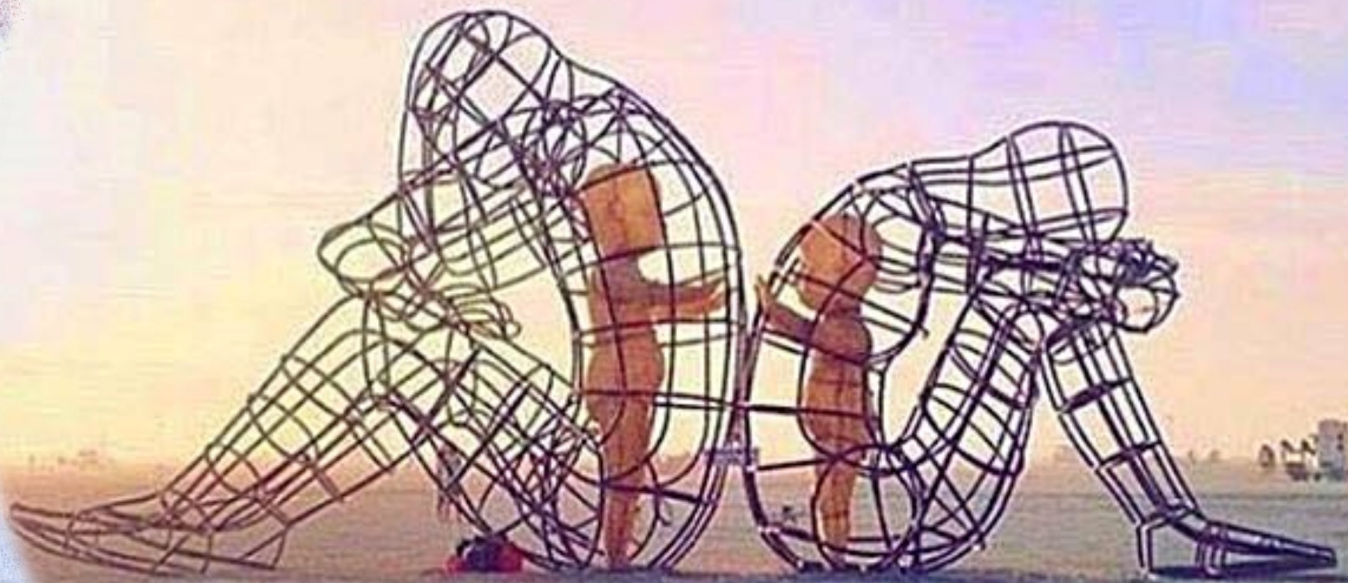


Do Unto Others



October 20, 2024
22nd Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community**, **communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshipping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know a nursery space and cry room are available for
parents who need to tend to their little ones.

