

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Presbyterian Church
Tallahassee, Florida
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 2025, 11:00 AM



GATHERING

Ringling of the Zimbelstern

Voluntary

“Basse de Cromorne” from Suite du Deuxième Ton

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Glenn Hodges

Minute for Mission

Sue Safford

Call to Worship

Rev. Glenn Hodges

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

God's people shall never again be put to shame.

O you who answers prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

God's people shall never again be put to shame.

You water the furrows of the fields abundantly,
the pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy.

God's people shall never again be put to shame.

The Lord stood by me and gave me strength,
so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all might hear it.

God's people shall never again be put to shame.

All who exalt themselves will be humbled,
but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

God's people shall never again be put to shame.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
too often we hide beneath the veil of religion
or trust too much in the good things we do.

Smug and safe in our pews,
we look down on those not here,
thankful we are not like them.

Shatter us with the truth that all have sinned, even us.

We have failed to live as the people you call us to be.

Cleanse us and restore us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

Asterisks indicate to please rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold print.*

*Assurance of Pardon

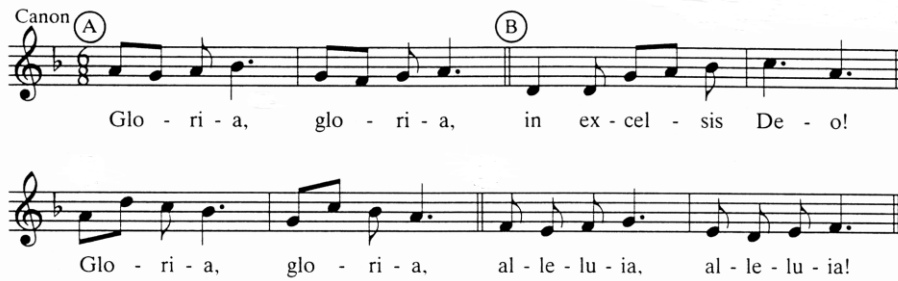
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

*Sung Response (Hymn 583)

Gloria, Gloria

GLORIA (Taizé)

Sung once in unison, twice in canon (A = North, B = South)



*The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture

Joel 2:23–32

Danielle Jennings

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 38

To Bless the Earth
(Psalm 65)

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 794

O Savior, in This Quiet Place

ST. STEPHEN

Gospel

Luke 18:9–14

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Glenn Hodges

EUCCHARIST

*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**
... in whose holy name we pray. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call to Offering

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Anthem

O Word of God

arr. Craig Courtney

*O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,
We praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age,
O Word of God.*

*The Scripture is a banner, before God's host unfurled;
It is a shining beacon above the darkening world.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging tide,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, to you, O Christ, will guide.*

*The church from You, our Savior, received the gift divine,
And still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the sacred vessel where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heaven drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.
O Word of God.*

*O make Your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
To hear before the nations Your true light as of old.
O teach Your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see You face to face.
Amen.*

*Presentation Hymn 608

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

Blessing and Charge

The Lord bless and keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore. **Alleluia!**

Proclaim the message, be persistent in prayer, do the work of the gospel,
and carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Voluntary

Prelude in C Major, BWV 553

J.S. Bach

IN WORSHIP TODAY

“Kingdom” or “Kindom” in the Lord’s Prayer? Kingdoms were the dominant community structure when our Scriptures were written. Some find it meaningful to think about other Biblical metaphors to convey the ethos of care and genuine kin-ships about which Jesus taught and preached. Please pray as you choose.

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations — We offer prayers for healing for Carl Morse, Bob Rackleff, Rich Peyton, Brant Copeland, Grier Hodges-Willis, Sabrina Wright, Wayne Friedemann, Martha Kutter, Joyce Crawford, Bev Breedlove, Tara Reynolds, Sandra Sherrard, and Martha Snowden. **We offer prayers for strength and mercy** for Evanna (sister of Wayne Friedemann), Patricia McCoy Delancey, and Thaddeus Gillon. **We pray for the staff and volunteers** of Second Harvest of the Big Bend as well as those of all our mission partners. **We pray for victims of gun violence** in our community and our country. **We pray for the Presbyterian Reformed Church** in Cuba, Pastor Izett Samá Hernández, and Pastor Alison Infante. **We pray for peace** in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, and around the world. **We also pray for those in military service**, including Brian Guisao, Ross Yeilding, David DelRossi, and Owen Elzie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children are welcome in this service as full members of God's family. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in the basket by the door to the Narthex. Childcare for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building. Please note that during worship the Education Building is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

Restrooms are located in this building through the door at the end of each ground floor aisle of the sanctuary.

