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***NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& RECOGNITION OF FUMC MINISTRIES***

() The congregation will please stand as able
(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

SILENT PRAYER AND TIME FOR CENTERING

PRELUDE:

ELEGY

Noel Rawsthorne

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*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

If it had not been God who was on our side,

the troubles of our world would have swallowed us whole.

If it had not been God who was on our side,

the sorrows of our times would have swept us away.

Are any among us suffering?

Come and pray.

Are any among us cheerful?

Come sing songs of praise.

Are any among us sick?

Come and ask for healing.

Our help is in our God,

the One who made heaven and earth.

Call upon God, creator and rescuer.

God is on our side.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Sing to the Lord, a new song of creation

KING'S ORCHARD

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1. Sing to the Lord, a new song of cre - a - tion
2. Faith, hope and love, in - spire our love of sing - ing,
3. Christ you are here, your spi - rit dwells with - in us,
4. You Fath - er God have made us in your im - age,
5. God, three in one, your chords of love u - nite us,

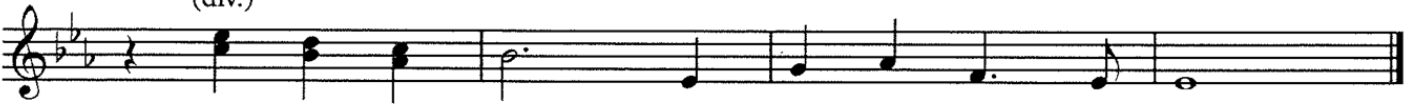


1. Join in a me - lo - dy of thanks and praise.
2. Hearts, minds and voi - ces make a glor - ious sound!
3. Sing through our mel - o - dies which rise and fall,
4. Filled all your child - ren with a soul - ful voice:
5. Bind us to - geth - er in rich har - mo - ny.



1. Come, sing for joy all peo - ple of this na - tion,
2. Praise God a - bove, and Christ who dwells a - mong us,
3. Word of God, you light the way we walk in,
4. Made for your praise, we bring our song be - fore you,
5. Ground bass of life, from whom springs all our be - ing;

(div.)



1. To wor - ship God, on this the best of days.
2. Spi - rit of God whose grace is all a round.
3. Il - lu - mi - nate the mu - sic made by all.
4. Ac - cept our tune with which we all re - joice.
5. We sing your praise the great God, one in three.

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***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **

**When sin and death hover around us,
like famished vultures,
you fill us with new strength
so they cannot feed on us;
when our bitterness clamps tight around our hearts
with its steel-like teeth,
you pry us loose with your scarred hands
so we might walk in faith with you;
when we stack our hurts one on top of the another,
like kindling wood,
ready to set the match of our anger to the pile,
you pour your spirit of forgiveness upon them,
until they are soaked so thoroughly,
nothing can ignite them.**

**Our help, our hope, our life, our peace
are truly found in the name of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ. Amen!**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

The good news is this:

God loves the world so much as to make it a fit place to live;
God loves us so much as to reshape us into people of faith.

Like a cup of cold water,

**forgiveness revives us, restores us, gives us new life.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

WORSHIP COMMITTEE AND COVENANT WITH MUSIC MINISTRIES

God of All Creation

Gordon Giles, Music: Christ Totney

*God of all creation
for whom the church in liturgy and song,
has borne faithful witness to the centuries,
let us be your instruments of praise.
That in us may be found
a new dimension of sound
which tunes our souls and bodies
to the infinite beauty of your truth,
and the profound glory
of your eternal Light, Amen*

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TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

CHILDREN MESSAGE: (WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT)

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AND COVENANT WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

1. Res - cue the per - ish - ing, care for the dy - ing,
 2. Though they are slight - ing Him, still He is wait - ing,
 3. Down in the hu - man heart, crushed by the tempt - er,
 4. Res - cue the per - ish - ing, du - ty de - mands it;

snatch them in pit - y from sin and the grave; weep o'er the err - ing one,
 wait - ing the pen - i - tent child to re - ceive; plead with them ear - nest - ly,
 feel - ings lie bur - ied that grace can re - store; touched by a lov - ing heart,
 strength for thy la - bor the Lord will pro - vide; back to the nar - row way

lift up the fall - en, tell them of Je - sus the might - y to save.
 plead with them gen - tly, He will for - give if they on - ly be - lieve.
 wak - ened by kind - ness, chords that are bro - ken will vi - brate once more.
 pa - tient - ly win them, tell the poor wan - derer a Sav - ior has died.

