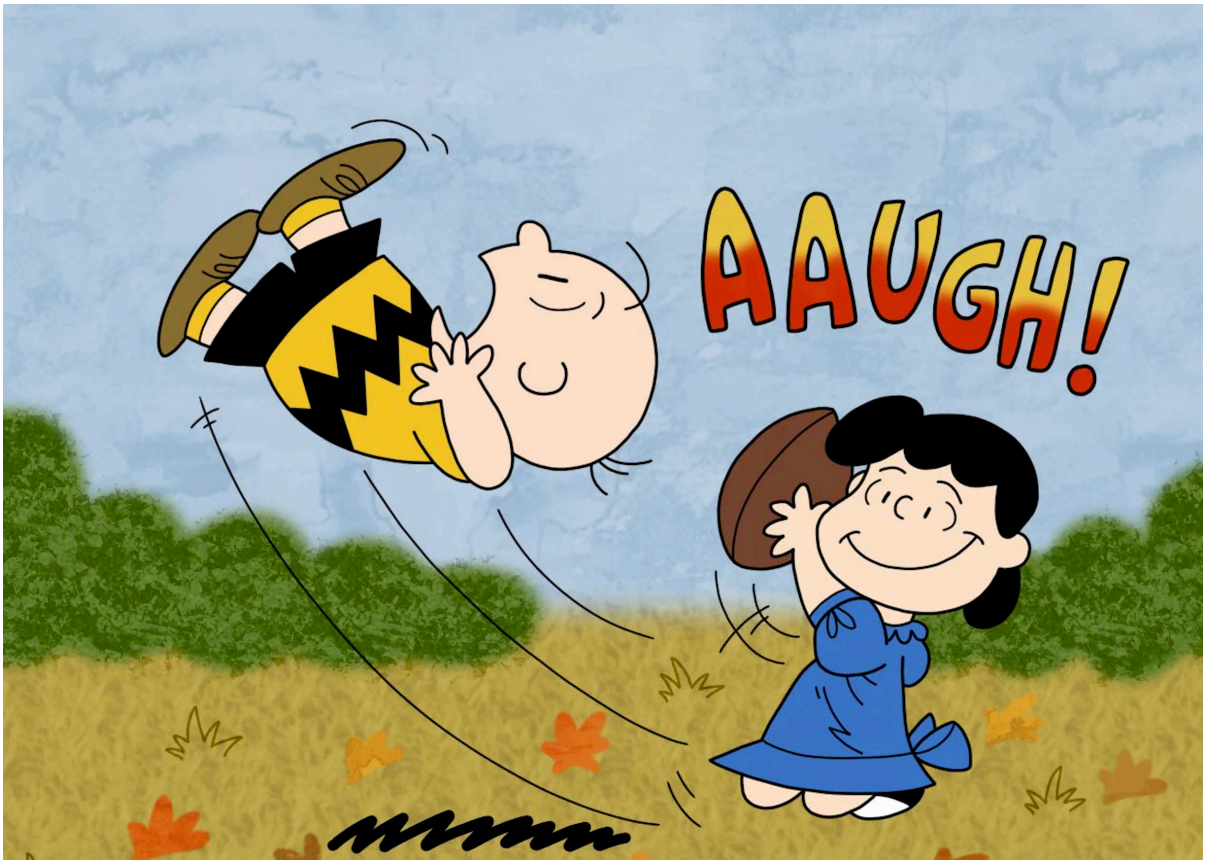
Nineteenth Weekend After Pentecost

Sunday, October 4, 2026
9:00 AM



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WORSHIP INFORMATION

Please silence your electronic devices during service.

"P" signifies the pastor, "L" signifies the leader, and "C" signifies the congregation.
For responsive readings, the congregation parts are in **bold.**
*** Indicates: "please stand (as you are comfortable)"**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In today's gospel, Jesus tells a story about a landowner whose tenants reject his messengers and even his son. Through this troubling parable, Jesus challenges us to consider how we respond to God's word and what it means to be faithful stewards of all we have been given. Today, we gather to hear that Word, build our lives on Christ, the cornerstone, and reflect on the fruit our faith bears in the world.

