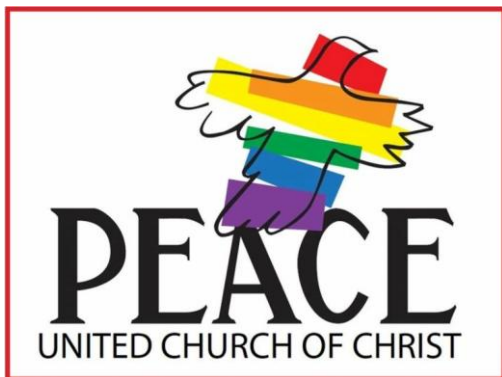




*An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

23 August 2026 – 10:30 AM
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.**

PRELUDE *Beautiful Love* Victor Young
Aidan Santa Cruz • piano & vocals

WELCOME The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP in dialogue with *Psalm 124* The Rev. Matt Broadbent, liturgist

One: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

All: We belong to God.

One: When we feel overwhelmed,

All: God is for us.

One: When we are afraid,

All: God is for us.

One: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

All: We belong to God.

*HYMN 35 [hymn sheet] *O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder* (stanzas 1-3) O STORE GUD

*INVOCATION

*GREETING OF PEACE

During the Greeting, please remember those joining us online.
Share signs of peace with them, using the camera at the back of the sanctuary on the center aisle.

WORD MADE PLAIN children are invited to gather in front Joline Wade Gatlin

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

May the peace of God surround you... **Like the trees towering in the forest!**

May the peace of God warm you all over... **Like the sun shining in the sky!**

May the peace of God rise and roll over you... **Like the waves rolling in the sea!**

May the peace of God fill you... **Like the wind stirring in your soul!**

May the peace of God surround you... [singing] **Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen...** [repeating]

ANTHEM *Give Me Love* George Harrison

SCRIPTURE *Romans 12:1-8* Matt Broadbent

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the

measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

SERMON

Remember Who You Are!

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

SPIRIT

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

...concluding with *A Prayer in the Spirit of Jesus*

One: For those who long to hear the Good News of your love,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For those who want for food, clothing and shelter,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For those who live with war and rumors of war,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For all who struggle for hope and meaning,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For ourselves and our loved ones,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For the health of your creation,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

**Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.
May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.
Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.**

OFFERTORY

Invitation

Offertory Music

www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving
Love and Peace



Arthur Adams

*COVENANT

**We covenant with God and with each other:
to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;
to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;
to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;
to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;
to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;
for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.**

*HYMN 527 [hymn sheet]

