

*Worship Service*  
*September 26, 2021 9:15 a.m.*

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[congregation reads bold]

**GATHERING**

**Bell**

**Announcements**

**Prelude: *Reverie*** -by Noel Rawsthorne

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

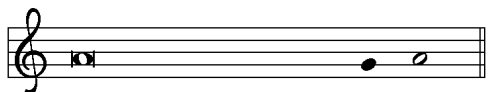
**Hymn: *Come Ye Thankful People, Come* p. 16**

**Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



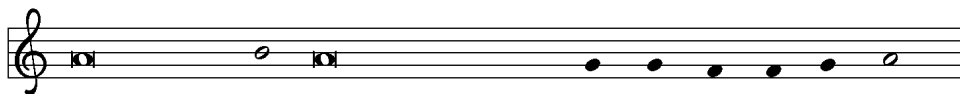
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



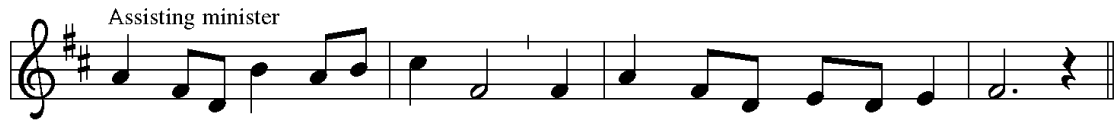
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

# Canticle of Praise

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## Prayer of the Day

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

*What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?*

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" *The word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 19:7-14 (congregation reads bold)**

*The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)*

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | jice the heart;**  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,**  
**sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's | own offenses?**  
**Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over  
me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your  
sight,**

**O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

## **Second Reading: James 5:13-20**

*Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.*

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. *The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you O Lord.**

### Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.*

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.” *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Children’s Sermon

**Sermon** *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## Hymn of the Day: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service p. 17*

### Presentation of Bibles

#### **Apostles' Creed**

In the words of the Apostles' Creed, let us confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians, readers, acolytes, ushers, altar guild, bell tollers, and technology. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease, *especially Reed, Clint, Jean, Ron, Julie, Stanley, Lois, Clark, Carol, Carol, Ted, Louise, Ray, Jane, Tracy, Fred, Jeff, Darlene, Randy, Helen, Chris.* Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Matthew, Cassandra, Mark, Chell, Ashleigh, Kathryn, Kimberly, Irene, Ferne, Stephen, Janet, Rachel, Chris.* Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever, *especially Carolyn & Dale, Doug & Margie, Leroy & Mary Ann, Carl & Carol, William & Kathleen, Lori & Chance.* Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, as our shepherd, guide the ministries of all our siblings in Christ in congregations who continue to do your work. Through your Holy Spirit provide courage, perseverance, and resources to those who speak your word of truth and love. We give thanks this day for our sisters and brothers united through you. We pray especially for Union Lutheran, Schnecksville, and their pastor, Gordan Camp. May they be filled with your Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**



## THANKSGIVING

Offering: *Andantino*

-by Noel Rawsthorne

### Offertory

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff of each system.

### Offering Prayer

God of abundance,

**you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

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

## SENDING

### Blessing

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* p. 18**

### Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* -by Johann Gottfried Walther**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come  
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Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (*Beach Spring*) ELW 712

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**THIS WEEK (Sept. 26 – Oct. 2)**

**TODAY (26<sup>th</sup>) Harvest Home Sunday**

-9:15am, Worship Service  
-10:30am, Sunday School  
-6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

**MON (27<sup>th</sup>)**

-6:30pm, Jordanians Bowlers  
-7:00pm, Boy Scouts  
-8:00pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

**Tues (28<sup>th</sup>)**

-7:00pm, Finance Com.

**WED (29<sup>th</sup>)**

-5:30pm, Jr. Gyros  
-6:00pm, Cherub Choir  
-6:15pm, Friendship Ringers

**THU (30<sup>th</sup>)**

-7:00pm, Overeaters Anon., Room M1  
-7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Soc. Hall  
-7:00pm, Personnel mtg.