PRELUDE

Jamee Haddorff, piano

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty — Stralsund Gesangbuch, arr. Brad Nix
When Morning Guilds the Sky — Joseph Barnaby, arr. Lloyd Larson
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above — Kirchengesange, arr. Larry Shackley

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

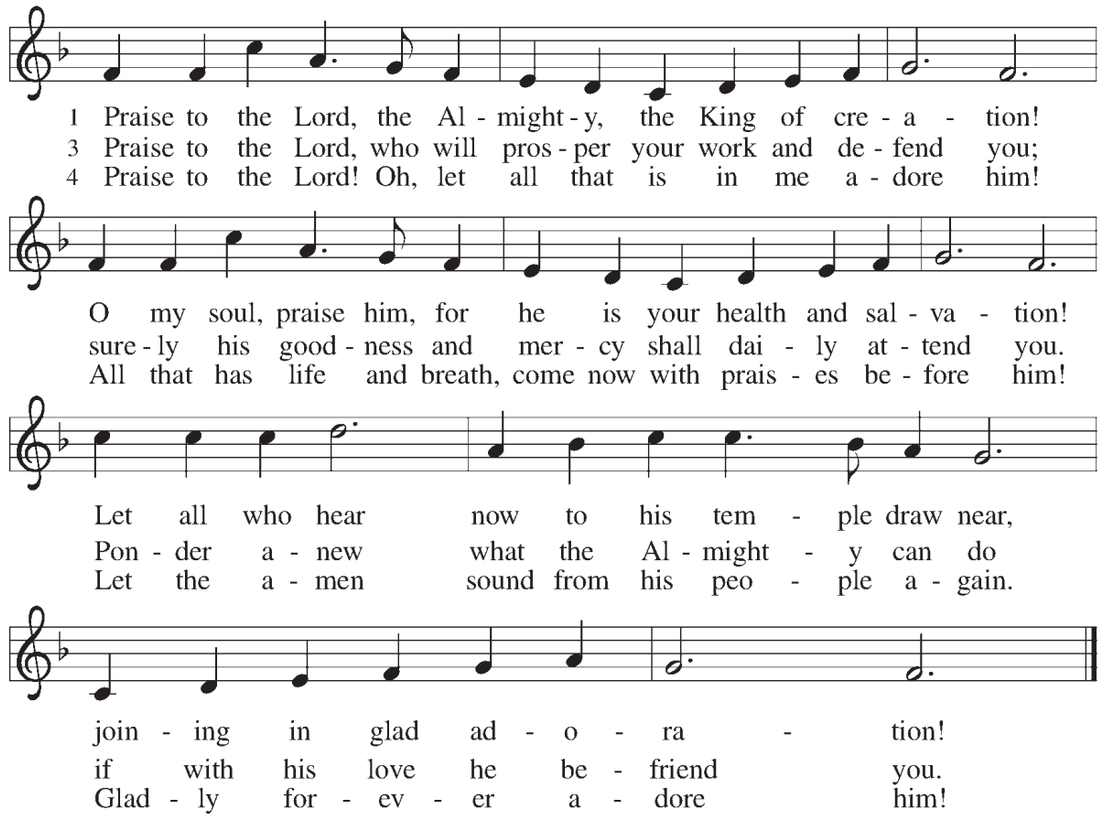
P: We gather before the God who has entrusted us with the gifts of creation, community, and faith.
C: We come with grateful hearts, remembering that all we have is a gift from you, O God.

P: God continues to speak, sending prophets and messengers to guide us in faithful living.
C: We open our hearts to your word, even when it challenges us to change.

P: In Jesus, the one rejected by the builders, God has given us the cornerstone.
C: We place our trust in Christ and seek to build our lives on him.

P: Then let us praise God together, trusting the one who gives us all we need and calls us to lives of faith.
C: We praise you, O God, and give thanks for your faithful love.

