



July 26, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost

PW Birthday Offering

Interim Pastor: Rev. Frank Yates

Liturgist: Matuke Fomukong

Psalmist: Anwi Fomukong

Greeters: Marie Fry & Ginger Wall

Ushers: Pat Gerlach, Victoria Flick, Steve Sproul, Joy Sternberg

Early Morning Security: Steve Sproul

Flowers: In memory of Bob & Marian Flick, Victoria's parents

July Sanctuary Stewards: Helen Huntley and Linda Hood

August Sanctuary Stewards: Birgitta Gustafson and
Karen Williams

Director of Music: Nancy Leffler

Accompanist: Nathan Secrest

Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music *In Quiet Praise* - by Donald F. Callendar

Welcome & Announcements, including prayer concerns

Moment For Mission Matuke & Anwi Fomukong

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

Prelude *I Know Whom I Have Believed* - arr. by Jan Alexander

Call to Worship (from Psalm 105) Anwi Fomukong

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call upon on his name.

People: Sing to God, sing praises and tell of his wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in the Lord's holy name; seek the Lord continually.

People: Remember the wonderful works God has done.

All: We will sing of God's grace and glory.

***Hymn #35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Call to Confession Matuke Fomukong

Prayer of Confession (unison):

Matuke Fomukong

All: Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Hear now, our silent prayers.

Silent Prayer

Response *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Anwi Fomukong

Hymn #581

Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri

Prayer for Illumination

Matuke Fomukong

Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

(This can be found on p. 890-891 of your pew Bible.) **Matuke Fomukong**

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 119: 129-136 Anwi Fomukong

(This can be found on p. 558 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Word Through Music *Streets of Gold* – by Robin & Linda William

- sung by Margaret Crawl, Debbie Minarik & Dave Levenson

Join us in the chorus:

Let love lead, let your mercies unfold

Let your good deeds be your stronghold

Follow your heart, and listen to your souls

Then you will walk down the streets of gold.

Reading from the New Testament: Romans 8: 26-39

(This can be found on p. 1030 of your pew Bible.) Rev. Frank Yates

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* Rev. Frank Yates

***Hymn #833** *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Call to Prayer ***Hear Our Prayer, O Lord***

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline thine ear to us; and grant us thy peace.

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering

Anwi Fomukong

Offertory *Reflections on “Woodsworth”* - by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Matuke Fomukong

***Sending Song #366:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response *My Peace*

My peace I give unto you.

It's a peace that the world cannot give.

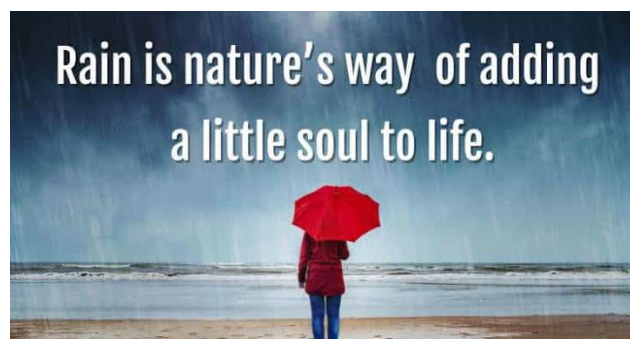
It's a peace that the world cannot understand.

Peace to know, peace to live. My peace I give unto you.

Postlude

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

- arr. by John Innes



Thank you for worshipping with us!

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

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35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833

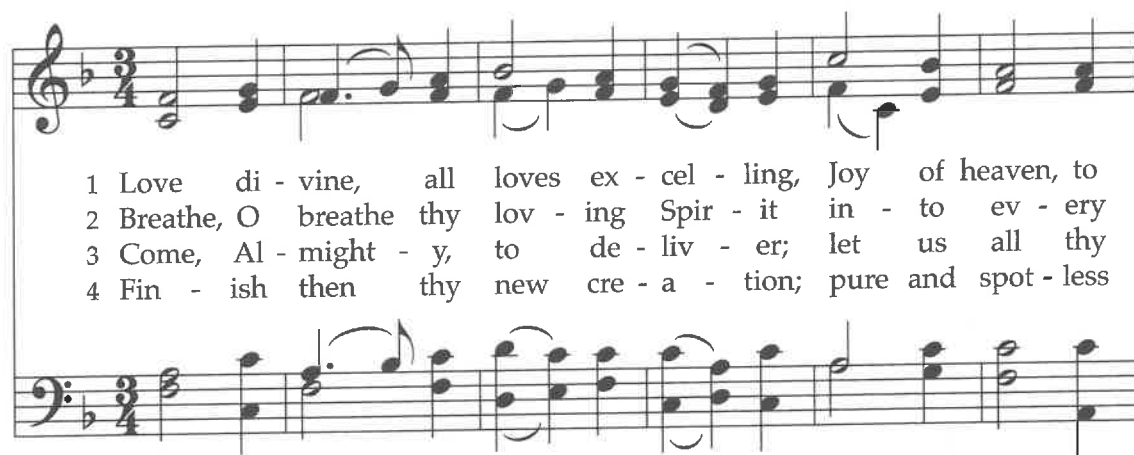
1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
 2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
 3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
 4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
 flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
 close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, and
 ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

