

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

Create in me a



**clean
heart,**

O God,

and put a new &

**right
spirit**

*within
me.*



Psalm 51:10, NRSV



WELCOME to Valley of Peace.
We are glad you are here.

We give thanks to God for all people and want all people to feel comfortable participating in worship. If you need any assistance please let our Ushers know. We are happy to offer hearing assistance devices, move chairs to make worship feel more accessible for you, and offer any other support that would be meaningful for you in this space.

All ages are welcome to worship at Valley of Peace and we give thanks for the voices of our littlest ones. If you feel that your little one is wiggly, you are welcome to go with them to stretch their legs in the narthex where there is a small area with books and toys and you can hear the worship service. There are also bags available for you to put toys and books in and bring them into the sanctuary space.

And again, welcome to worship this day. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Interested in becoming a Member? Let Pastor Ashley know by **March 9, 2026**

Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, March 15, 2026 after worship.

SENSORY ACTIVITIES AND SPACES AT VOP

Sensory integration is the process by which individuals receive information through our senses, (Vision, Hearing, Smell, Taste, Touch, Vestibular/Movement, and Proprioception/Body Position), organize this information, and use it to participate in activities.

Each person reacts to sensory information differently. People of all ages can have sensory issues that make it more difficult to participate depending on the environment. Sensory issues are very complex because a person's sensory system could be a mixture of over reactive, under reactive, or actively engaged.

After assessing need, Emilie Moravec has been working with a few community members to make our space more welcoming for those with sensory needs. The following items are now available at the Welcome Center for individuals with sensory needs:

- Ear defender headphones
- Earplugs
- Sunglasses
- Weighted lap pads
- Battery powered fans
- Fidget blanket

Please speak with an usher or volunteer at the Welcome Center to find these items. Additional fidget supplies are available near the "busy bag" tree in the narthex outside of the sanctuary. These sensory tools are intended to promote regulation, improve focus, increase participation, and make our space more accessible and welcoming to children, teens, and adults with sensory processing needs.

If you are in need of change of environment while at Valley of Peace, the following areas are available:

- **Narthex**- provides space for movement right outside of the sanctuary. The worship service can still be seen and heard.
- **Fireside Room** - Near the top of the staircase, on the same level as the sanctuary. This space provides comfortable seating where the worship service can still be heard.
- **Youth Room** - The Youth room is located on the lowest level of the church and will contain a "quiet corner" with soft lighting and no worship sounds.

Sources: Mailloux Z & Smith Roley S. Sensory Integration Development and Early Signs of Difficulties. July 2013

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church
October 19, 2025
10:15 a.m.

Welcome to Worship.

Just a few things to note as you prepare to worship.

*You are invited to participate in worship by reading the **BOLD** print.*

When you see +, please stand in body or in spirit.

ELW is the red hymnal and ACS is the purple hymnal,

both located in the bottom of the pew in front of you.

If you need any assistance please ask an Usher. They are happy to help.

GATHERING MUSIC

Voluntary on 'Lob den Herron'

Hugh Livingston, Jr.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prayer for Peace

Colin Curtis

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Create in us clean hearts, O God,

And put your new spirit within us.

Do not cast us away from your presence,

nor take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation,

And sustain in us a willing spirit.

+OPENING HYMN

Red ELW 800 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

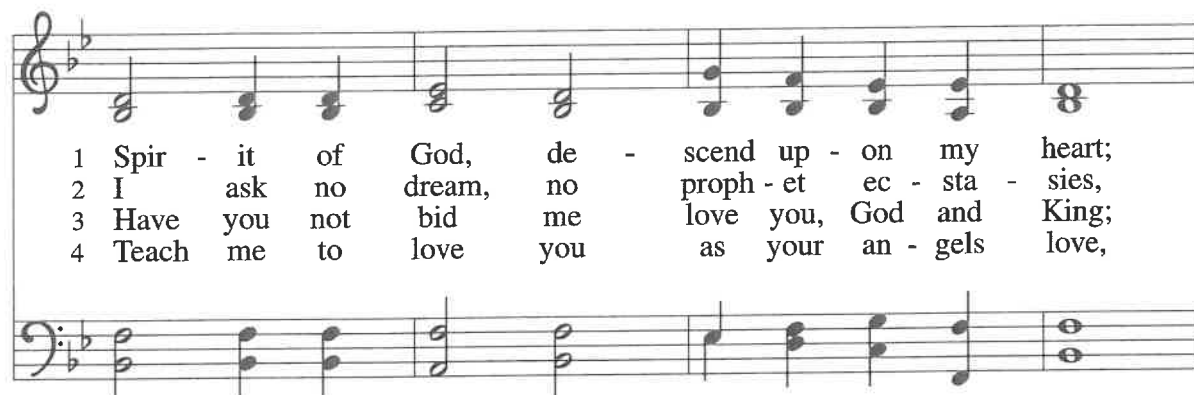
Pause for silence and reflection.