Res - cue the per - ish - ing, care for the dy - ing; Je - sus is mer - ci - ful, Je - sus will save.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1869
MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1869

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GOSPEL LESSON:

Mark 9:38-50

(Pg. 821) **

Please remain standing for the Gospel Lesson

For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

71 Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands, with a final cadence marked with a double bar line and a fermata.

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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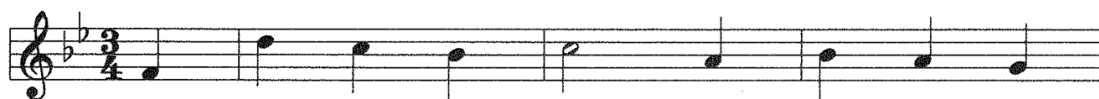
RECOGNITION OF OUR COMMUNITY MINISTRIES:

- *NOW*
- *PROJECT LINUS*
- *SIP-N-SHARE*
- *FELLOWSHIP KITCHEN*

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

Together We Serve

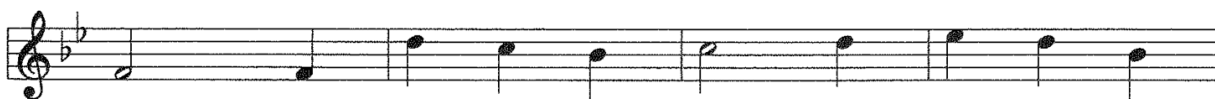
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1. To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by
 2. We seek to be - come a bea - con of
 3. We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the
 4. To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and



love, in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous
 hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the
 poor, the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need
 work, re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow



feast. We work and we pray through sor - row and
 feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine
 care. We of - fer a home to those who will
 strong. To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and



joy, ex - tend - ing your love to the last and the least.
 through un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 come, our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 truth, re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG

Lord, Prepare Me / Haz de mí, Dios

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
Haz de mí, Dios, hoy, un san - tua - rio vi - vo; pu - ro y
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a
san - to, fiel a ti. Dan - do gra - cias, se - ré por
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you. you.
siem - pre tu san - tua - rio, has - ta el fin. fin.

To repeat / Para repetir | Last time / Última vez

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INVITATION TO PRAYER:

Leader: "The Lord be with you "

People: "And also with you..."

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

[The Lord's Prayer](#)

(UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG (As above)

[Presentation of Tithes and Offerings](#)

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RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

- TRUSTEES
- FINANCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Improvisation

Kevin G. Lindsay

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;

praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

Refrain (Harmony)

Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 88.44.88 with Refrain

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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

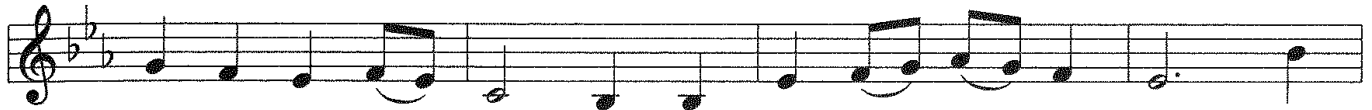
*HYMN OF DEDICATION

We All Are One in Mission

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1. We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call, our
2. We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name. Our
3. Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard. Now



var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all. A
min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same: To
let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word. We



sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove to
touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace, so
all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call, our



plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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*Benediction

VOLUNTARY

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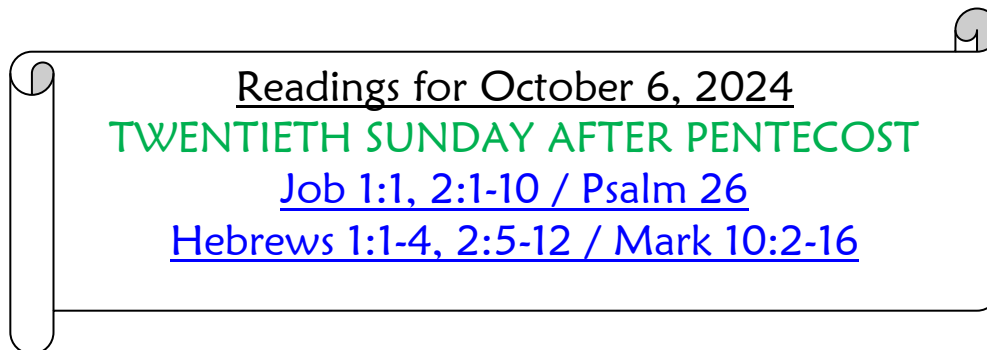
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