*OPENING HYMN: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*



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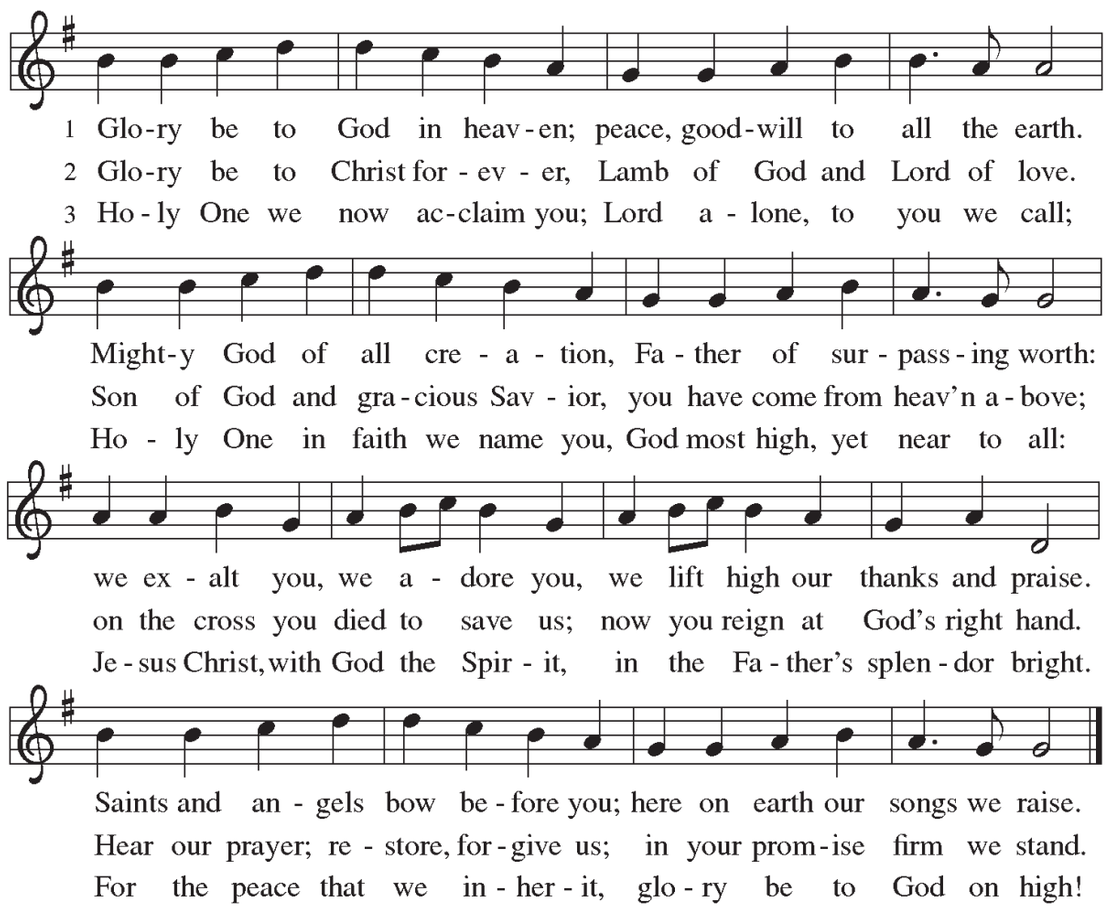
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

*GREETING

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

***KYRIE:** *Have Mercy*

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** *Glory Be To God*



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Faithful God,

C: you have entrusted your vineyard to our care and called us to bear fruit that reflects your goodness. Forgive us when we turn away from your word or cling to our own ways. Open our hearts to Jesus, the cornerstone of our faith, and shape our lives through his grace, that our words and actions may reflect your will, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME HOME!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7 NRSVue

