



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Robert Zittel

United in Christ's love, a just world for all!

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Singing Prelude

Bless God, O My Soul

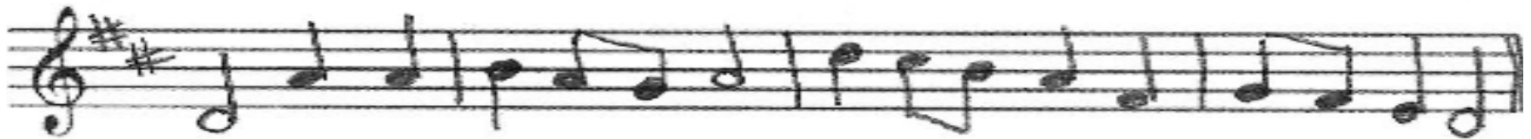
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Refrain: Maria Passarelli 2. Refrain: All 3. Verse: Maria 4. Refrain: All (Refrain)

Bless God, O My Soul



Bless God, O my--- soul! All with - in me bless God's name!



Bless God, who was, and--- is, and shall ev - er be----- the same!

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Welcome and Announcements

We Approach God's Presence

Meditation/Bringing in the Light of Christ

Softly and Tenderly

Thompson/arr. Burger

Responsive Call to Worship

Gayle Davis

Come, let us worship God, whose compassion opens our eyes to abundance. When the crowds gathered in a deserted place, Jesus saw their hunger and welcomed them with compassion.

While the disciples saw only what was lacking,

Jesus asked them to bring what they had.

Five loaves.

Two fish.

A blessing offered.

A meal shared.

In God's abundance, there was more than enough.

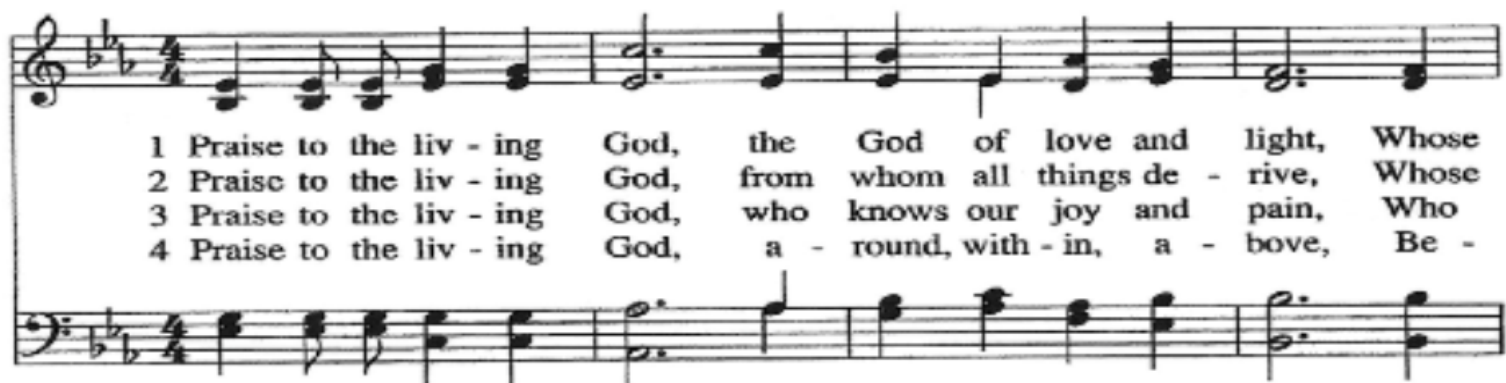
So we come with what we have, trusting God to receive it, bless it, and share it.

