



November 16, 2025

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Pledge Sunday

Interim Pastor: Rev. Frank Yates

Liturgist: Nancy Shambach

Psalmist: Cyndi Pitts

Greeters: Leah & Pat Gerlach

Ushers: Paige Furlano, Beth Miller, Pam Scalco, Karen Williams

Flowers: Given by Marie Fry, in memory of her husband, David Fry

Early Morning Security: Liz Bushma

November Sanctuary Stewards: Liz Bushma and Sharon Glass

Director of Music: Nancy Leffler

Accompanist: Nathan Secrest

Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music *Morning Meditation* - by Ben Logan

Welcome & Announcements, including prayer concerns

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 *This Is the Day* Chancel Choir

Prelude *We Have Come Into His House* - by John Purifoy

Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 12) Nancy Shambach

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord.

People: Surely, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

Leader: For the Lord God is our strength and our might.

People: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All: Give thanks to the Lord, for his name is exalted!

***Hymn #643** *Now Thank We All Our God*

Call to Confession Nancy Shambach

Prayer of Confession (unison):

All: Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.

We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.

We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear now our silent prayers.

Silent Prayer

Choir Response: *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

(Please join the choir as we sing this together. See insert.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Nancy Shambach

***Hymn #581**

Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri

Prayer for Illumination

Nancy Shambach

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 65: 17-25

(This can be found on p. 682, in your pew Bible)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

From the Psalter Psalm 98

Cyndi Pitts

(This can be found on p. 540 of your pew Bible.)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Heavens are Telling

Chancel Choir

Reading from the New Testament: II Thessalonians 3: 6-13

(This can be found on p. 1079 of your pew Bible.)

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Your Calling

Rev. Frank Yates

***Hymn #719**

Come, Labor On

Choral Call to Prayer

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

(Please join the choir as we sing this together. See insert.)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