1 I will sing for my beloved my love song
concerning his vineyard: My beloved had
a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2 He dug
it and cleared it of stones and planted it
with choice vines; he built a watchtower
in the midst of it and hewed out a wine
vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes. 3 And now,
inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of
Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.
4 What more was there to do for my
vineyard that I have not done in it? When
I expected it to yield grapes, why did
it yield rotten grapes? 5 And now I will
tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I
will remove its hedge, and it shall be
devoured; I will break down its wall, and
it shall be trampled down. 6 I will make
it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or
hoed, and it shall be overgrown with
briers and thorns; I will also command
the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel, and the people
of Judah are his cherished garden; he
expected justice but saw bloodshed;
righteousness but heard a cry!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14 NRSVue

4b If anyone else has reason to be confident
in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on
the eighth day, a member of the people of
Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew
born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to
righteousness under the law, blameless.
7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have
come to regard as loss because of Christ.
8 More than that, I regard everything as loss
because of the surpassing value of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have
suffered the loss of all things, and I regard
them as rubbish, in order that I may gain
Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a
righteousness of my own that comes from
the law but one that comes through faith in
Christ, the righteousness from God based
on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the
power of his resurrection and the sharing
of his sufferings by becoming like him in
his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the
resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I
have already obtained this or have
already reached the goal, but I press on
to lay hold of that for which Christ has
laid hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I
do not consider that I have laid hold of
it, but one thing I have laid hold of:
forgetting what lies behind and straining
forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on
toward the goal, toward the prize of the
heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Alleluia Melody*

***THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 21:33-46 NRSVue

33 "Listen to another parable. There was a
landowner who planted a vineyard, put a
fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and
built a watchtower. Then he leased it to
tenants and went away. 34 When the
harvest time had come, he sent his slaves
to the tenants to collect his produce.
35 But the tenants seized his slaves and
beat one, killed another, and stoned
another. 36 Again he sent other slaves,
more than the first, and they treated them
in the same way. 37 Then he sent his son to
them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'
38 But when the tenants saw the son, they
said to themselves, 'This is the heir;
come, let us kill him and get his
inheritance.' 39 So they seized him, threw
him out of the vineyard, and killed him.
40 Now when the owner of the vineyard
comes, what will he do to those tenants?"
41 They said to him, "He will put those
wretches to a miserable death and lease
the vineyard to other tenants who will
give him the produce at the harvest
time." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you
never read in the scriptures: 'The stone
that the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?
43 "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of
God will be taken away from you and
given to a people that produces its fruits.
44 The one who falls on this stone will be
broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone
on whom it falls." 45 When the chief
priests and the Pharisees heard his
parables, they realized that he was
speaking about them. 46 They wanted to
arrest him, but they feared the crowds,
because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!
C: Praise be to Christ!

SERMON: *"Block Head"* Pastor David Pavesic

We welcome Rev. David Pavesic from the Grand Canyon Synod.

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

***APOSTLES' CREED**

P: People of God, what is it we confess to be true?
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He 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.

**universal*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

P: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
C: Amen.

MEAL
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

Many services and missions of the church are benefited by your generous offerings.
• ELCA Grand Canyon Synod • Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona
• Interfaith Community Services (ICS) • Impact of Southern Arizona • Marana Food Bank
• Canyon del Oro Assembly of God Food Pantry • Lutheran Campus Ministry of U of A.
• Youth on Their Own (YOTO) • Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
• Primavera Men's Shelter • The Renewal Centers of Tucson
• ELCA Fund For Leaders In Ministry • Anna Lawrence Food Pantry
• Wycliffe Bible Translators • Casas Por Cristo • Feed My Starving Children Thank you!

