

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | NOVEMBER 9, 2025

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude	<i>Capriccio XVIII</i> Dan Lawhon	Johann Jakob Froberger
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Welcome		Erica Cooper
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Choral Introit	<i>Alleluia! Laud and Blessing</i>	VEISSE FLAGGEN
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Processional Hymn No. 81	<i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i> Hymn sheet on page 3	AUSTRIAN HYMN
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Call to Worship		Rosi Cooper
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One: God calls us to seek good, pursue justice, and extend mercy.

All: Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream!

One: Even in trial, the early churches gave generously, serving from their hearts.

All: We are called to give not out of abundance, but out of love.

One: Come, people of God – bring your whole selves in worship and service.

All: We worship the God of justice – let our generosity be an act of faithful resistance!

Prayer of Invocation		Eric Clark
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Hymn No. 749	<i>Come! Live in the Light!</i> Hymn sheet on page 4	WE ARE CALLED
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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Sermon on the Steps		Katie Goodwin
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Hymn No. 757	<i>Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples</i> Hymn sheet on page 5	KINGSFOLD
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Epistle Reading		Cindy Ponder
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Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:3-6

Reading from the Hebrew Bible: Amos 5:14-15; 21-24

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Call to Prayer	<i>Lord, Speak for Me, for I am Yours</i>	PERRY
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Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer		David Goodwin
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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 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.

Anthem	<i>Praise the Lord</i> Covenant Choir	G. F. Handel
<i>Praise the Lord, let songs of joy break forth, Let songs of joy break forth, Sing alleluia. Praise God's name forevermore.</i>	<i>Shout, sing and dance; Come dance and celebrate. Rejoice, let all within us praise God's name. Shout, sing, let songs of joy break forth,</i>	<i>Let songs of joy break forth. Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth, Sing alleluia. Praise God's name forevermore</i>

Sermon	<i>Justice and Service: Aligning Our Hearts and Hands</i>	Erica Cooper
Embodying the Vision		Fred Ashe

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Invitation to Christian Commitment		Erica Cooper
Hymn of Response No. 761	<i>Called as Partners in Christ's Service</i> Hymn sheet on page 6	BEECHER
Words of Dedication		Rosi Cooper
Reception of the Offering		Ushers
Giving sacrificially of our money is one tangible expression of a wholehearted self-giving stewardship of all of life. Monetary offerings may be given online at baptistchurchofthecovenant.org/giving .		

Offertory	<i>Capriccio V</i> Dan Lawhon	Johann Jakob Froberger
Offertory Response	<i>Doxology</i>	OLD 100TH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all people here below;	Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.	

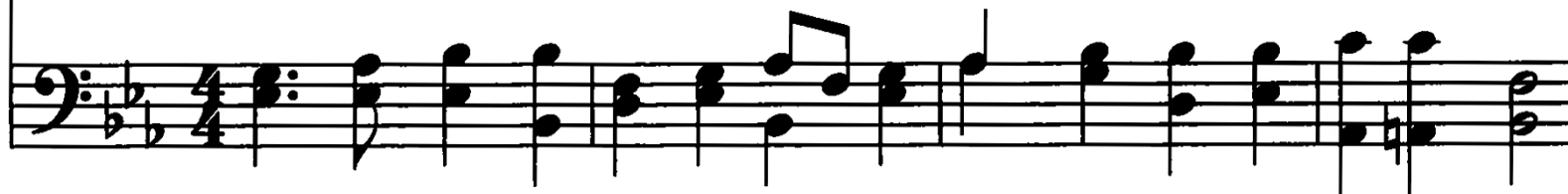
Life of the Church		Eric Clark
Benediction		Erica Cooper
Postlude	<i>Toccata XXV</i> Dan Lawhon	Johann Jakob Froberger

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81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



