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Central Presbyterian Church
September 28th, 2025
9am Worship, 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

God Himself Is Present

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 79:5-9, 13

How long, Lord? Will you be angry forever?

How long will your jealousy burn like fire?

Pour out your wrath on the nations

that do not acknowledge you,

on the kingdoms

that do not call on your name;

for they have devoured Jacob

and devastated his homeland.

Do not hold against us the sins of past generations;

may your mercy come quickly to meet us,

for we are in desperate need.

Help us, God our Savior,

for the glory of your name;

deliver us and forgive our sins

for your name's sake.

Then we your people, the sheep of your pasture,

will praise you forever;

from generation to generation

we will proclaim your praise.

*Hymn #461

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Invitation to Confession

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess we often do not trust You fully. We admit we often fail to obey You. Instead, we live according to our own priorities. We have not grown into Your call to follow Jesus Christ as Lord. We have not worshiped You with everything we are and everything we have. We have not esteemed others nearly to the level we esteem ourselves. We have forsaken Your assignment to go and make disciples of all peoples. Forgive

**us, O Lord. Bring us back to complete trust in You and joyful obedience.
We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

God pardons those who humbly repent and truly believe the gospel.
Since Jesus died for us, we have peace with God,
to whom be praise and honor for ever.

Friends believe the good news;
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Response Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be
World without end, amen. Amen.**

*Statement of Faith Apostles Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again 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.**

Kids in the Word

*Greeting Time

New Testament Reading Luke 16:1-13

¹ Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear

about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’³ “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg—⁴ I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’⁵ So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’⁶ “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’⁷ “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ “‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.¹⁰ Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?¹³ No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Choir Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus

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Sermon

Worst Business Model Ever

*Responsive Hymn #385 (*red hymnal*) Take My Life and Let it Be

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*Response Doxology

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

**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 debts
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Hymn #434

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*Invitation to Discipleship

*Benediction

Postlude

Go Out With Joy!

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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

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

MORNING AND OPENING HYMNS

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!

385 Take My Life and Let It Be

Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body . . . I Cor. 6:20

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

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Henri A. César Malan, 1827

1. Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to Thee; Take my hands and
2. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau-ti - ful for Thee; Take my voice and
3. Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes-sa - ges for Thee; Take my sil - ver
4. Take my love, my God, I pour At Thy feet its treas-ure store; Take my-self and

let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love, At the im - pulse of Thy love.
let me sing Al-ways, on - ly, for my King, Al-ways, on - ly, for my King.
and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold, Not a mite would I with-hold.
I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

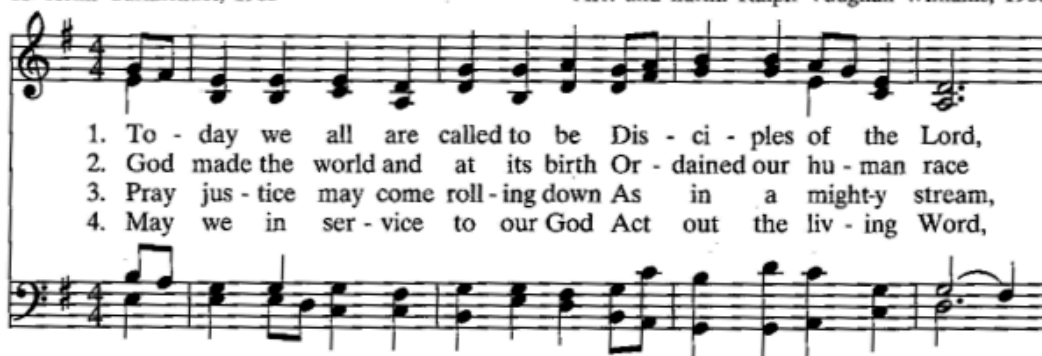
The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1-4 corresponding to the four parts of the choir.