Holy God, **you have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work of justice. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, in material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor's needs.**

Call us back to you, God. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread.

Hear the good news, siblings in Christ! You have been created in wholeness, claimed in love, and forgiven according to God's boundless grace. Nothing—even the worst we do or fail to do—can separate us from the love of our God. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in the name of Jesus+, our savior and friend. Amen.

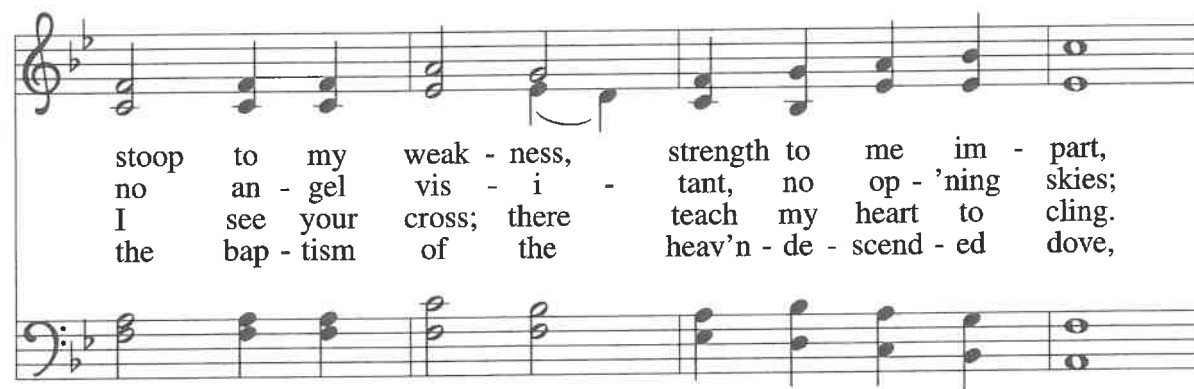
800 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



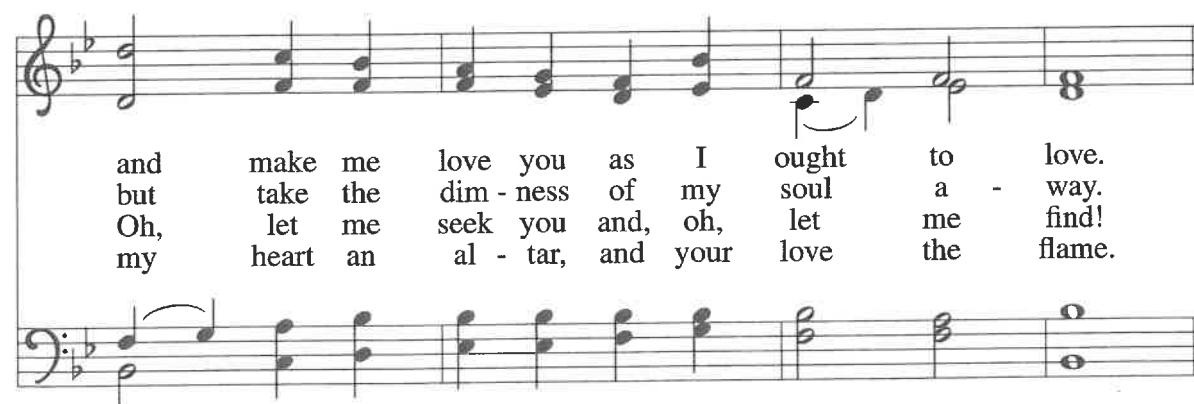
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

+GREETING

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

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Loving God, you do not see as we see, but look on our hearts and know us deeply. Help us to see others as you do—with love, compassion, and boundless grace, that we might live in harmony with our siblings here and throughout creation. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

FAITH MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING.....1 Samuel 16:1-13 and Psalm 51:10-14

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY Red ELW 592 *Just as I am, without One Plea*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response— God, of promise, **hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC

On Eagles Wings

+OFFERTORY RESPONSE

RED ELW 465 *As the Grains of Wheat*

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God who lavishes all good things on us, we offer now these gifts of our skills, our time, our money, and our very presence with joy and gratitude. Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ, who offered more than we ever could. **Amen.**

+HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

it is right to give our thanks and praise.



