



*The Parable of Raising Teenagers*

**September 27, 2026**

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Book Drive and Cuba Partner Dedication

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Deborah Huggins

**Liturgist:** Nancy Shambach

**Psalmist:** Bill Cox

**Greeters:** Liz Bushma & Ginger Wall

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

**Flowers:** Given in honor of Cyndi & Tom Pitts' 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

**Early Morning Security:** Pat Gerlach

**September Sanctuary Stewards:** Sharon Hovey & Hazel Lathrop

**Director of Music:** Nancy Leffler

**Accompanist:** Nathan Secrest

# Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

**Gathering Music**     *His Eye is On the Sparrow*     – Robert Hughes

## Welcome & Announcements, including prayer concerns

# Children's Sermon

## 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.

**Introit**
*Channels Only*
**Chancel Choir**

**Prelude**                      *Consolation*                      - arr. by Lani Smith

**Call to Worship** Nancy Shambach

Leader: Why do you come to this place?

**People: We seek the path of righteousness and truth.**

Leader: Do you come ready to hear and learn giving attention to God's Word?

**People: We come with open hearts and minds seeking to learn from the one whose authority is founded on God's love.**

Leader: Friends, lend your ears and open your hearts because this is God's house, built by love and sustained by hope, where God seeks to align our work and witness.

**\* Hymn #700**      *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

**Call to Confession**

Nancy Shambach

**Prayer of Confession** (unison):

Nancy Shambach

**All: Eternal God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news of liberation with our lips but don't change our actions. We imprison ourselves with the assumption that you will judge us as mercilessly as we often judge ourselves and one another. Forgive our shortcomings and the times we have failed to live the words we say. Restore us in the confidence of people who have heard good news and remind us that even when we arrive late, there is still work to be done. Hear now, our silent prayers.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Choral Response**      *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

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

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Nancy Shambach

**Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri** (Hymn #581)

**Prayer for Illumination**

Nancy Shambach

**Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 25: 1-9**

Bill Cox

(This can be found on p. 492 of your pew Bible.)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Word Through Music**

*O Love*

Chancel Choir

**Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32** Nancy Shambach

(This can be found on p. 899 of your pew Bible.)

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*The Parable of Raising Teenagers*

Rev. Dr. Deborah Huggins

**\*Hymn #69**

*Here I Am, Lord*

**Choral 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 and The Lord's Prayer**

**Call for the Offering**

Nancy Shambach

**Offertory**

*Go Down Moses*

- by sung by Chris Dyer

**\*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

Nancy Shambach

**\*Sending Song #697:**      *Take My Life*

## Charge and Benediction

**Benediction Response**      *God Be With You – the Meeting's Over*

**Postlude**      *Postlude in C*      - by Michael Thomas

Thank you for worshipping with us!  
We are so very happy that you're here today!



\*Please stand as you are comfortable.      Music: One License #A-736655

# 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
 work so (work so)  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

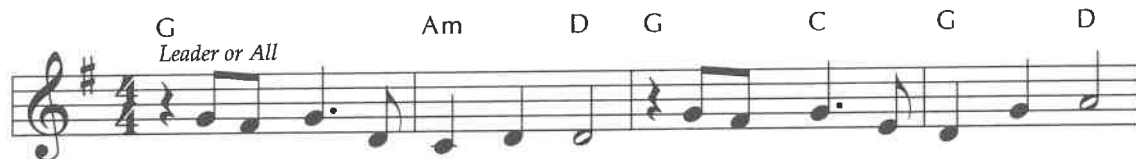
where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)  
 (my Lord,)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

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## I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

## Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



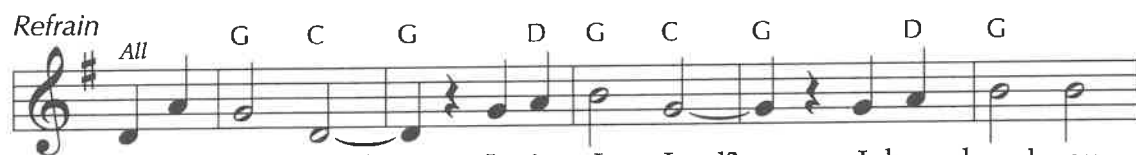
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



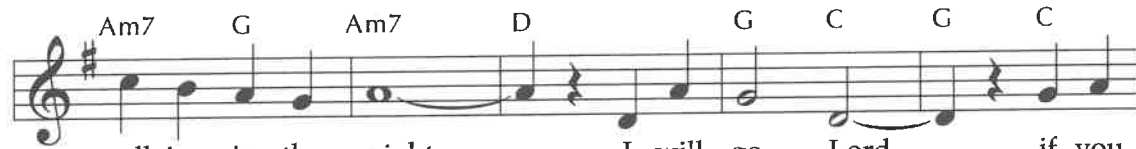
made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