Introduction

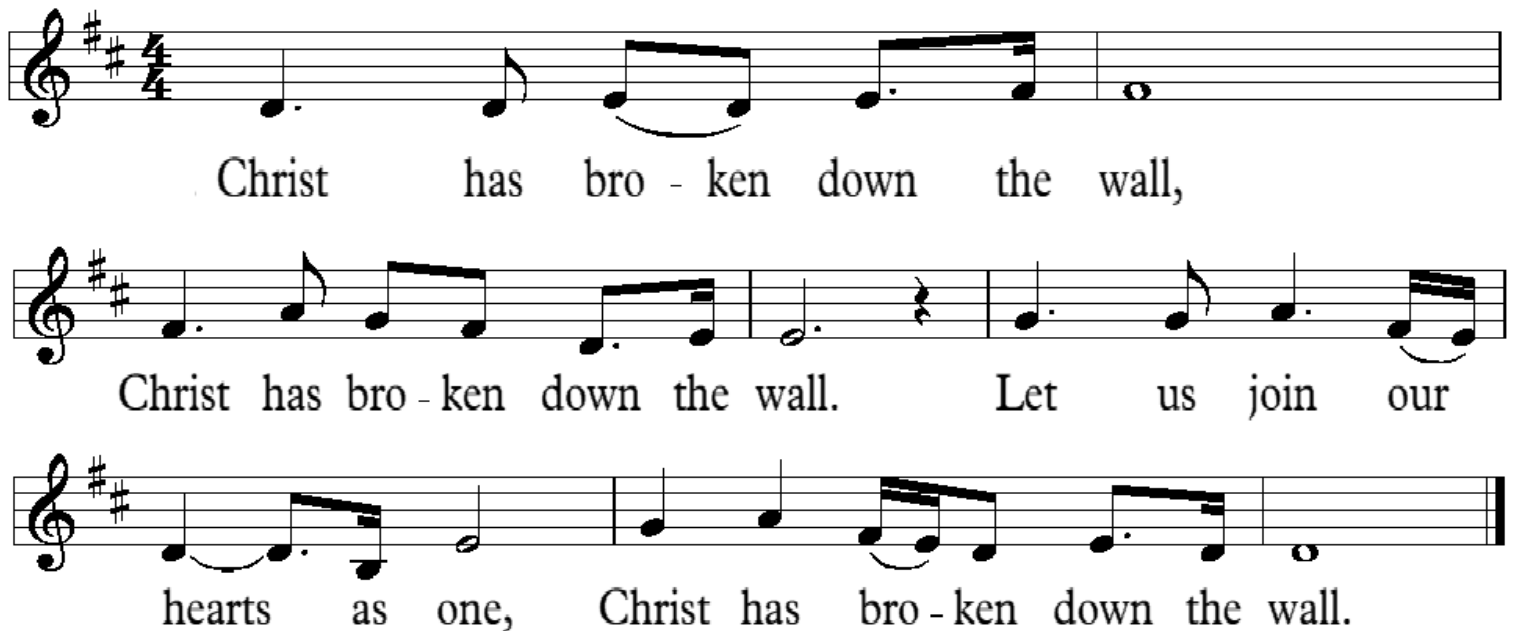
Our world seems to be consumed with division—often typified in the colors red and blue. Rather than stay in our monochromatic silos, the Golden Rule in scripture challenges us to engage in conversation and seek to create whatever common good we can with our relatives, friends, and neighbors who we might consider to be on the "other side" politically and ideologically.

As we attempt to come together, the idea is not that we are obliterating either one or trying to change each other, but rather we discover the beauty that can be created when we work together to make the world a better place.

The "purple space" is where we cultivate kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love for one another and for the good of all the world, no matter what.

Listen More, Speak Less: Humility

P Do Unto Others – This morning, we continue learning how we can build connections with one another in a world filled with division. The root of the word “human” is the same as the word “humility.” *Humility* means “the state of being humble.” Both it and *humble* have their origin in the Latin word *humilis*, meaning “low,” or literally on the ground. From dust we came and to dust we shall return.



P When we hear each other’s fears, anxieties, and pain, we return to the ground of hope.... that we are all experiencing the pains of being human. This week, we remember to look first at our neighbor as a person – not a position or ideology. Beginning conversations this way may help us to stay human and “on the ground” with one another rather than needing to come out “on top.”

♪ ♪ We’re accepted as we are, ♪ ♪
We’re accepted as we are.
Through God’s love all is reconciled,
We’re accepted as we are.

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P For all the ways we colonize each other—
with expectations, beliefs, judgments, and our own fear...

All God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.

WA For all the ways we squander right relationship—
choosing being “right” over “relationship”...

All God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.

P For all the ways we deny equality and the belovedness of all—
deeming some “in” and others “out...”

All God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.

WA Jesus said, “I have come to set the prisoner free.”

No matter what binds you this day,

freedom is yours through new life in Christ.

In the name of him who came to loose the chains, we are forgiven.

All In the name ✝ of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, set free.

Glory to God! Amen!

♪ ♪ Cast aside your doubts and fears. ♪ ♪

Cast aside your doubts and fears.

Peace and love freely offered here;

Cast aside your doubts and fears.

Prayer for This Day

P Creator God,
we ask you to come close and remind us
of our belovedness as your children,
for we are feeling distant.

All Open our eyes to the beauty and pain we all contain,
and invite us to “do unto others” in ways that build up
your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.