LIFE IN CHRIST: OBEDIENCE AND CONSECRATION

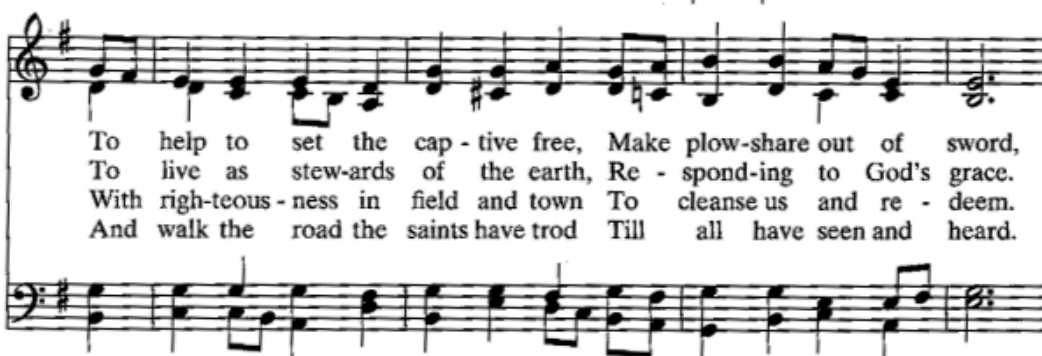
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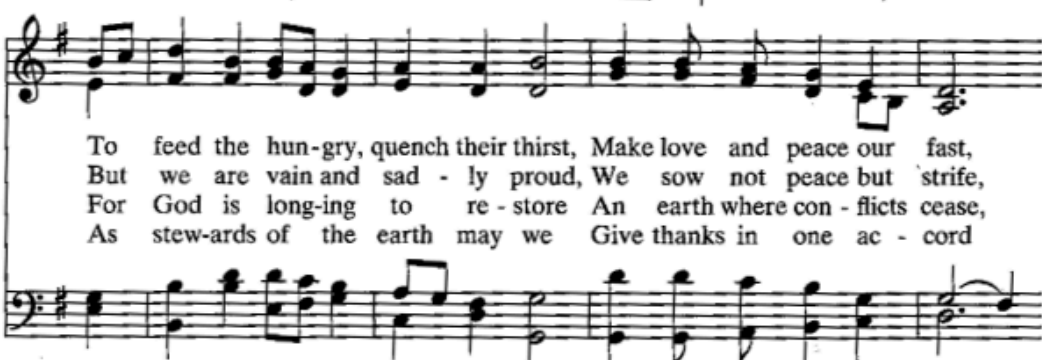
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English Country Songs, 1893
Arr. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906


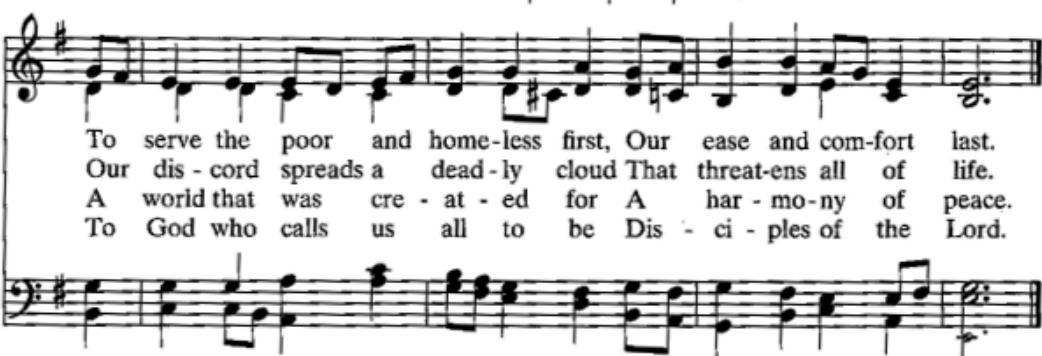
1. To - day we all are called to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord,
2. God made the world and at its birth Or - dained our hu - man race
3. Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down As in a might-y stream,
4. May we in ser - vice to our God Act out the liv - ing Word,



To help to set the cap - tive free, Make plow-share out of sword,
To live as stew-ards of the earth, Re - spond-ing to God's grace.
With righ-teous - ness in field and town To cleanse us and re - deem.
And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard.



To feed the hun-gry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast,
But we are vain and sad - ly proud, We sow not peace but strife,
For God is long-ing to re - store An earth where con - flicts cease,
As stew-ards of the earth may we Give thanks in one ac - cord



To serve the poor and home-less first, Our ease and com-fort last.
Our dis - cord spreads a dead-ly cloud That threat-ens all of life.
A world that was cre - at - ed for A har - mo - ny of peace.
To God who calls us all to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

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