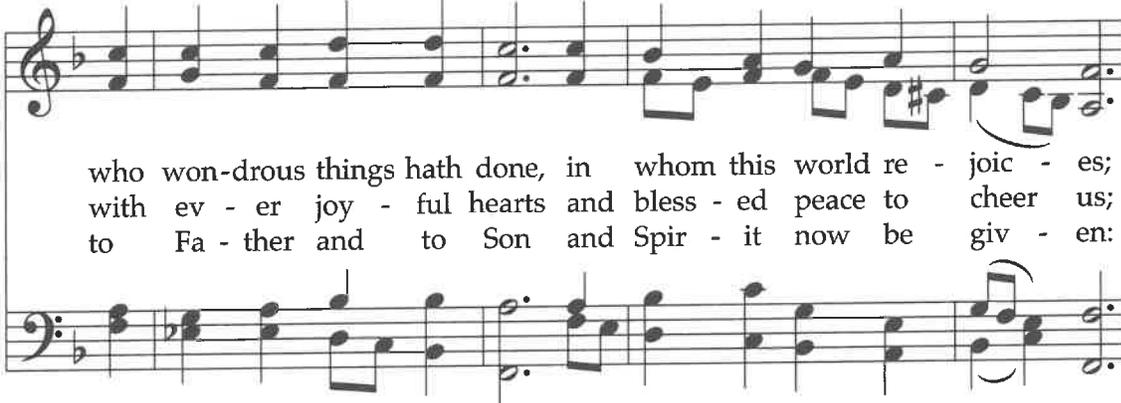
Call for the Offering

Nancy Shambach

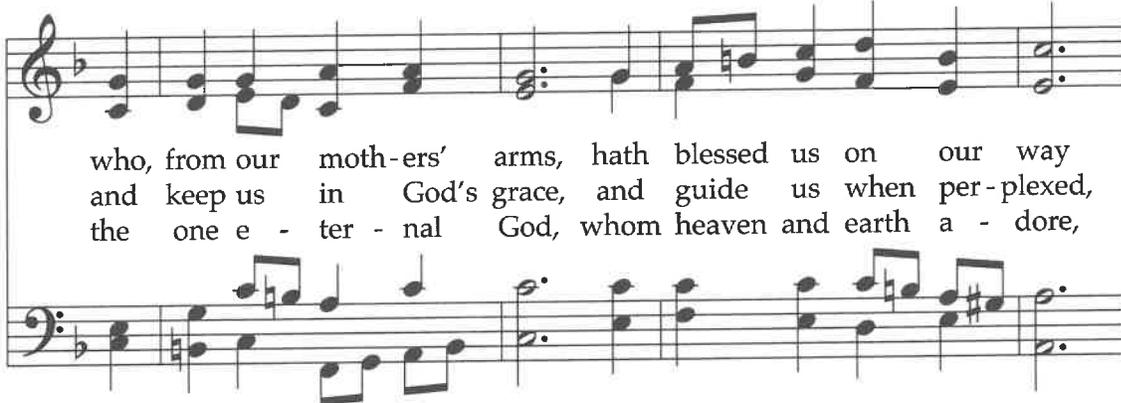
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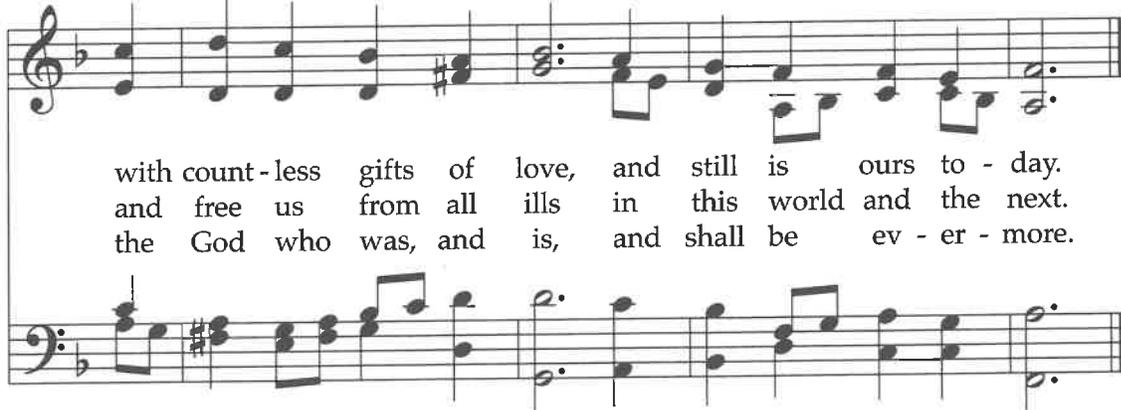
1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,



who won - drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:



who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us
Kyrie Eleison

John Merbecke

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

719 Come, Labor On

Capo 1: (G) (C) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (D) (G)
 A^b D^b A^b Fm D^b A^b D^b E^b A^b

1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain
 2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
 3 Come, la-bor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!
 4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (B) (Em) (C) (D)
 Fm C7 Fm C Fm D^b E^b

while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each
 to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the
 No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble
 till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad

(G) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 A^b Fm D^b A^b B^bm E^b7 A^b