**We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Center That Holds,
and in the power of the Spirit That Transforms. Amen.**

You may be Seated

A Reading from Ephesians, the 4th chapter

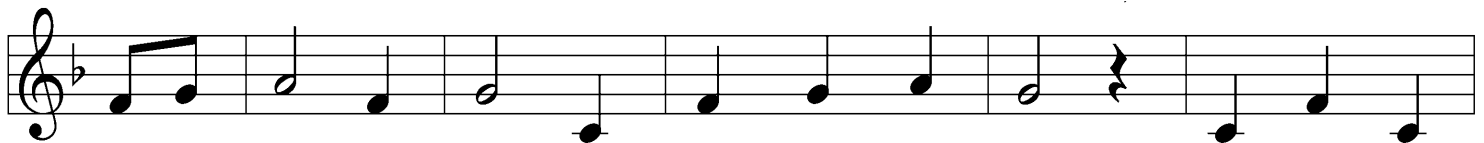
Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ’s one body.

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and [Parent] of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1-6

P The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



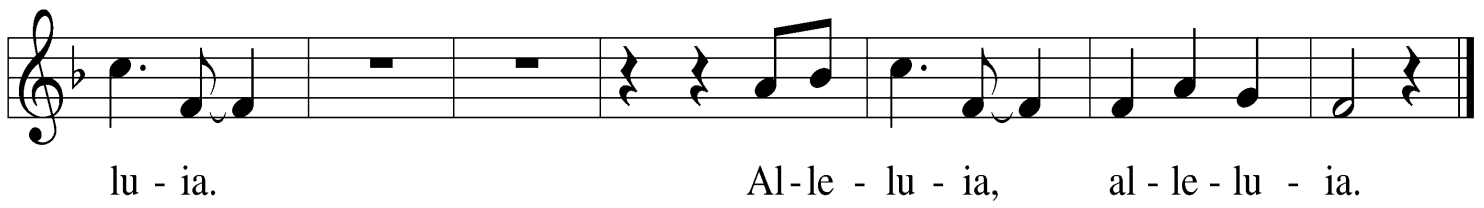
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -



Gospel Reading

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Luke 14:1, 7-11

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be Seated

Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

Live Like That

Words and Music by
David Frey, Ben McDonald
and Ben Glover

Please stand in body or spirit.

1. Some times I think
what will peo - ple say of me when I'm on - ly just a mem - o - ry,
when I'm home where my soul be - longs? Was I love
when no one else would show up? Was I Je - sus to the least of us?
Was my wor - ship more than just a song? I wan - na live like that,
and give it all I have. So that ev - 'ry - thing I say and do points to You.
If love is who I am, then this is where I'll stand reck -
less - ly a - ban - doned, nev - er hold - ing back. I wan - na live like
that. I wan - na live like that.
2. Am I proof that You are who You say You are,

7

47
that grace can real - ly change a heart? Do I live like Your love is true?

51
Peo - ple pass. and e - ven if they don't know my name

55
is there ev - i - dence that I've been changed? When they see me do they see You?

59 *D.S. al Coda*
I wan - na

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I wan - na live like that, I wan - na show the world the love

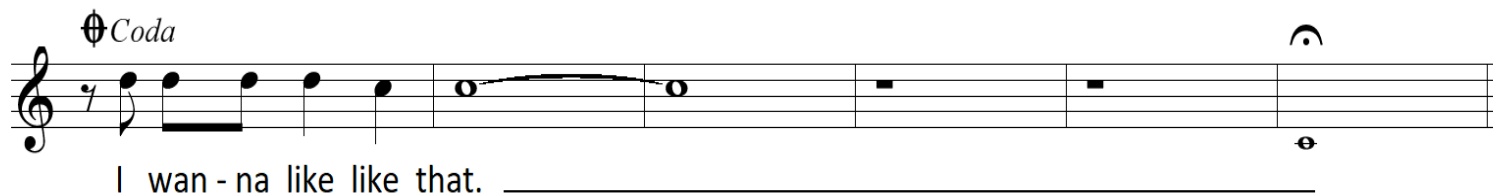
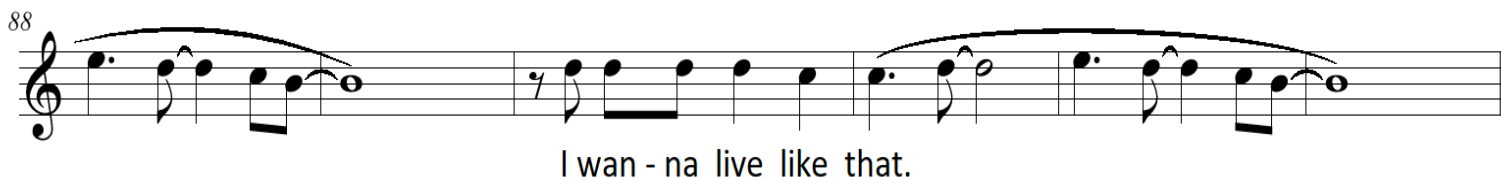
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You gave for me. I'm long - ing for the world to know the
(I wan - na live like that.)