**FRI (1<sup>st</sup>)**

-7:30pm, AA meeting, Social Hall  
-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.  
-9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

***Looking ahead...***

10/9 – Outdoor Workday  
10/10 – New Members received

***Say a Prayer ↪ Send a Card ↪ Pay a Visit***

**Fellowship Mnr:** Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel

**Lehigh Commons:** Barbara Diehl, Howard & Janet Stettler

**The Palmerton:** Ferne Rock

**Artis Senior Living (Lemoyne PA):** Betty Gockley

**Parkland Manor:** Herb & Anna Bieber, Paulette Bassler

**Home:** Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Warren Gressley, Loretta Hein, Roger Schoemaker

**Please keep these people in your prayers:**

Reed Klotz, Clint Trumbauer, Jean Wisler, Ron Andersch, Julie Boyer, Stanley Buz, Lois Heiser, Clark Snyder, Carol, Carol Keene, Ted DuBois, Louise Quaintance, Ray Fairchild, Jane Laudenslager, Tracy Berthel, Fred Weidman, Jeff Toth, Darlene Wenhold, Randy Wendhold, Helen Shollenberger, Chris Heilman

**Birthdays this week:** Matthew Tom, Kassandra Ward, Mark Miller, Chell Dorney, Ashleigh Budlong, Kathy Leonard, Kimberly Ream, Irene Johnson, Ferne Rock, Stephen Toth, Janet Branch, Rachel Mikols

**Anniversaries this week:** Carolyn & Dale Stettler (23), Doug & Margie Clark (46), Leroy & Mary Ann Dollak (19), Carl & Carol Hoffman (58), William & Kathleen Lutterschmidt (36), Lori & Chance Dreisbach (22)

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**Assisting at Worship This Morning**

**Lector:** Karen Boardman  
**Cantor:** Glenn Wagner  
**Altar Guild:** Judy Grim, Irene Johnson  
**Video:** Ken Gross  
**Bell Toller:** Bill Lutterschmidt  
**Ushers:** John Weremedic

**Altar Flowers** are given in honor of Adam and Caitlin Daniels' first wedding anniversary (9/19),  
by Lynn and Tom Daniels (T)

**2021 SPONSORSHIPS**

**Altar Flowers:** Nov. 28; Dec. 12, 19, 26

**HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS:** Contact Donna Hahn at 610-395-0613 or [dhahn16@gmail.com](mailto:dhahn16@gmail.com) with your choice of dates(s) and sponsorships(s). **Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the 9:15 service or want them taken to shut-ins.** If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut-ins.

**Altar flowers may be sponsored for \$40/2 vase, or \*\$20/1 vase\*; Bulletins for \$20.**  
Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate.

*SPONSORSHIP POLICY: Flowers and other sponsorships may be reserved no earlier than one year from the chosen date. If you wish to reserve the same weekend for the following year, you may do so the day after the current year's sponsorship. No dates will be held; the first request for a date (within the one year limit) will be taken regardless of the previous year's sponsor.*

**Treasurer's Report  
for August 2021**

	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
<b>Income:</b>				
Operating Income *	\$ 26,390.10	\$ 246,573.24	\$ 29,261.00	\$ 234,088.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,187.00	\$ 9,527.50	\$ 1,333.00	\$ 10,664.00
Property	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 14,943.50	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 20,000.00
Deficit Reduction	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,990.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 29,817.10</b>	<b>\$ 273,034.24</b>	<b>\$ 33,094.00</b>	<b>\$ 264,752.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Administration	\$ 1,846.50	\$ 10,291.93	\$ 1,690.00	\$ 13,520.00
Ministries	\$ 30.96	\$ 4,090.67	\$ 906.00	\$ 7,248.00
Payroll	\$ 18,753.00	\$ 161,430.56	\$ 21,657.00	\$ 173,256.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc.	\$ 3,463.86	\$ 52,732.51	\$ 7,567.00	\$ 60,536.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,666.67	\$ 13,896.36	\$ 1,825.00	\$ 14,600.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 25,760.99</b>	<b>\$ 242,442.03</b>	<b>\$ 33,645.00</b>	<b>\$ 269,160.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 4,056.11</b>	<b>\$ 30,592.21</b>	<b>\$ (551.00)</b>	<b>\$ (4,408.00)</b>
* Operating income includes proceeds from PPP Loan \$47,400.00				

