sus, God's own Son;
2 Je-sus, my Re-deem-er, name a-bove all names,
3 When I stand in glo-ry I will see his face;

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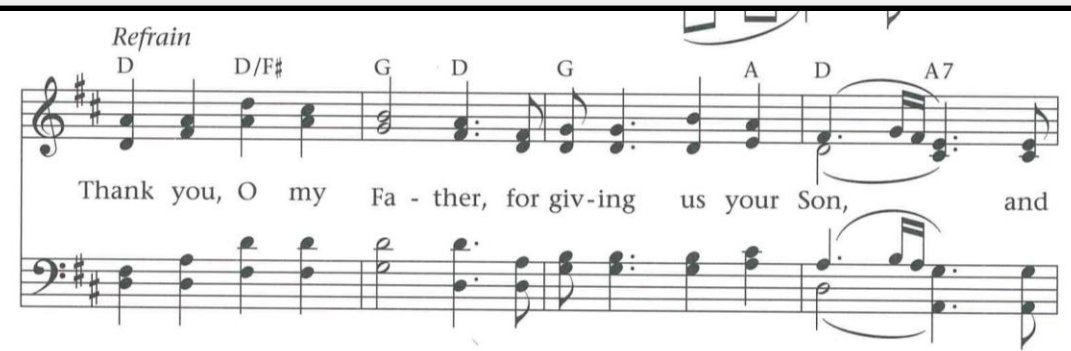


pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Ho-ly One.
pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, hope for sin-ners slain.
there I'll serve my King for-ev-er, in that ho-ly place.

Refrain

Refrain

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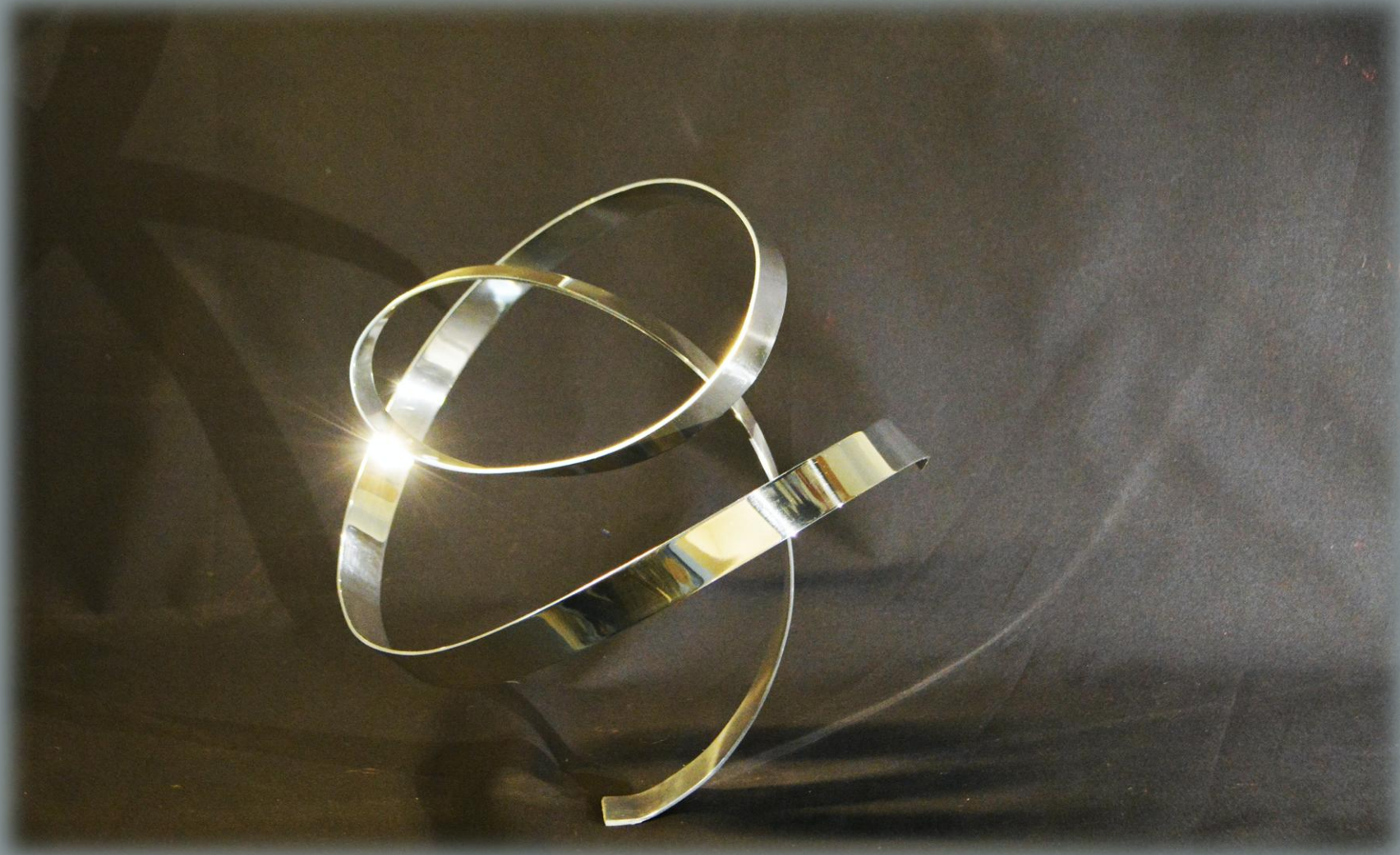
Thank you, O my Fa-ther, for giv-ing us your Son, and