68
glor - ry of the King. I wan - na live like that, and give it

73
all I have. So that ev - 'ry - thing I say and do points to You.

78
If love is who I am, then this is where I'll stand reck-

83
less - ly a - ban - doned, nev - er hold - ing back. I wan - na live like that.



Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

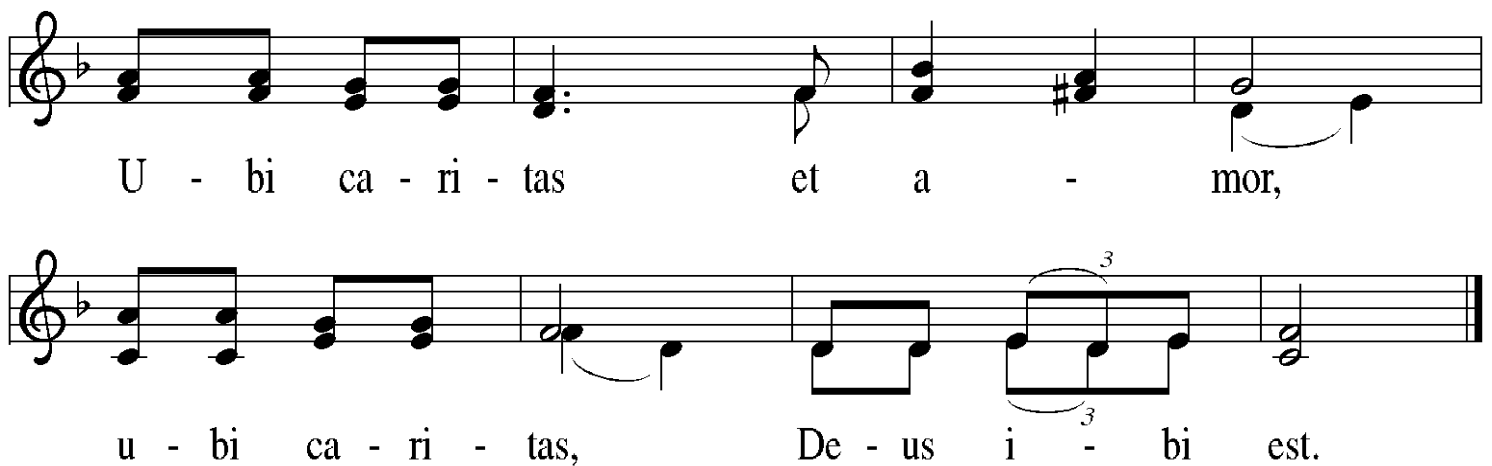
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of The People