An induction loop system is available in the sanctuary. To use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T–telephone mode or request a wireless headset from an usher.

Large Print Versions of the *Glory to God* hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

Visitors: We are glad you are here this morning! If you have questions about our congregation or membership, please let us know by using the friendship registers or speaking to one of the greeters so we can connect you with the right people. We welcome new members after worship on the second Sunday of each month.

CHECK-IN



Let us know you came
to Worship today!



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367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har-vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har-vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!



Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

To Bless the Earth

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(Psalm 65)

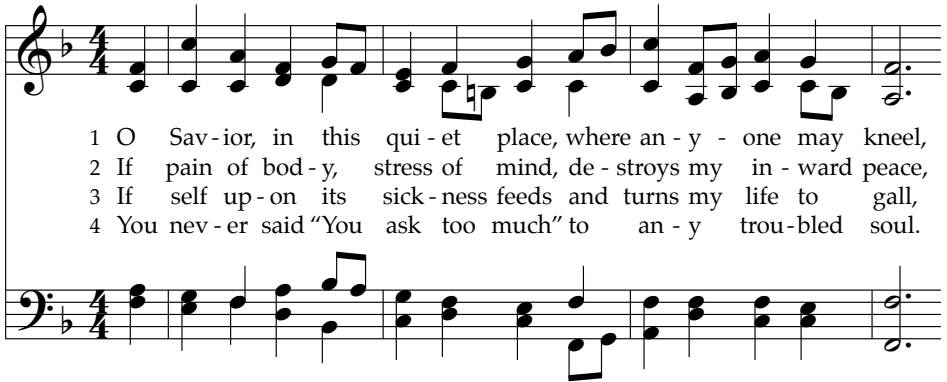
1 To bless the earth God sends us from
 2 The seed by God pro - vid - ed is
 3 God crowns the year with good - ness; the
 4 With grain the fields are cov - ered; the

heaven's a - bun - dant store the wa - ters of the
 sown o'er hill and plain, and then come gen - tle
 earth God's mer - cy fills; the wil - der - ness is
 flocks in pas - tures graze; all na - ture joins in

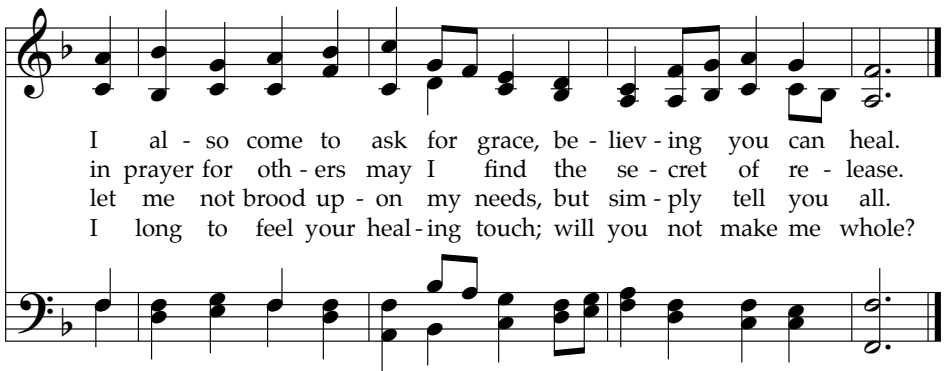
spring - time, en - rich - ing it once more.
 show - ers to bless the spring - ing grain.
 fruit - ful, and joy - ful are the hills.
 sing - ing a joy - ful song of praise.

These four stanzas present a paraphrase of Psalm 65:9–13, a celebration of God's providential care, which in turn draws forth a song of praise from all creation. This text is set to an early 17th-century tune composed for an affirmative chorale text often used at funerals.

O Savior, in This Quiet Place 794



1 O Sav-ior, in this qui-et place, where an-y-one may kneel,
 2 If pain of bod-y, stress of mind, de-stroys my in-ward peace,
 3 If self up-on its sick-ness feeds and turns my life to gall,
 4 You nev-er said "You ask too much" to an-y trou-bled soul.



I al-so come to ask for grace, be-liev-ing you can heal.
 in prayer for oth-ers may I find the se-cret of re-lease.
 let me not brood up-on my needs, but sim-ply tell you all.
 I long to feel your heal-ing touch; will you not make me whole?

- 5 But if the thing I most desire
 is not your way for me,
 may faith, when tested in the fire,
 prove its integrity.
- 6 Of all my prayers, may this be chief:
 till faith is fully grown,
 Lord, disbelieve my unbelief,
 and claim me as your own.