Electronic Giving

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That Priceless Grace

1 That price-less grace, that price-less grace, that price-less
 2 That price-less blood, that price-less blood, that price-less
 3 That pain-ful death, that pain-ful death, that pain-ful
 4 That pre-cious word, that pre-cious word, that pre-cious

grace, which gave me life: Je - sus' life is price-less grace.
 blood was shed for me: Je - sus' blood is price-less grace.
 death took sins a - way: Je - sus' death is price-less grace.
 word, which brought me light: Je - sus' word is price-less grace.

That price - less grace is life for me.

Text: Emmanuel F. Y. Grantson, b. 1949
 Music: Ghanaian traditional
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THAT PRICELESS GRACE
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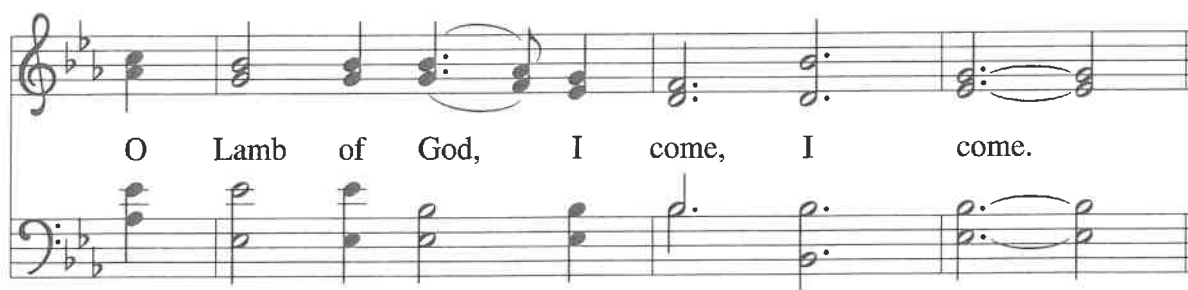
Just As I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un-known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871
 Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

WOODWORTH
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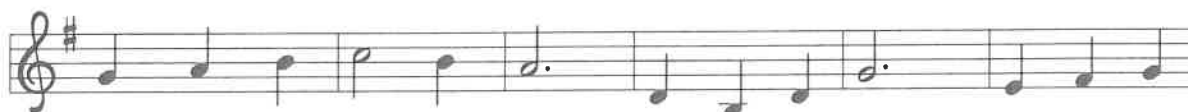


Drawn to the Light

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1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
 2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
 3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
 dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
 one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
 pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
 gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

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As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, when
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: Marty Haugen
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AS THE GRAINS
Irregular

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In the Singing



1 In the sing-ing, in the si-lence, in the hands ex-pec-tant, o-pen,
2 In the ques-tion, in the an-swer, in the mo-ment of ac-cep-tance,



in the bless-ing, in the break-ing, in your pres-ence at this ta-ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal-ing, in the cir-cle of your peo-ple,

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931
Music: Carlton R. Young, b. 1926
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BREAD OF PEACE
LM and refrain

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink for this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us
the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live
to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and place, and unite them with the
ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,
almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us:

**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**

+COMMUNION INVITATION

Jesus, our one true king, invites you now to this royal banquet, to be nourished on his very presence in these elements of bread and wine. Come with your siblings in Christ, and feast with our savior and friend.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

Red ELW 188 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Red ELW 413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

All are welcome to receive communion at Valley of Peace. We serve communion every Sunday by intinction. After the pastor speaks the words of distribution to online worshipers, the ushers will then invite worshippers physically present to receive communion.

If you are receiving communion by intinction, there will be bread and gluten-free wafers available. As you come forward to receive communion, a communion server will serve you your preference. Please take the bread or wafer and dip it into your preference of either wine or juice. The first chalice will contain red wine and the second chalice will contain white grape juice.

If you prefer to not receive communion by intinction there are pre-packaged communion kits with a gluten-free wafer and grape juice. You may pick this up on your way to communion.