You may be Seated

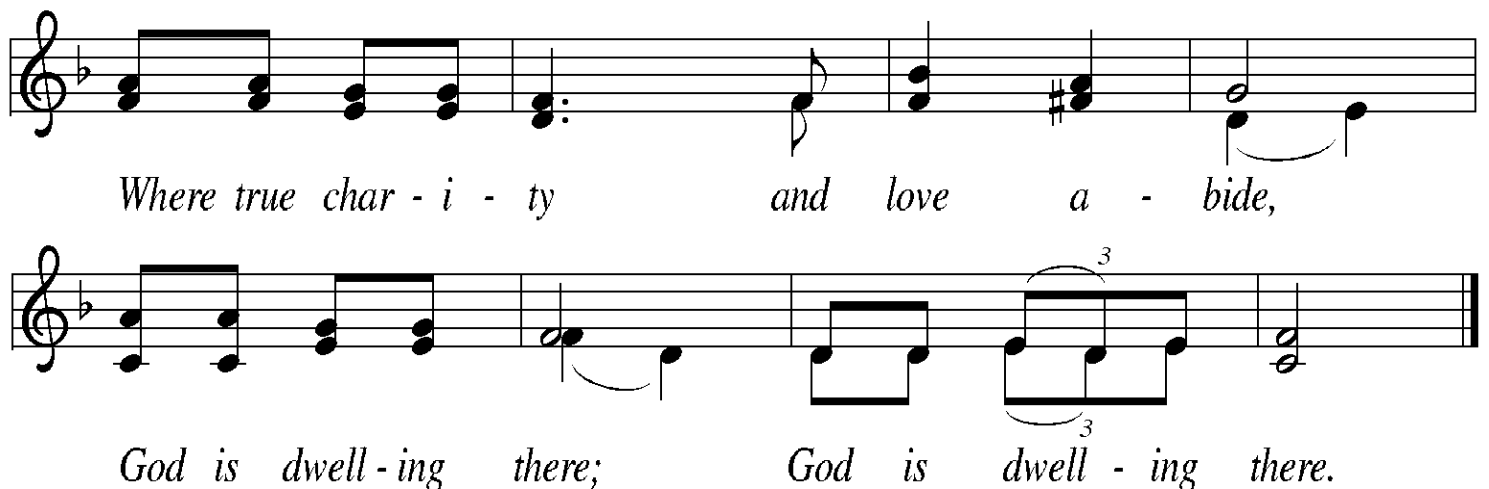
WA We come to prayer today as the “populace”—a word whose French origin means “the multitude of persons not distinguished by rank, education, office, or profession”—and perhaps we could add “political party” to that list. We are people first, “the populace,” not positions. And so, we pray together the prayers of the people, for we are all human, *humus* of the earth, before we are anything else.



(each prayer petition ends with)

WA: God of humility

All: You hear our prayer.



Passing of the Peace

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

***All* And also with you.**

Offertory



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God,

All source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts we bring and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P Holy are you and blessed is your son, Jesus.

To those who were imprisoned

by status, law, illness, poverty, gender, age, and disease,

he said, "your belief has set you free. You are a child of God."

He invited disciples, friends, and strangers alike to his tables.

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.

Holy Spirit, transform this meal and transform this body
so that we might be free to love without condition,
invite without hesitation,
go without reservation,
and proclaim your Kindness to all the world!

All Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P God in Community, Holy and One,
we lift our prayers to you, saying ...

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

The Invitation

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant



Communion Songs

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

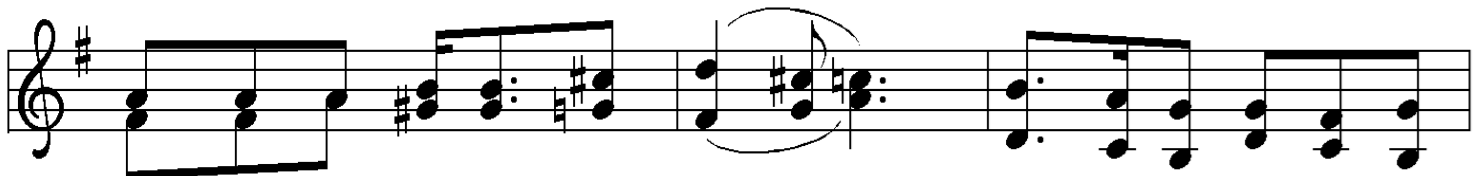


you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

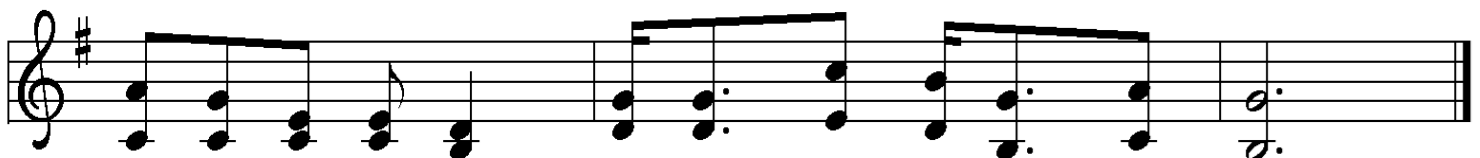
Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Grace Flows Down

Words and Music by
David E. Bell, Louie Giglio
and Rod Padgett

A - maz - ing grace, _____ how sweet the sound; .