MUSICAL OFFERING

Lord of the Dance arr Jason Krug

Las Campanas Gloria Handbell Choir

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Generous God, all that we have comes from you. Receive these gifts and use them to bring hope where there is despair, care where there is need, and welcome where people feel forgotten. Shape our lives, as well as our offerings, to serve your purposes, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who calls us to bear good fruit, meets us with mercy, and makes all things new.
C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy,
C: you have entrusted us with your gifts and called us to live in your ways, yet we often turn away. We resist your word when it challenges us, seek our own interests, and fail to care for the people and world you have placed in our hands. Forgive us, and turn our hearts toward you. Have mercy on us, O God. Renew our faith, shape our lives, and help us bear fruit that reflects your goodness. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: God does not abandon us in our failure. In ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are made new, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, you are freed to live in faith and serve your neighbor.
C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*JESUS' PROMISE AND COMMAND

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

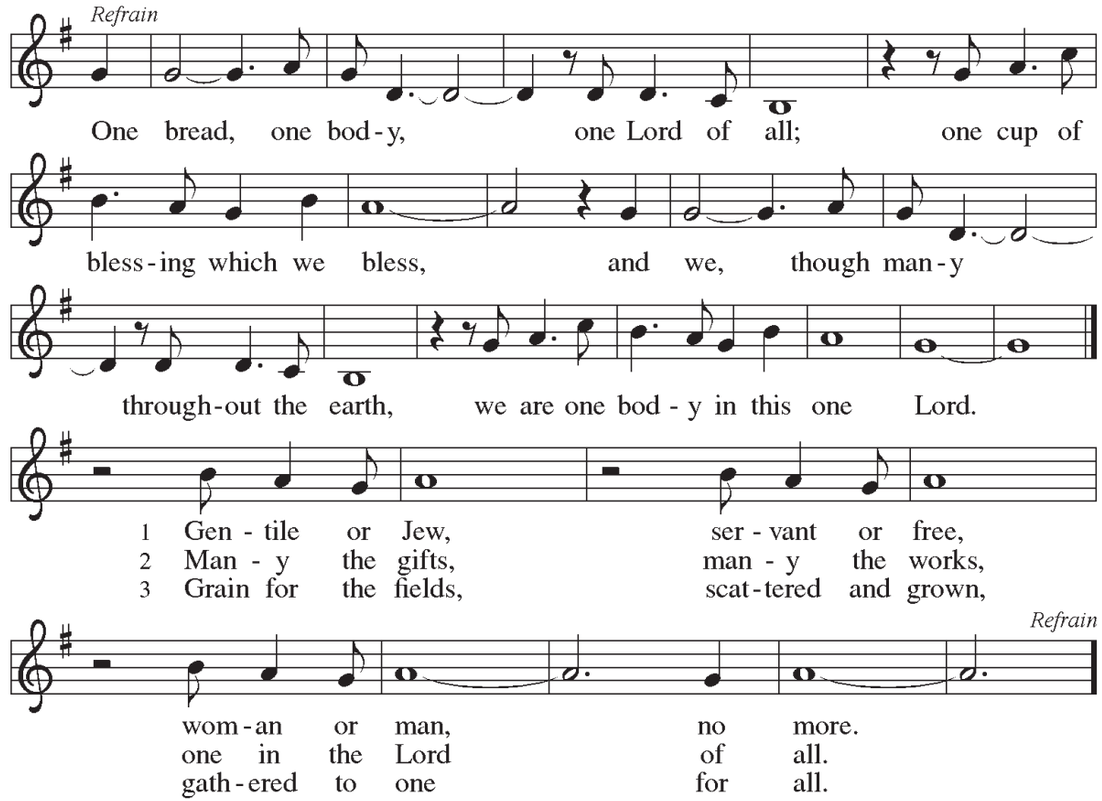
HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED - *All* are invited to the Lord's table.

We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine that we receive. This gift of grace is given freely by Christ for all. We welcome people of all ages to come forward to either receive communion or a blessing.

- Receive a wafer and dip it in either red wine or white grape juice.
- Indicate you need a gluten free wafer by holding up two fingers.
- Individually wrapped communion packs are available.
- Those not receiving communion may come forward for a spoken blessing.
- If you are unable to come forward, notify an usher and we will come to you.