- 1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

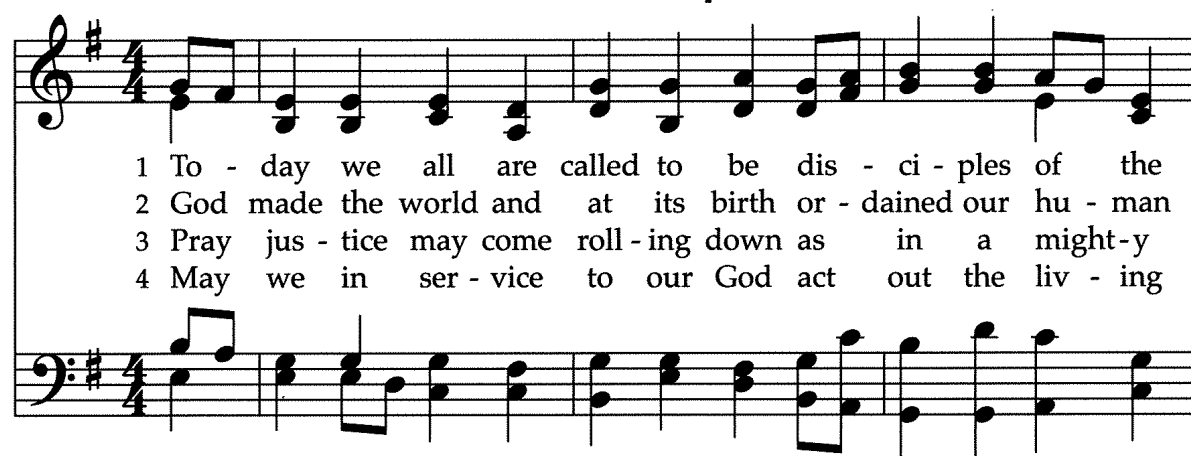


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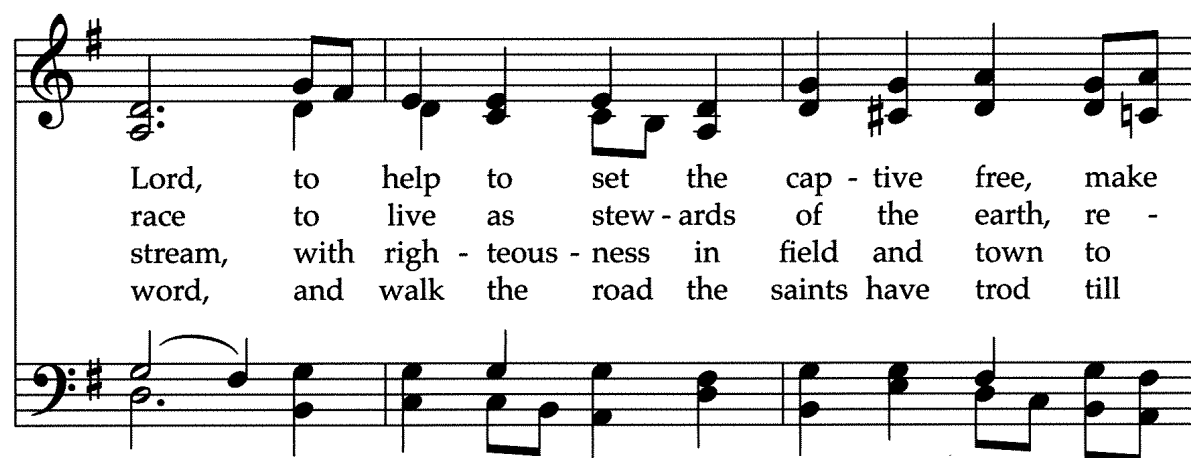


oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

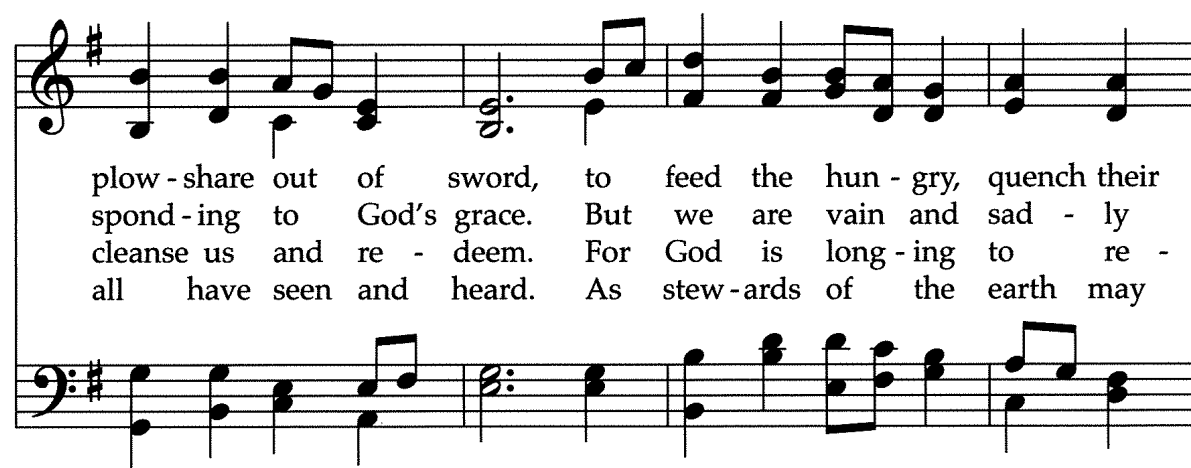
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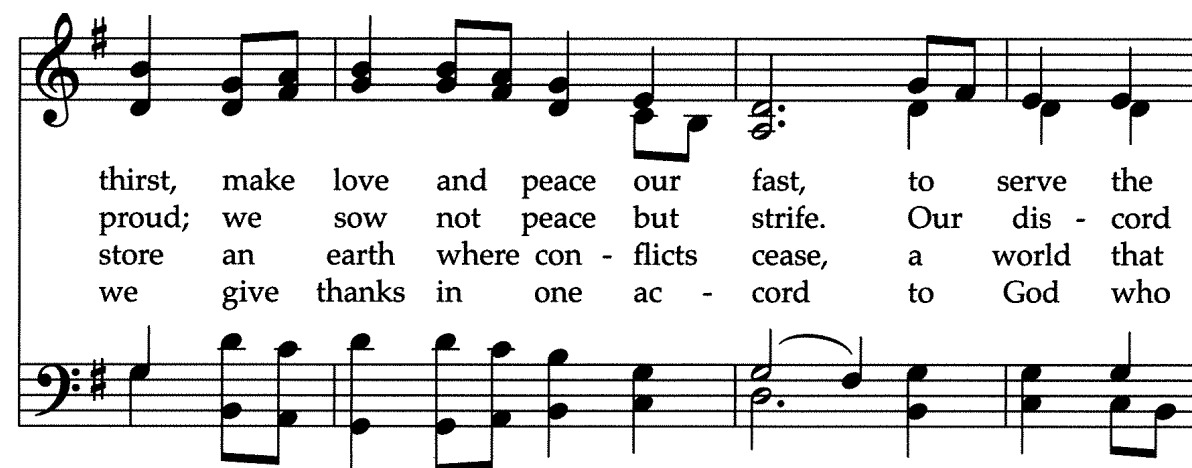
1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