_____ a - maz - ing love, _____ now flow - ing down .

_____ from hands and feet _____ that were nailed to the tree .

_____ as grace flows down _____ and cov - ers me. _____

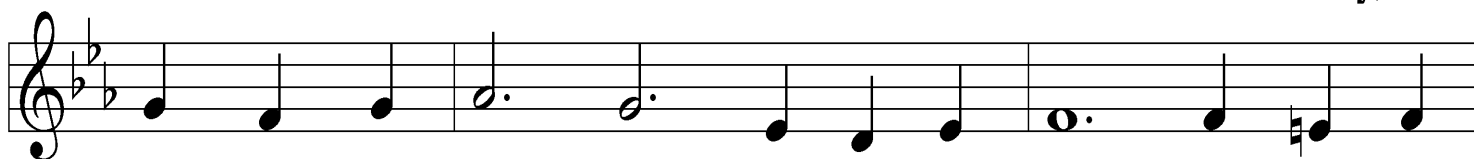
It cov - ers me, _____ it cov - ers

me, _____ it cov - ers me, _____

_____ and cov - ers

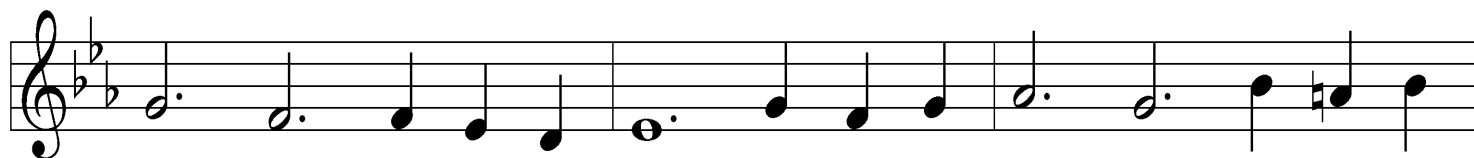
me. _____

Have Thine Own Way, Lord



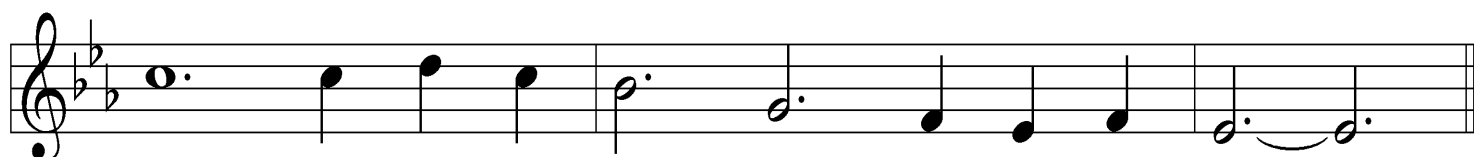
1 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Thou art the

4 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Hold o'er my



pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me af - ter thy

be - ing ab - so - lute sway. Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall



will, while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.

see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me.

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen

P Holy God,

All we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,

now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray. Amen

You may be Seated

Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P May the Holy One show you the way to Do Unto Others with Humility.
May the Christ whose Light is the Center of All-That-Is
ground you in the assurance that no one is outside of God's love.
May the Spirit show forth through you
in extraordinary acts you never imagined you had the power to achieve.
And may you know the peace that surpasses all understanding, ✝
especially when it is difficult to understand.

All Amen.

Sending Song

Humble Thyself / Awesome God

Words and Music by
Bob Hudson



Hum-ble thy-self in the sight of the Lord,

Hum-ble thy-self in the sight of the



Lord;

And

He

shall

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Our God

is an awe-some God, He

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God is an awe-some God!

Dismissal

WA Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you. *Ephesians 4:23*
Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

All Thanks be to God!

Reading for next Sunday,
October 27th
"Respect"
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:1-26

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