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leav-ing your Spir-it till the work on earth is done.

Offering



Tom Co



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

ECUMENICAL

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.



MORNING AND OPENING HYMNS

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God Is Here!

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Fred Pratt Green, 1979; rev. 1988

Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

1. God is here! As we Your peo-ple Meet to of-fer
2. Here are sym-bols to re-mind us Of our life-long
3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come In the Shep-herd's
4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, In an age of

praise and prayer, May we find in ful-ler mea-sure What it
need of grace; Here are ta-ble, font, and pul-pit; Here the
flock and fold, Here, as bread and wine are tak-en, Christ sus-
change and doubt Keep us faith-ful to the gos-pel, Help us

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is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a-round us,
cross has cen-tral place. Here in hon-es-ty of preach-ing,
tains us as of old. Here the ser-vants of the Ser-vant
work Your pur-pose out. Here, in this day's ded-i-ca-tion,

All our var-ied skills and arts Wait the com-ing
Here in si-lence, as in speech, Here, in new-ness
Seek in wor-ship to ex-plore What it means in
All we have to give, re-ceive: We, who can-not

of the Spir-it In-to o-pen minds and hearts.
and re-new-al, God the Spir-it comes to each.
dai-ly liv-ing To be-lieve and to a-dore.
live with-out You, We a-dore You! We be-lieve!

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

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Dear ones,
stand firm and hold fast
to the grace you have received.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself,
and God our parent,
who loves us and, through grace,
gives us eternal comfort and good hope,
comfort your hearts and strengthen them
in every good deed and word.



Postlude and Reflection

Question for Reflection:

We each have our own ideas and visions of what happens to us after we die. When the opponents of Jesus tried to trick him by asking a convoluted question about what heaven is like after we die, Jesus replied by saying that God is not the God of the dead but of the living because we are always alive to God (Luke 20:38).

How does that inform our sense of Christian community, of the communion of saints, and of life everlasting?



Thanks to

Presider: Rev. Peter Norland
Musician: Susie Byykkonen
Greeter: Lois Jambekar
Reader: Christina Norland
Prayer Writer: Carl Vilmann
Coffee: Biruta Lowther, Judy Albee

Serving next week

Presider: Rev. Peter Norland
Musician: Susie Byykkonen
Greeters: Lois Jambekar
Reader: Beth Smock
Prayer Writer: Terry Monson
Coffee: Ann Campbell

Next Sunday's Scriptures: Isaiah 65:17-25, Isaiah 12,
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 2:5-19

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Rooted in the Trinity. Growing in God's Word.
Branching out to those in need. Nourished by many waters.

Visio Divina

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Jim Northey

Our guest artist today is Tom Co, Some of you may know Tom from Michigan Tech. Now that he has moved to being an emeritus professor, he is spending much more time with his artwork. These works are currently on display in the gallery in the lower level of the Rosza Center.

Additional descriptions can be found at the Art in the Christian Tradition image library, a service of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/>. All images available via Creative Commons 3.0 License.