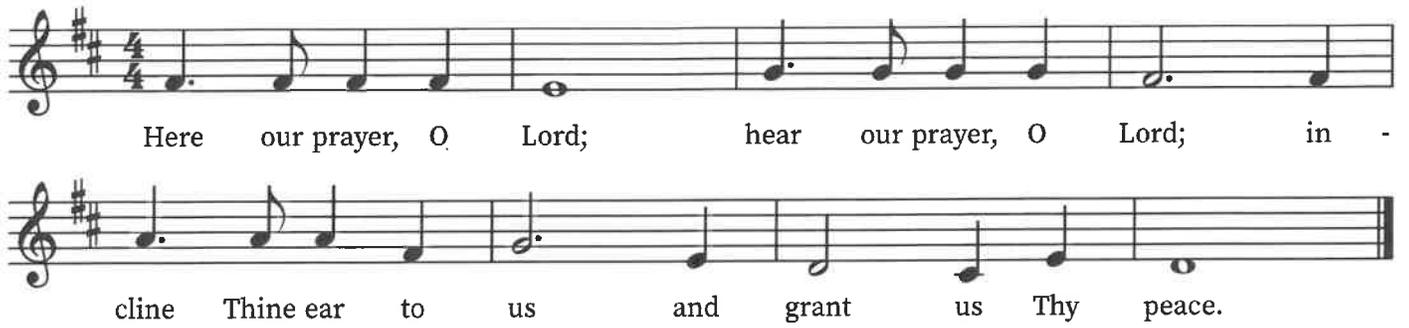
ser - vant does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 time; its hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 a - gents, may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.
 sound comes with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Using Jesus' harvest imagery in John 4:35-38 and Matthew 9:37-38/Luke 10:2, this urgent text sounds a compelling call to Christian service. The words gain energy from the strong unison tune in the English cathedral style, whose name echoes the Benedictine motto "Prayer is work."

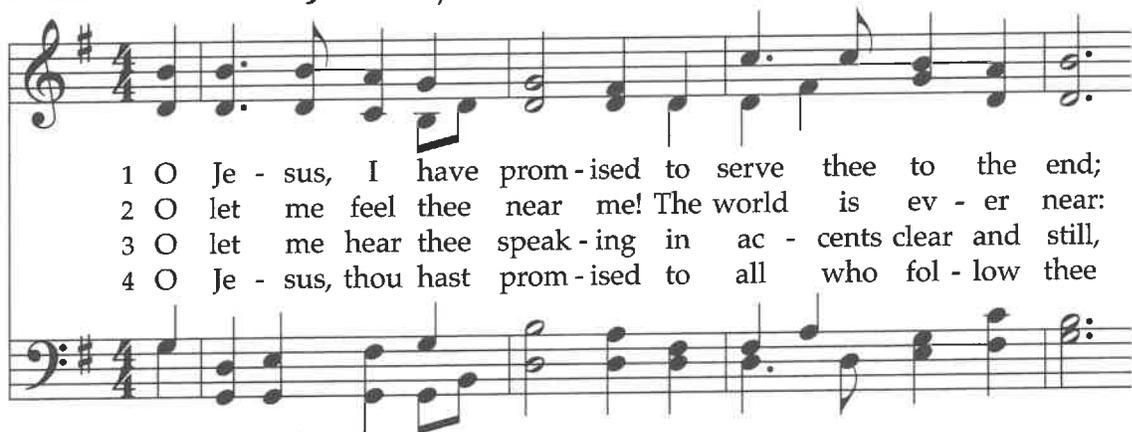
Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