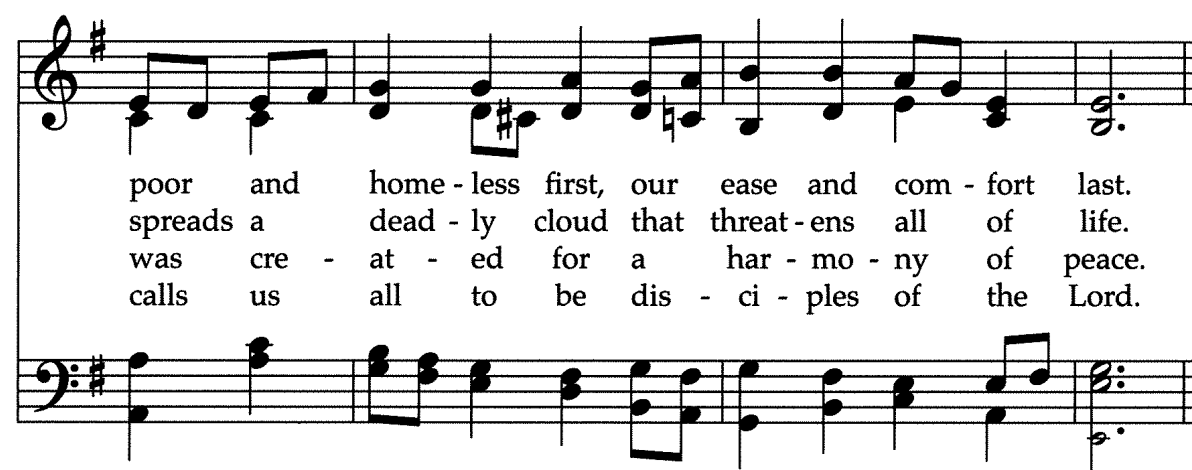
Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.





Cover photograph taken during our Ministry Fair in March of this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EAT, LEARN, ACT November 10 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Let's come together in the Fellowship Hall tomorrow evening as Alabama Arise informs us about how HR1 will impact health and hunger for thousands of Alabamians who are already struggling to make ends meet.

We will eat potluck-style, so if you are able to bring a dish to share please do so. If you are not able to bring a dish, please come, eat, learn, and be with us anyway! You have a place at the table. Childcare will not be provided, but we will have activities for children to do at the tables.

Alabama Arise will host an online, statewide ZOOM session to share with us the latest updates on HR1 and how Alabamians will be impacted.

If you can't join us in-person but would still like to join the Zoom session, register at the link in Crossroads.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP November 12

On Wednesday nights during November, we will be exploring different spiritual practices. Some of these practices will be contemplative and reflective. Other practices will be hands-on and interactive.

Our mid-week fellowship meal is in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. You can make a reservation online. Reservations must be in by Monday at noon.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK Sunday, November 23 at 11:30 am

Please make plans to join your friends and family at BCOC's Thanksgiving potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall right after Sunday School. Ham and drinks will be provided. We need you to bring your favorite side dishes and desserts. We can keep things warm in the kitchen, but cannot bake or cook anything at the church.