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Praise to the Living God

Ps. 84:1-2

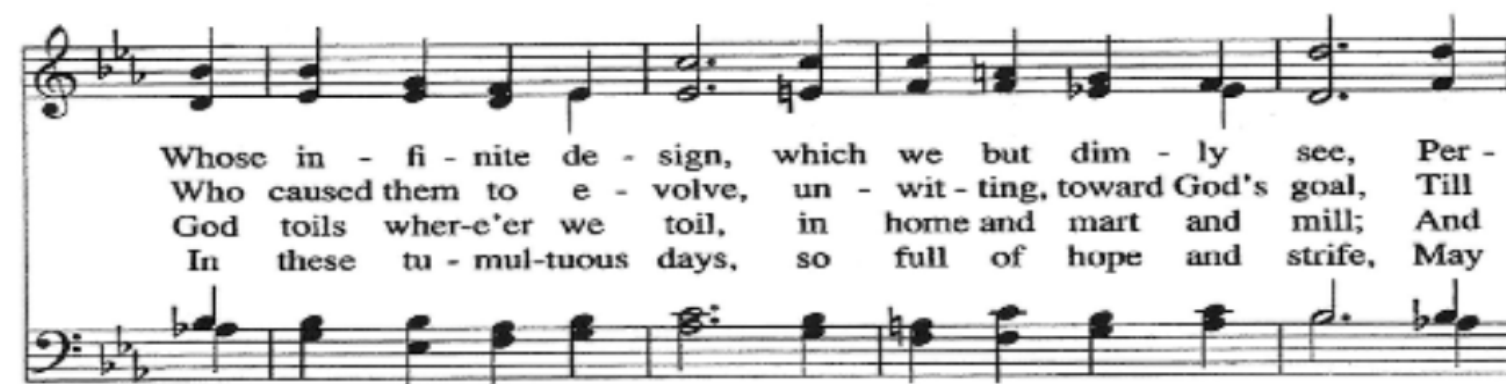
Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.



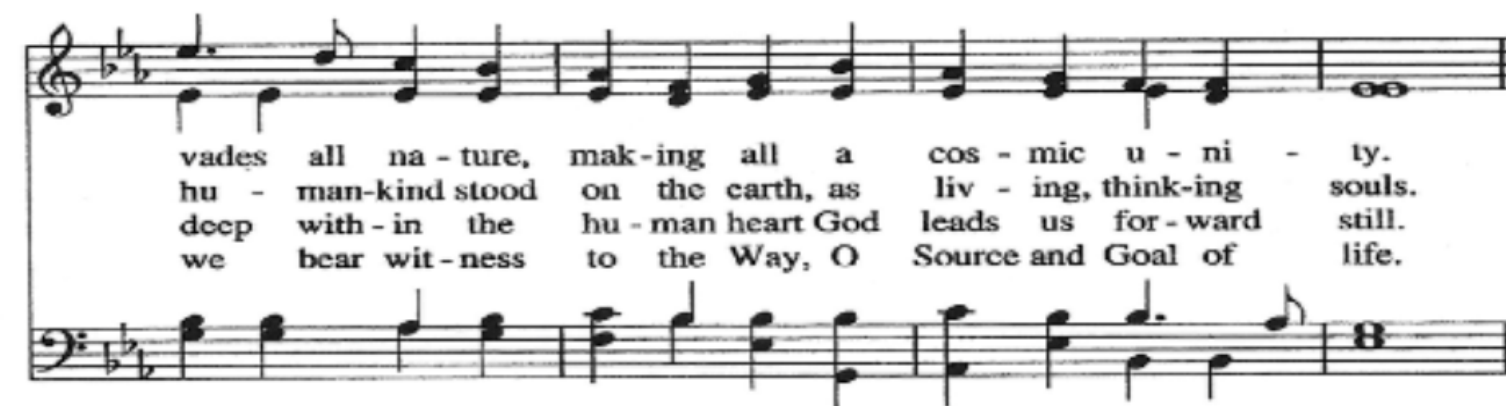
1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -



word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.



Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
 God toils wher-e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
 In these tu - mul-tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May



vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
 hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Curtis Beach, born into a family of several generations of ministers, was educated at Harvard University, the Boston University School of Theology, and the University of Southern California. A minister in the United Church of Christ, Beach authored *The Gospel of Mark: Its Making and Meaning*.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.

George J. Elvey, 1868

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*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

God of abundance,

You have created a world filled with gifts, yet we so easily see only what is missing. We count what we lack. We protect what we have. We allow fear to convince us that there will never be enough. Forgive us when scarcity narrows our vision and keeps us from sharing with one another.

Open our eyes to the resources already among us.

**Teach us the holy practice of reciprocity, in which each person gives,
each person receives, and the well-being of one becomes the care of all.**

Receive what we bring, bless it beyond our imagining, and form us into a community where all are welcomed, nourished, and satisfied. Amen

*Words of Grace

Christ meets us in the places where we fear there is not enough, and invites us to look again.

God's grace is not scarce. God's compassion is not exhausted.

God's love continues to gather, bless, and nourish us.

We are forgiven, renewed, and invited into the abundance of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response

Your Grace Is Enough

Maher

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Matt Maher



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We Encounter God in the Word

Contemplative Reading

The Soul of Money

Lynne Twist

God is still speaking. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

How Great Thou Art/I Need Thee Every Hour

Hine/Lowry

Maria Passarelli, French Horn

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21

NRSVue

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Visualizing More than Enough”

Pastor Bob

We Respond to God’s Grace

Congregational Prayers

Silent Prayers

Prayers of the People and Our Lord’s Prayer (sung)

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

We Share God’s Love

Invitation to Generosity

(Offering plates are found by each doorway for your use.)