*If you prefer not to receive communion at all,
please come forward with your hands across your chest and you will receive a blessing.
If you are unable to come forward or do not want to be visible on the live-stream,
please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.*

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Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

+COMMUNION BLESSING

And now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table.
May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and may your love be made known through us. **Amen.**

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN Red ELW 631 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

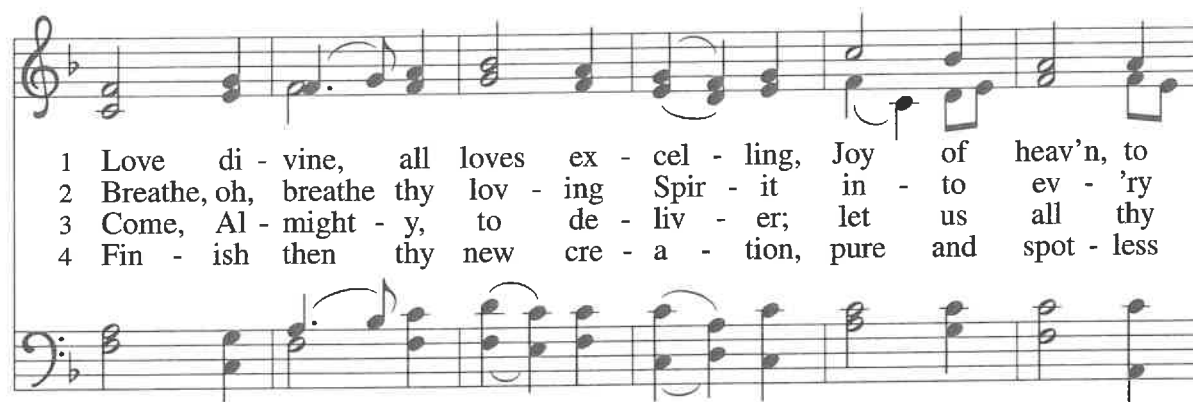
POSTLUDE

Let the World Go Forth

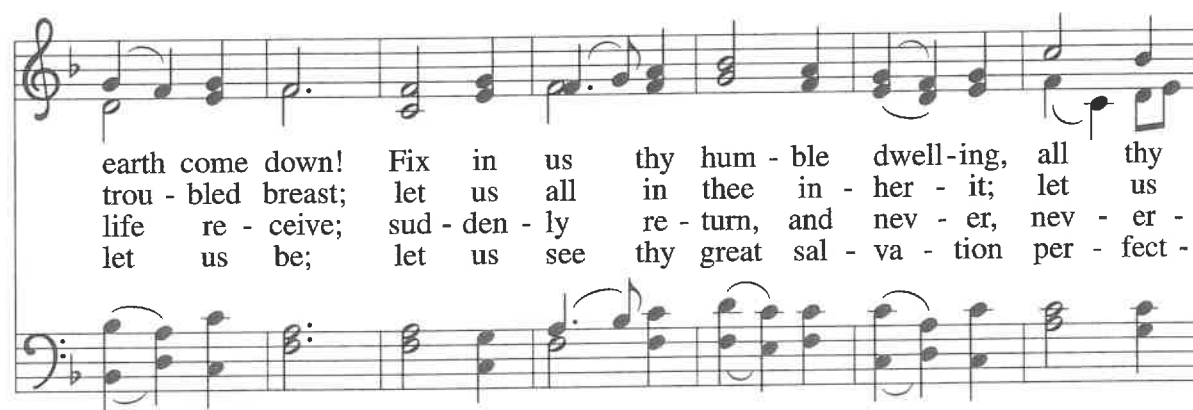
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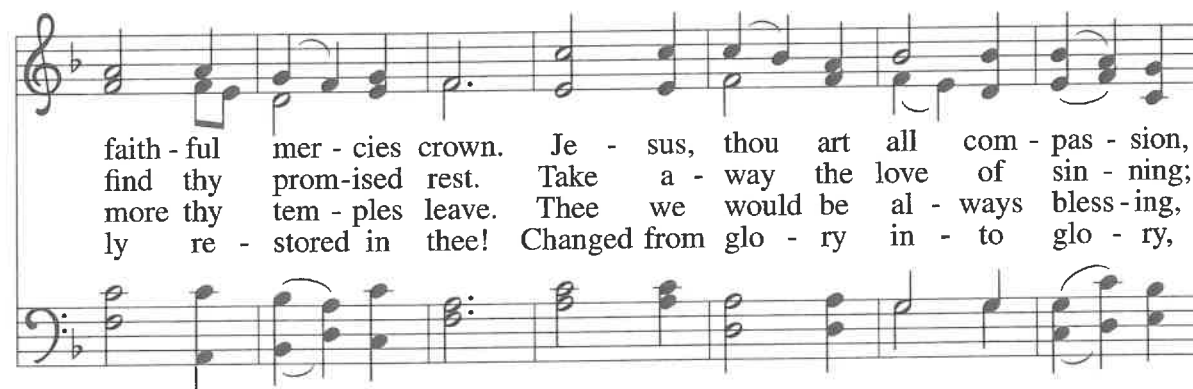
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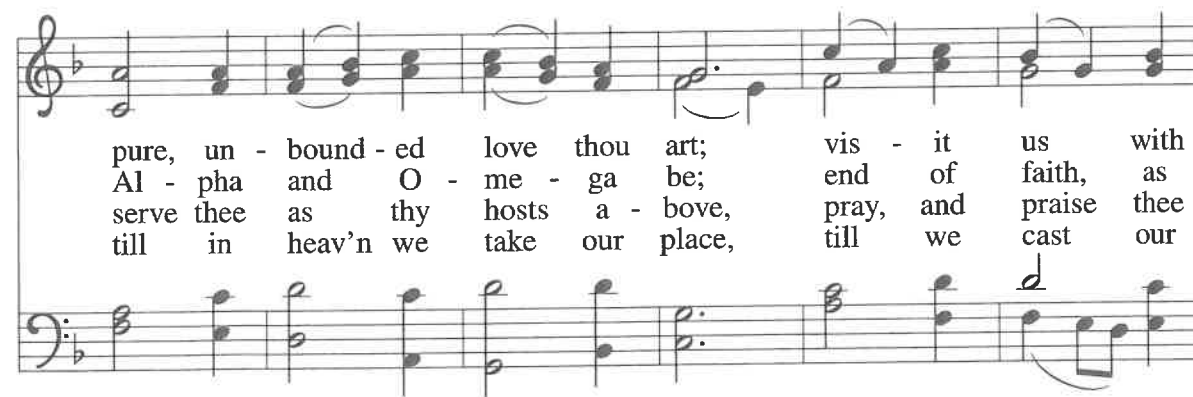
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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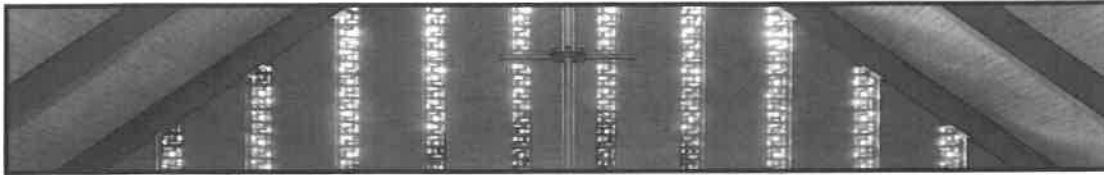
1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home.



In Worship Today

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Wade Wacholz
Pianist/Organist.....	Leslie Gilyard
Special Music.....	Mary Hovden
