

FALL KICK-OFF

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH
JUDITH BROWN, KEYBOARD

SY MILLER & JILL JACKSON

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (Congregational)

"ST. COLUMBA"

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine forever.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome home, welcome in.

Here we find a song for our souls and healing for our wounds.

Welcome home.

Here find children's laughter that chases dark clouds away, and quiet prayers that lead us to still waters and green pastures.

Welcome to this holy space.

Here there are friends with a tender embrace, and here there are words that heal brokenness and reveal God's grace.

Welcome home. God has been expecting you.

We find the door open wide and we are renewed by God's grace. Let us worship!

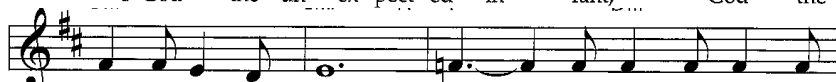
* HYMN #5

GOD THE SCULPTOR OF THE MOUNTAINS

"JENNINGS-HOUSTON"



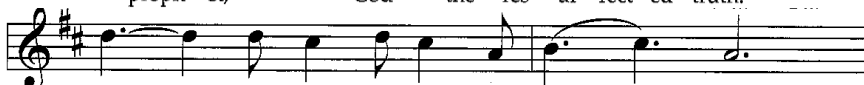
1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the
2 God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the
3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the
4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the



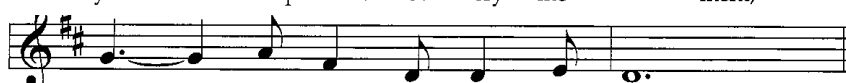
mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er of the
cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar in the
plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er of the
calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing



heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:
dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:
har - vest, God the source of all we eat:
proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed truth:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion;
you are fount of all de - liv - erance;
you are host at ev - ery ta - ble;
you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment;



we are form - less; shape us now.
we are aim - less; lead us now.
we are hun - gry; feed us now.
we are search - ing; meet us now.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of creation and grace, we have strayed from you. We have not loved you with all our being and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not followed your gracious teachings; we have ignored your prophets; we have wandered after the imaginings of our own hearts. We have found our lives desolate and lonely without you. Welcome us back into your presence and claim us as your own children. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #576

LORD, HAVE MERCY
ZACH DODGE, GUITAR

"KYRIE ELEISON"

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

We recognize how important we are to each other - as we worship, we pass the peace of Christ from our seats and wave to those who are joining us via Livestream. We belong to each other and are stronger together.

SOLO

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE
OTTO ROSS, ACCORDION

UNKNOWN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 15:1-10

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

SERMON

"FINDING WHAT WAS LOST"

REV. ALISON PETERS

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,
 Lit - tle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong.
 tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."
Refrain
 Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!
 Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(Please place all tithes and offerings as well as any orange prayer request cards in the offering plate.)

OFFERTORY

MANSION OVER THE HILLTOP
OTTO ROSS, ACCORDION

IRA STANPHILL

* DOXOLOGY #647

GIVE THANKS

"GIVE THANKS"

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart; give thanks to the Ho - ly One;
 give thanks be - cause we're giv - en Je - sus Christ, the Son. Give
 Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the
 poor say, "We are rich be - cause of what the Lord has done for
 us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

* HYMN #32

I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

"ELLACOMBE"

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION# 306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS (Verse 1)

"SUO GAN"

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.

POSTLUDE

HEAVEN IS SINGING FOR JOY
 JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

"ALEGRIA"

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, if you are able, please stand.
 Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....	Rev. Alison Peters
Liturgist.....	Cathy Levitas
Director of Music Ministries.....	Judith Brown
Musicians.....	Judith Brown, Keyboard; Otto Ross, Accordion; Zach Dodge, Guitar
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....	Mike Levitas and Cindy Corley

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....	Rev. Alison Peters
Director of Music Ministries	Judith Brown
Executive Administrative Assistant.....	Brittany Jackson
Sexton.....	Zach Dodge
Sound Tech/Security.....	Joe Aurigemma
Audio/Video Technician.....	Eric Ringler

SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CLERK OF SESSION

Carolyn Mathews

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Carl Belt & Gary Hendrickson

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Bob Courtney & Evan Swanger

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

Mikayla Dodge & Susan Mills

FAITH FORMATION

Josh Gilhart & Katie Ross

MISSION

Aaron Hendrickson & Brenda Luger

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Sharon Kazary & Mike Levitas

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God's love in Christ where all of God's children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God's love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

-Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

HIGHLANDER TO MEET! After a two year hiatus, our senior social group will have our first meeting on Thursday, September 22nd at 12 noon at the Cumberland Country Club. Our dear member, Nancy Hodges has made arrangements for us and we are looking forward to getting everyone back together. If you need a ride, please call Jan Layman (301-724-2641) or Betty Richtmeyer (301-759-4108) and they will be happy to arrange someone to pick you up in the church parking lot. Hope to see you there!