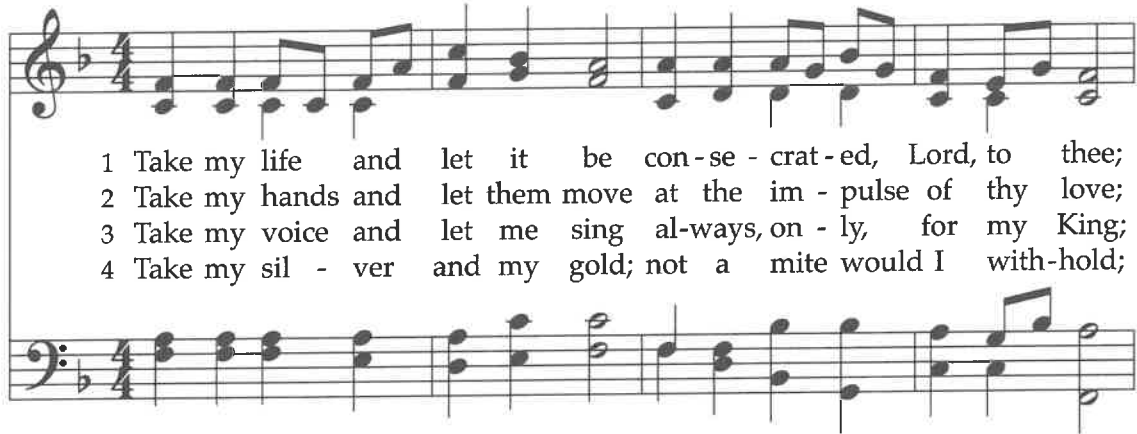


lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

## Take My Life

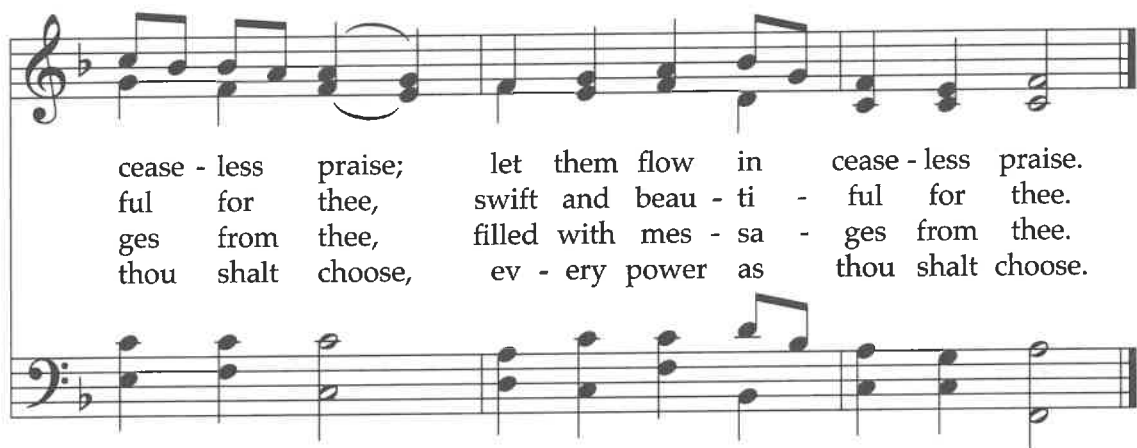
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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

# Welcome to Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church!

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Deborah Huggins

**Today's Sermon:** The Parable of the Two Teens

**Next Week: PLEASE DON'T COME HERE!**

**We will be at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church**

**Next Week's Volunteers:**

**Greeters:** Marie Fry, Pat & Leah Gerlach

**Communion servers:** Bill Cox, Paige Furlano, Dave & Joy Sternberg



## Announcements

### **World Communion Sunday Las Placitas Pres. Church NEXT SUNDAY, October 4, 2026**



Next Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, we will gather at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church for a joint Communion and worship service **at 10:30am** with Cuba and Jemez Springs, and Rio Rancho Presbyterian Churches.

**Potluck luncheon: PLEASE SIGN UP to bring sides and desserts. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex.**

### **Monday Bible Study 10am**



Join Pastor Deborah at 10am in her office as she previews the scripture for Sunday's sermon.

### **Youth Group Outing Sunday, October 11 at 11am Cottonwood Mall**

**Who:** For all Middle, High Schoolers & young adults

**What:** Lunch and an Escape Room

**Cost:** Escape Room \$27; Lunch \$10

Friends are very welcome! Due to the love and grace of many, scholarships are available for all of our events.

## **Calendar of Weekly Events**

### **Sunday, September 27, 2026**

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10:00am Worship

11:15am Fellowship & Refreshments

11:15am Worship Committee, Class A&B



### **Monday, Sept 28**

10am Bible Study with Pastor Deborah, her office

7pm AA

### **Tuesday, Sept 29**

9-12pm New Horizon Band Rehearsal

2pm Book Club at Henriksen's

7-8pm Al Anon

### **Wednesday, Sept 30**

7-8pm Al Anon

#### **Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

Please plan to attend a brief Congregational Meeting after worship to approve the Pastor's amended terms of call.

### **Thursday, Oct 1**

10am Gentle Exercise

11:30 am Yoga

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 - 9pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, Oct 2**

7pm AA

### **Saturday, Oct 3**

8am Men's Breakfast

#### **Coffee or Lunch with Pastor Deborah**



Please remember to sign up for Coffee – Monday and Tuesday mornings.  
Lunch – Wednesday or Thursdays at 12pm.