Opener/Closer.....	Craig Franz
Greeter.....	Dottie Fergus
Welcome Center.....	Julia Madison
Ushers.....	Lynn & Ken Schneider, Darlene & Dean Lamker
Faith Moment.....	Kari Roll
Reader.....	Diane Hinderlie
Worship Assistant.....	Darcie Rodman
Communion Servers.....	Heidi Boesen, Jon Larson, Sara Blood, Wes Syverson
Coffee Cart.....	Sally Daniels Herron
Tech.....	Chuck Rudolph
Altar Care.....	Claudia Aronsohn

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In Worship on Sunday, October 26, at 10:15 a.m.

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Special Music.....	Chancel Choir
Opener/Closer.....	Paul Mikelson
Greeter.....	Elaine Lofquist
Welcome Center.....	Abby and Matt Stetler
Ushers.....	Laurie Eaton, Jim Jasper, Casey Balint, Judy Greeninger
Faith Moment.....	Pace Warfield
Reader.....	Youth, assigned at worship
Worship Assistant.....	Dan Weatherman
Communion Servers.....	Youth, assigned at worship
Coffee Cart.....	Nancy Rogness
Tech.....	Naomi Dybvig
Altar Care.....	Claudia Aronsohn

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Reconciling In Christ Statement

We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and, by grace, is called a child of God, without exception and regardless of gender, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, age, station in life, or political affiliation.