*If you would like to have a contributions statement any time of the year, please contact the church office and we can mail or email you a copy.*

**In the literature racks this week:**

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|--|---------------------------|
| October 2021 newsletter                  | Last week's bulletins     |
| Simply Giving forms                      | Scholarship request forms |
| Upper Room & Christ in our Home booklets |                           |

Church Council respectfully requests all (vaccinated and unvaccinated) who attend services at Jordan wear a CDC approved mask during worship. We realize the everchanging circumstances require tremendous flexibility and sometimes parting with personal preferences. As a reminder, do not attend worship if you are sick, have a fever, cough or have been exposed to/diagnosed with COVID. We thank you for your cooperation. The Relaunch Committee will continue to review current recommendations and local information for the safety of all our congregants and their families.

### ***New Members***

Anyone looking to become a member of Jordan or reinstate their membership should contact Pastor Dody as soon as possible to set up a meeting with her. New members will be received on **Sunday, October 10** during the 9:15 a.m. worship service.

### ***You Should Serve Church Council Because...***

- 1) In your baptism by the Holy Spirit, you have been empowered with gifts to serve the Lord.
- 2) You have a genuine love for Jesus Christ and his church and are concerned about God's will.
- 3) You have time to commit to the leadership of this congregation to carry out God's mission.
- 4) You have an honest and pure desire to serve the Lord and work with others. No experience is needed.

***Speak to any member of council or Pr. Dody if you would like to be nominated for church council.***

### ***Check out our website for a new electronic giving opportunity***

This can be a nice advantage when you cannot attend worship and wish to mail in your donation ... saves the price of a stamp (only a \$.30 ACH transaction fee). Or set up regular donations. Look for this button!



### ***Interested in CPR/AED certification?***

Contact Dean Wagaman 484-241-6992 or [wagamand@ptd.net](mailto:wagamand@ptd.net)

### ***Interested in teaching?***

Our Sunday School and Confirmation programs are always looking for more volunteer help. We often hear "I don't have a teaching background." Or "I wouldn't know where to start." Guess what? You don't need a teaching background – just that little spark inside of you to give "it" a try. What is "it"? "It" is spending time on Sunday morning with the wonderful children of Jordan and letting them pour their happiness and joy into your lives – and you sharing your joy back to them. All the lesson plans are already set up for you and you work from them. Not sure about it? How about staying for a lesson one day and seeing what it's all about? Hang out and "shadow" a few times and see if it's a fit for you 😊.

### ***Outside Workday***

is scheduled for Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8am. We have several trees along the back property line that need to be taken down. Please let Kevin Murphy know if you can help out at the workday on 10/9.

***Ferne Rock turns 99 on October 1<sup>st</sup>!*** Let's brighten her birthday with a card shower from her Jordan family. Send your good wishes to her at: The Palmerton Room 305, 71 Princeton Avenue, Palmerton PA 18071.

# Harvest of Hope Festival



Jordan UCC 1837 Church St, Allentown, PA

OCTOBER 2, 2021 | 11 AM- 4PM

\* **Purse Bingo at 11 AM-1 PM**

Ticket are \$20 for 20 games, and specials will be \$5 for five games

To purchase your tickets email [director@fplehighvalley.org](mailto:director@fplehighvalley.org)

\* **Kona ICE will be there**

12 PM to 1:30 PM

\* **Music By: Kevin Bechtel, Boombas, as well as Island Time's Fran Drake**

\* **Lots of activities**

Games by the Boy Scouts  
Cake Walk

Hay Rides  
Photo Booth  
Jewelry Making

Centronia Ambulance  
Greenwalds Fire Company

Come out and join us for a fun time!