George Whelpton

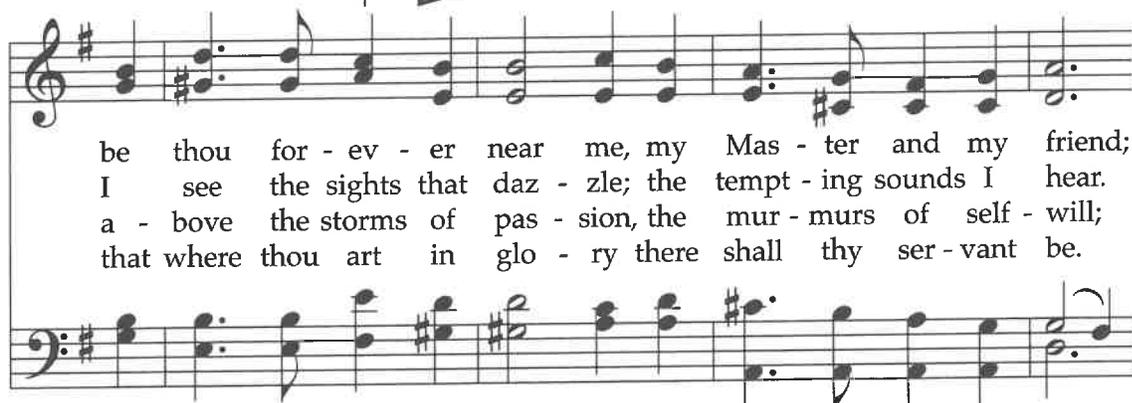


Here our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord; in -
cline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace.

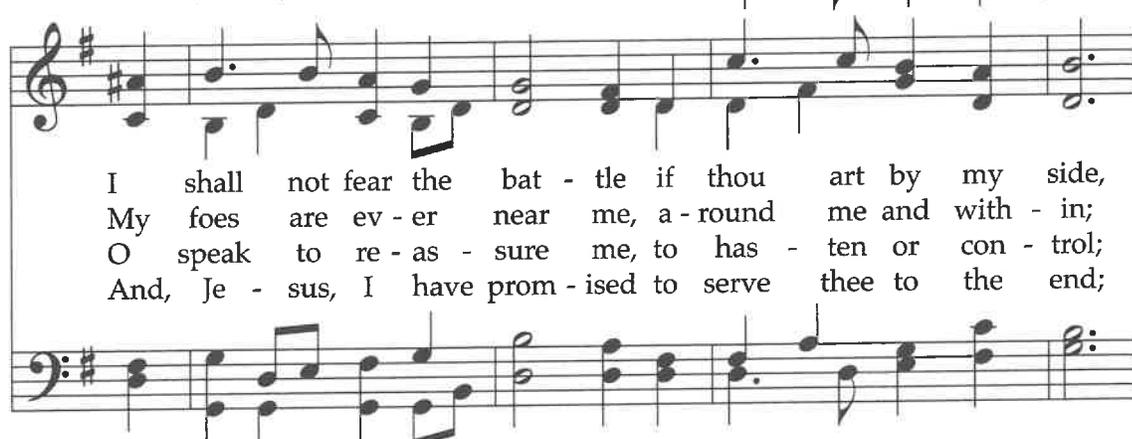
724 O Jesus, I Have Promised



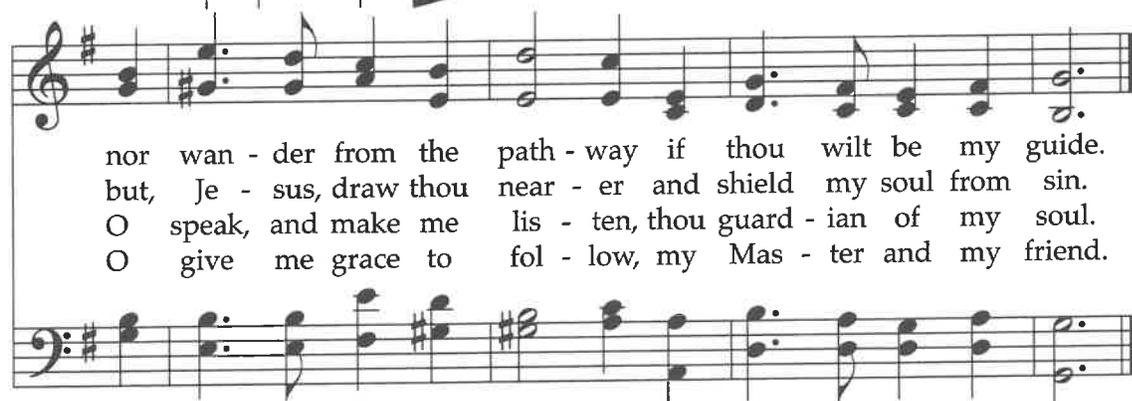
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee



be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.