VIDEO PRESENTATION: *Seek Justice*

COMMUNION HYMNS: *One Bread, One Body*



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Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ
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For the Fruit of All Creation

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
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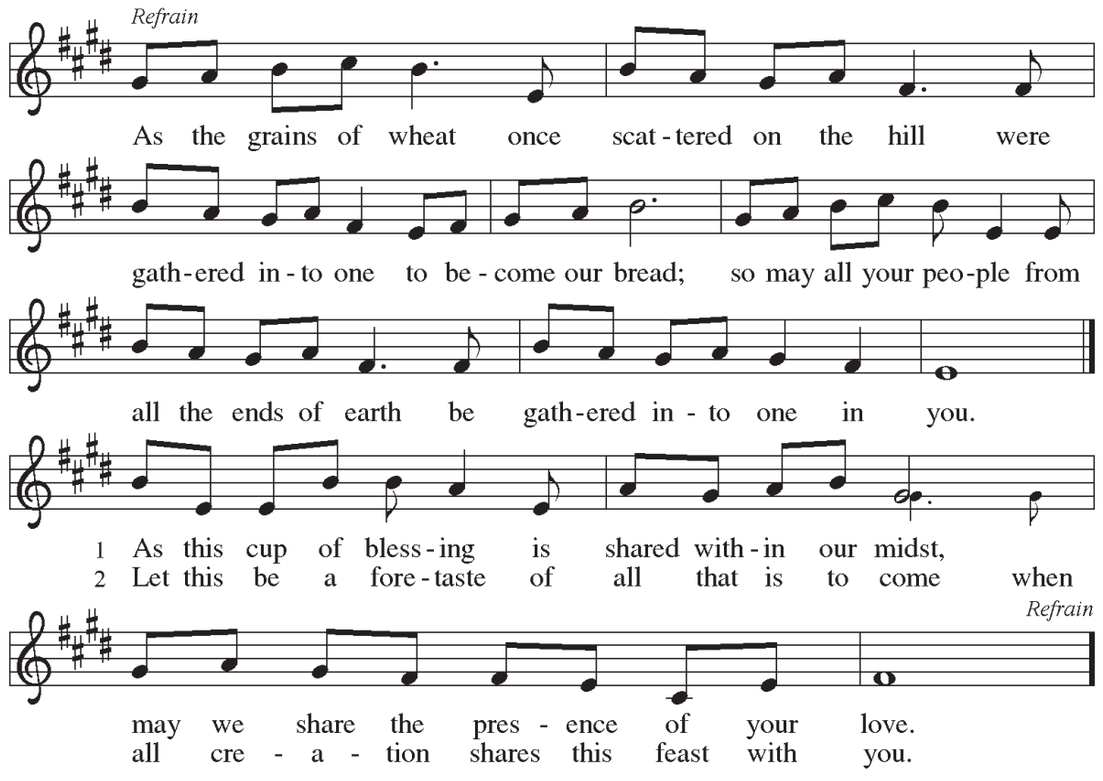
As the Grains of Wheat



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Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen
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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