We Offer Christ

CHARTERHOUSE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

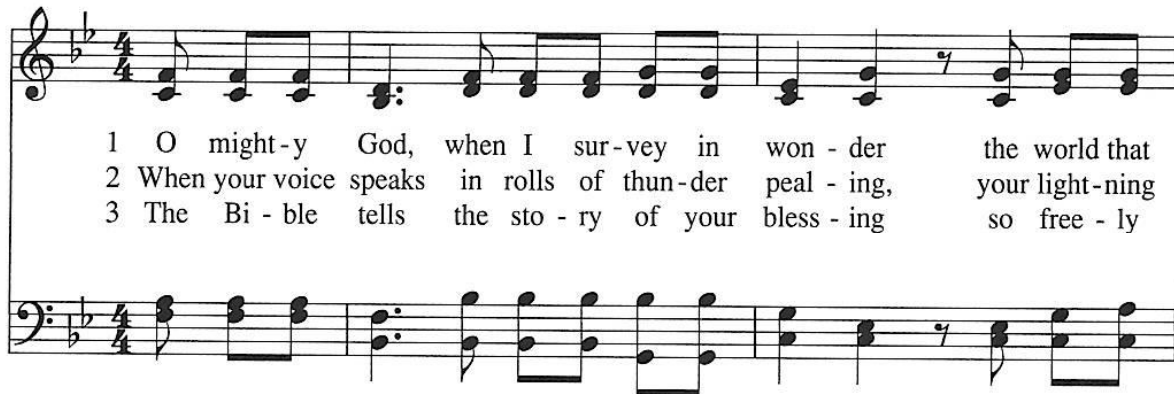
You've Got a Friend in Me

Randy Newman

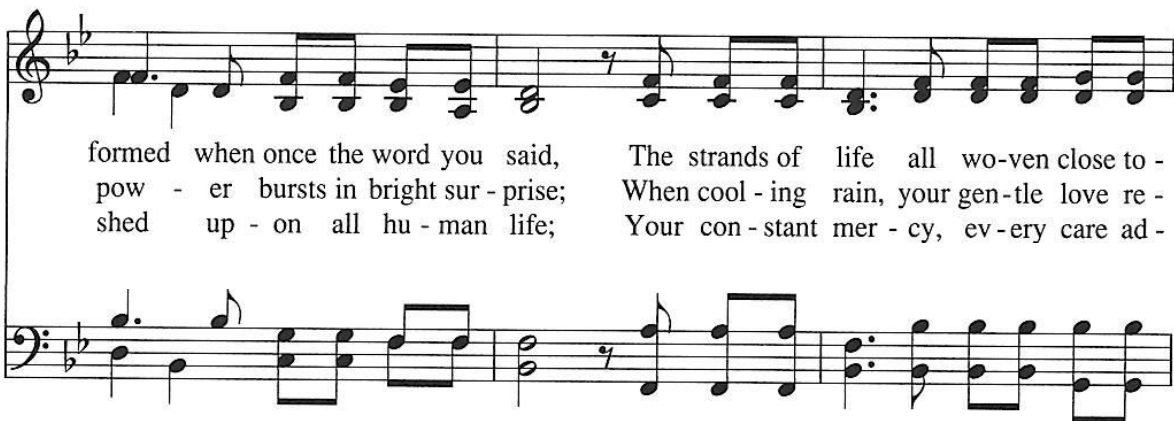
O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder

Carl Boberg, 1885

Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

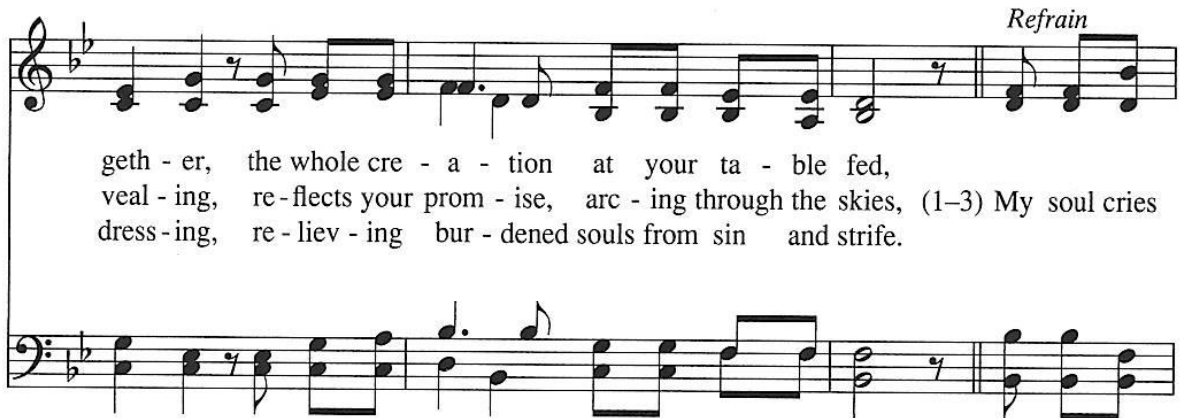


1 O might-y God, when I sur-vey in won - der the world that
 2 When your voice speaks in rolls of thun-der peal - ing, your light-nig
 3 The Bi - ble tells the sto - ry of your bless - ing so free - ly



formed when once the word you said, The strands of life all wo-ven close to -
 pow - er bursts in bright sur-prise; When cool - ing rain, your gen-tle love re -
 shed up - on all hu - man life; Your con - stant mer - cy, ev - ery care ad -

Refrain



geth - er, the whole cre - a - tion at your ta - ble fed,
 veal - ing, re-flects your prom - ise, arc - ing through the skies, (1-3) My soul cries
 dress-ing, re - liev - ing bur - dened souls from sin and strife.



out in songs of praise to you, O might-y God! O might-y God! My soul cries
 sing your praise for-ev - er more, O might-y God! O might-y God! Then we will

We Offer Christ

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Brian Wren, 1986

1 We of-fer Christ to all the world a-round us, born in-to faith,
 2 We of-fer Christ from all our best tra-di-tions, by grace a-lone,
 3 We of-fer Christ the bar-ri-er-be-strid-er, whose full-ness far
 4 We of-fer Christ and, God-be-loved, our Sav-ior now of-fers us,

re-leased from pride and shame; Em-braced by love, we show how
 a-mazed and strange-ly warmed, Cre-a-ted e-equal, stirred by
 ex-ceeds our lo-cal view, Whose Spir-it, breath-ing deep in
 born of the Spir-it's kiss, to love cre-a-tion and cre-

love has found us; at peace with God, we speak our Sav-ior's name.
 free-dom-vi-sions, self-crit-i-cal, pre-pared to be re-formed.
 ev-ery cul-ture, brings Christ to us, the same, yet strange-ly new.
 a-tion's Lov-er, with skill, com-pas-sion, jus-tice, care and peace.

"We Offer Christ" was commissioned by St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Orangeburg, South Carolina, for its 150th anniversary. The opening phrase derives from John Wesley's advice to Thomas Coke as he departed for America: "Offer them Christ."

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 David Evans, 1927