***Song of Gratitude**

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below,

Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

God of abundance,

Receive these gifts and bless them as Christ blessed the loaves and fish.

Gather what we offer, multiply its reach, and use it to nourish your people,

strengthen community, and create a world in which everyone has enough. Amen.

Invitation to Holy Communion

(The ministers and servers will prepare the elements; the congregation is then invited to come and receive the bread and the cup. If you cannot come but wish to receive, the servers will come to you.)

Communion Meditation

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Newton/ Tomlin/Giglio/arr. Hayes

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous God,

We thank you for meeting us at this table, feeding us with your grace, and reminding us that there is more than enough in your love. As we leave this place, help us to share what we have received with generous hearts, trusting that your compassion continues to nourish the world through us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

We Go to Carry the Light

***Hymn**

Bread to Share

Haugen

BREAD TO SHARE

Marty Haugen

Plen - ty of bread at the feast of life,
plen-ty of bread to share; Plen-ty of bread at the
feast of life, there is plen-ty of bread to share.
2. Plenty of fish..... 3. Plenty of room.....

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***Blessing and Benediction**

***Sending Blessing**

Threefold Amen

Danish

Postlude

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Folk Tune/arr. Carter

Please remain seated in silence for the Postlude as the Light of Christ is carried into the world.
The worship has ended; our service begins.

Supporting Our Service Today

Guest Pastor: Rev. Bob Zittel **Acolyte:** Bella Clapham **Song Leader:** Marie Passarelli

Liturgist and Communion Assistant: Gayle Davis **Welcome Table:** Sandy Barrie

Greeter: Wendy Seeley

Head Usher: Gary Leidheiser

Usher Team: George Calderone, Terry Calderone, Sharon Leidheiser

Technology Team

(Live Streaming, Camera, and Sound Technicians)

Gary Woodrum, Debra Mosely, Maria Groody, David Jack, Linda Newton, Wally Davis, Patty Fjetland, Scott Mellen, Gary and Sharon Leidheiser

The **Lord's Table** was decorated by Victoria Augustine.

The **Sanctuary Flowers** are given by **Barb Quinn**: "In Loving Memory Of Bob On Our August 6th Anniversary (60th)" and **Dee Rogers** "Love You Bob You'll Always Be My Hero"

Sunday Librarian: Barbara Talmage

Fellowship Hosts: Church Family Life and Volunteers

Twist, Lynne. The Soul of Money: Transforming Your Relationship with Money and Life. W. W. Norton & Company, 2017. Pg 3,6,7.
Artisan bread ingredients: Gluten-Free Wheat Starch, Corn Starch, Cellulose Psyllium Fiber Blend, Sorghum Flour, Olive Oil, Pea Protein, Xanthan Gum, Enzymes, Sugar, Yeast, Salt

U P C O M I N G C A L E N D A R

MONDAY AUGUST 3

12:00 PM SPIRITFED
(ZOOM BIBLE STUDY)
MEETING ID:83576594637
PASSWORD: 913882



TUESDAY AUGUST 4

9:00 AM STAFF MEETING
2:30 PM VADC - CR

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5

9:00 AM-12:00PM LIBRARY OPEN
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY - CR
7:00 PM NAMI

FRIDAY AUGUST 7

8:30 AM MEN'S WEEKLY COFFEE-PANERA

SUNDAY AUGUST 9

9:00 AM LIBRARY HOUR
10:00 AM WORSHIP (IN SITU AND VIRTUAL)
AFTER WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP TIME -
NAAR HALL
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM LIBRARY OPEN



United in Spirit and by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all. We are a Christian Fellowship of faith, building a community that supports each other to help feed the hungry, to clothe the naked and welcome strangers, while living a life that leads to deeper experiences walking humbly with God.

We believe all are welcome and united by God's love. Our daily worship is anchored by the belief that God is still speaking. The United Church of Christ (UCC) is a distinct and diverse community of Christians that come together as one church to join faith and action. With over 4,500 churches and nearly one million members across the U.S., the UCC serves God in the co-creation of a just and sustainable world. We believe in putting our faith into action as we follow Jesus' example to love one another.

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Rev. Dr. Barbara Dickason, BCC

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Barbara Quinn: *Music Director*

Lynda Weston: *Bella Handbell Director*

Staff:

Gary Leidheiser: *Custodian*

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Natashia Laughnan: *Social Media and Communications Specialist*

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