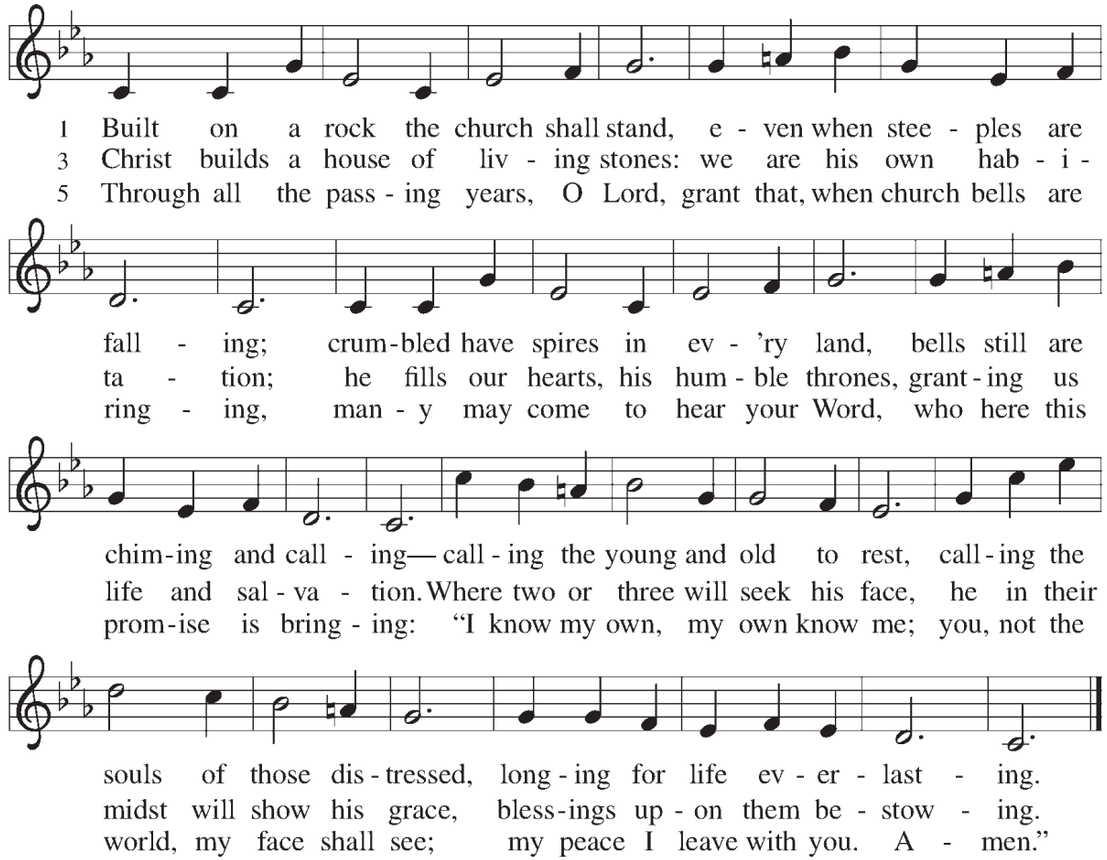
MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

P: May God, who has made Christ our sure foundation, strengthen you in faith, guide you in love, and give you courage to live as Christ's people, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: *Built on a Rock*



*DISMISSAL

C: Called by God's Spirit, we are to be the presence of Christ in our daily lives so that others will follow him.

P: Go in peace. Stand firm in Christ and serve your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Jamee Haddorff, piano

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart — Arthur H. Messiter, arr. Pepper Choplin

Financial Information Update:

Financial updates will be published in April, July and October.
Thank you.

Attendance for last week:
Oro Valley: 410
SaddleBrooke: 72
Online: 411

God's grace and your faithful financial partnership have enabled us to continue the mission to which God has called us!

Please use these QR Codes to easily access our website, one church and giving page.

Resurrection Website Homepage

One Church

Stewardship and Giving

Altar Flowers for this weekend have been given by Tom and Sandy Goodwin to the glory of God.

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9:00 AM Service:

Altar Care
Johnine Vette
Lyn Pariseau

Communion Assistants
Ray Brixey
Alan & Frankie Hirtle
Lois Klein
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for wearing your name tags. If you are in need of one, please contact the church office.

FACILITIES INFORMATION

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to your right as you face the exit of the worship space.
- **Childcare is available** (during 9:00 and 10:30 services) at the end of the hallway to your right as you face the exit of the worship space.
- **Wireless Sound Enhancement Units** are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Large Print Bulletins** are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Offices** are located in the Administration Building.
- **Please Observe AZ State Law:** Please refrain from smoking within 20 feet of public entrances.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday Worship

5:00 PM – Traditional service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.
First Saturday – Healing Service. Fourth Saturday – Holden Evening Prayer.

Sunday Worship - Regular Hours

9:00 AM – Traditional liturgical service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

9:00 AM – Traditional service at our SaddleBrooke location.

10:30 AM – Children's Sunday School for students grades K through 8th grade.

10:30 AM – Contemporary service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

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