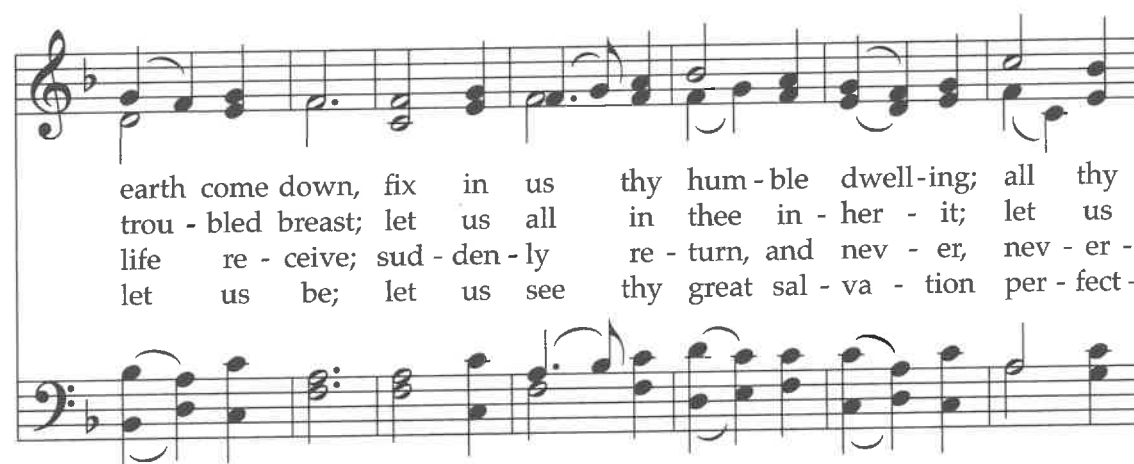
in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
 feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
 from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.

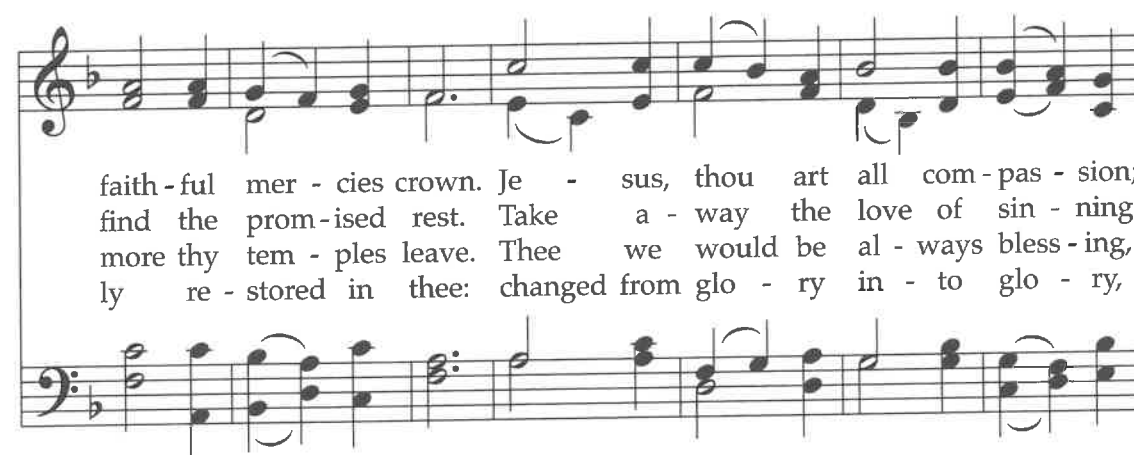
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



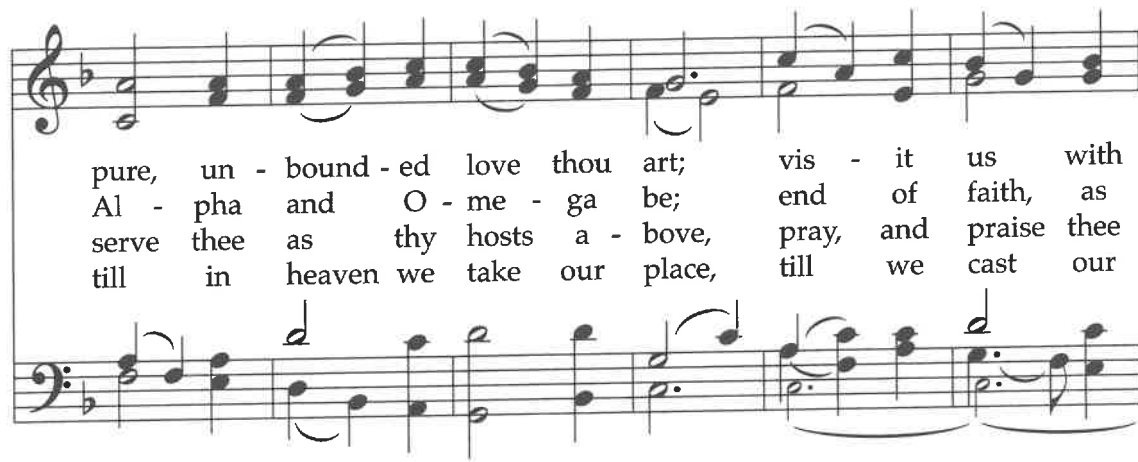
earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.