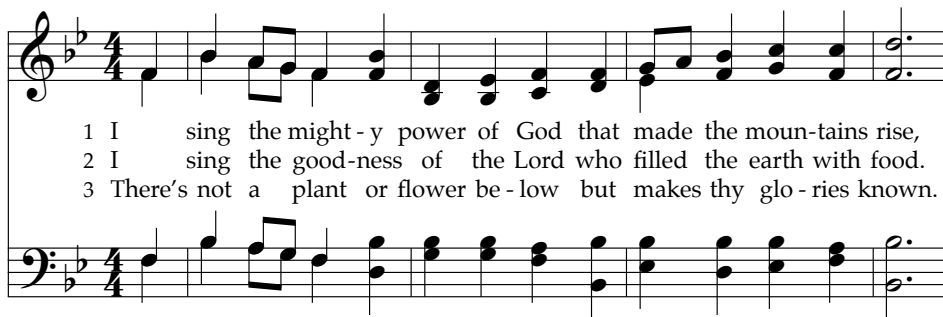
This prayer for healing was written for the ecumenical St. Barnabas Counseling Centre in Norwich, England. As hymns often do, it provides a model for how to pray honestly but not selfishly. It is set to a tune by an Anglican clergyman who wrote on scientific and musical matters.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

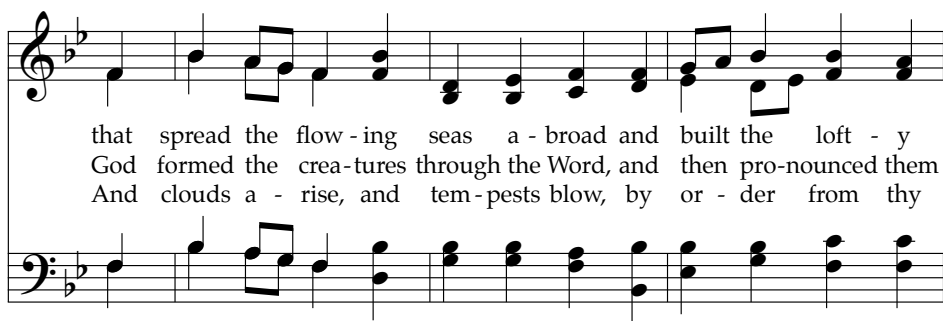
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Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

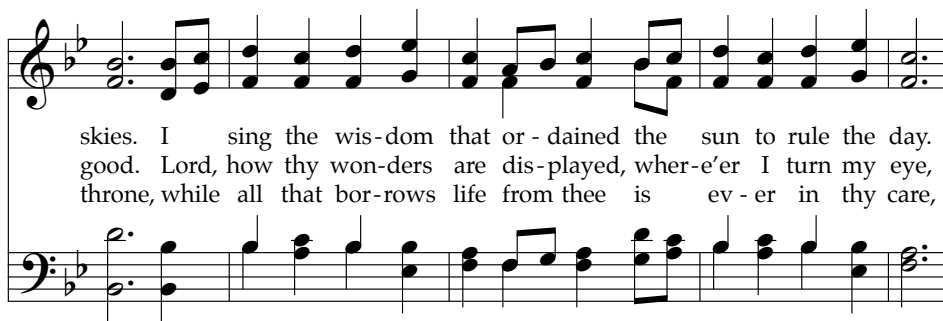
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



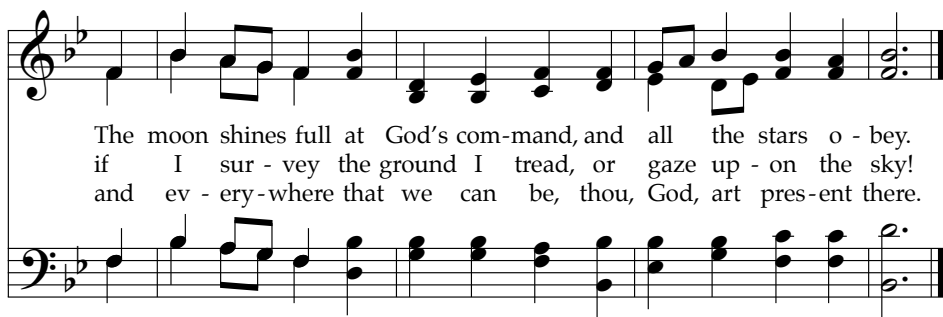
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.