Stay Social with Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley Follow us on:



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## Prevention Program

Thanks to the Family Promise National Grant, Family Promise of Lehigh Valley now offers a prevention program.

Families enroll for 3 months in the program which focuses on budget and credit.

The grant money will help families be able to afford monthly expenses and prevent homelessness.

Contact Roslyn Kuba at [director@fplehighvalley.org](mailto:director@fplehighvalley.org) if you or a family you know may benefit from this program.

## DONATION LIST:

- Pillows
- Snacks and Juice Boxes
- Bath Towels and wash cloths
- Sheets
- Pull ups 4T-5T
- Size 5 diapers
- XL Ziploc bags



## We can't help everyone, but we can help someone.



If you want to donate to us fiscally, please either go on our website ([fplehighvalley.org/donate](http://fplehighvalley.org/donate)) or by check to our address: Family Promise of Lehigh Valley, 1346 W. Hamilton St., Allentown, Pa 18102

*Thank you for all you do!!!*

## The Truth About Prayer: What It Is and How It Works – by Joyce Meyer

Smith Wigglesworth was a great preacher. But before he was a preacher, he was a plumber who wasn't a Christian—nor a very nice man.

Fortunately for him, he had a godly wife.

He didn't want her to go to church, but she went anyway. When she did, he'd lock her out of the house, and when she came home, she'd have to sleep on the back porch. In the morning he'd unlock the door and she'd come in and say, "Good morning, Smithy!" and make him breakfast.

She was a godly example for him. She prayed for him, and God gave her the grace to be good to him in spite of his rude behavior. And because she continued to be so good to him, he eventually came to know the Lord and was radically changed. As a result, he became one of the greatest preachers who ever lived.

That's the power of prayer.

### ***Understand What Prayer Really Is***

Prayer is simply conversation with God. It's asking Him to meet your need or someone else's. It's praising Him and thanking Him. It's about committing things to Him and consecrating things to Him. We need to pray about everything and anything.

I think some people don't pray much because they don't understand how powerful prayer really is. The truth is it's one of the greatest privileges we have as Christians.

When we pray, we open the door for God to come into our problems and situations and work on them. Prayer makes us partners with God. And while we can't really change people and make them love God, He can minister to their hearts and reach them.

I also believe that prayer is easier than we think it is. And it can be so much a part of our life that we don't even realize how much we pray – like breathing.

### ***What Makes Prayer So Powerful?***

The Bible teaches us in [James 5:16](#) that "the earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]." Prayer is passionate. It's about sincerity of heart and putting your whole heart into it.

Prayer doesn't have to be eloquent or long. And prayer isn't better if it's loud or if you're on your knees, folding your hands or bowing your head. It's good to humble yourself, but it's not your posture or how long you pray that makes it effective.

I remember a time when God challenged me to ask for what I wanted and needed in the least amount of words possible. This was hard at first. For example, when we do something wrong, it's hard just to say, "God, I know that was wrong and I admit it. I ask You to forgive me. Thank You, Lord. Amen."

Instead, it's common to hear something like this, "Oh, God! I need You to forgive me. God, forgive me. Please, God, forgive me. Oh God, you've got to forgive me! Please, God...I promise not to do it again."

[Hebrews 11:6](#) says that faith pleases God, and if we believe He exists and seek Him, He will reward us. We don't have to beg and plead with Him to help us. God is a good God! He loves you and wants what is best for you.

Spend time with God. Talk to Him sincerely and honestly. Cast your cares on Him. Then find out what He wants to do and then follow His lead.



*Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. James 5:16*

# 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 un - to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.

All be 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 his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

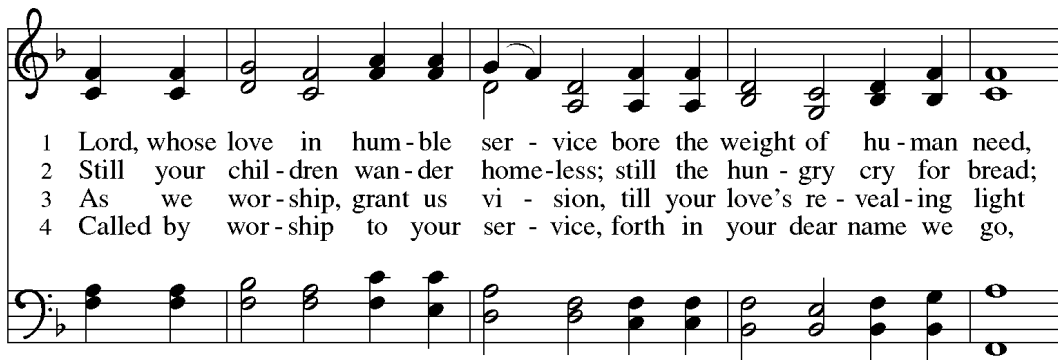
God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.

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 his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

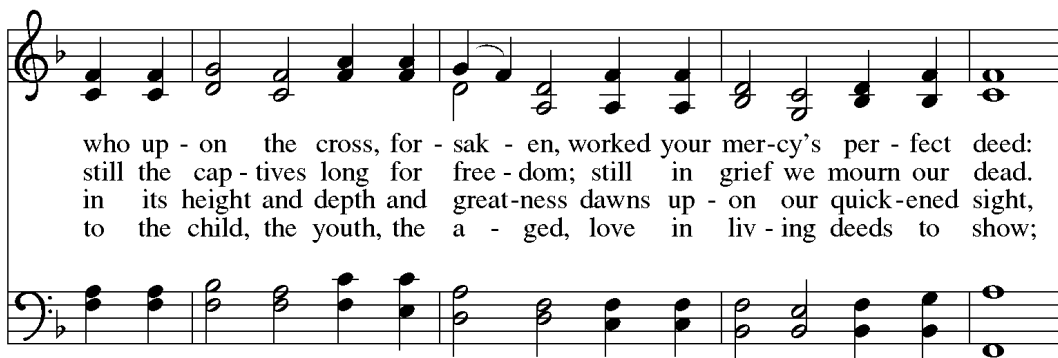
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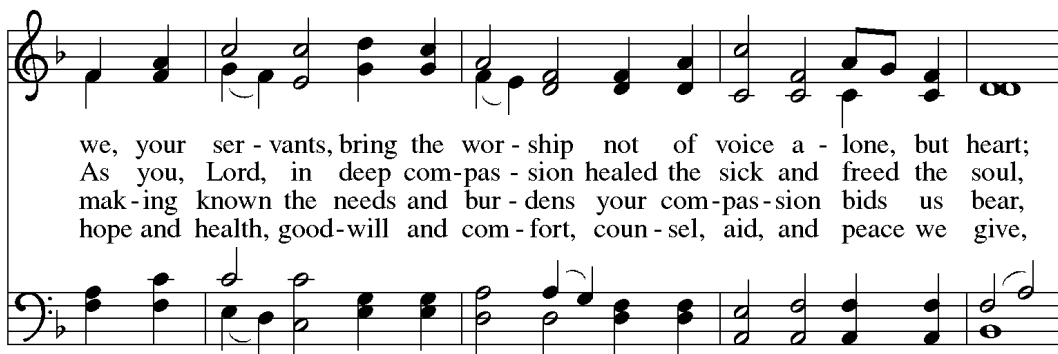
## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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

heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy  
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; let us all in  
 all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re -  
 spot - less let us be; let us see thy

hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 thee in - her - it; let us find thy prom - ised rest.  
 turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.  
 great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee!

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un -  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha -  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in

bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry 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!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887