



August 2, 2026

~ Tenth Sunday after Pentecost ~

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Prayer"

– by Willard Zirk

THE BELL

RECALLING WHY WE ARE HERE

One: Come, people of God, with grateful hearts.

**All: We come to praise God with joy.**

One: Come to hear Christ's Word of hope.

**All: We come with lives ready to serve.**

One: Come that we may follow the Spirit from this place with courage.

**All: Let us worship God!**

SONG

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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LITANY TO BLESS THE CHANCEL

One: Let us dedicate this chancel to the worship of God and the service of Christ.

**All: May all who enter here know they are welcome.**

One: This table is now round so the circle of Christ's welcome can keep expanding.

**All: There is room for everyone here.**

One: We now have chairs instead of boxes so there's room for more singers to join in.

**All: May new voices always be joining God's song.**

One: This lectern can now move because the Spirit is never confined to one place.

**All: Let the Word be set free.**

One: This floor is now uncovered so that music and prayer feel alive.

**All: May our songs, our prayers, and our lives resound with joy.**

One: This chancel is now more accessible so that preaching, prayer, music, and worship may be led by all of God's people.

**All: May every gift find room to flourish here.**

One: Today we dedicate not only this space,

**All: but ourselves to Christ's ministry of welcome, hope, and love.**

One: God bless this historic place of worship for new opportunities to praise.

**All: Amen**

PASTORAL PRAYER OF BLESSING

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
God, born of the Spir - it, lost in Christ's love.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: "Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of the Spir - it, lost in Christ's love." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and some rests.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long;  
This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

The musical score for the refrain is written for a four-part choir in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The lyrics are: "This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long." The melody is more rhythmic than the main body of the song, featuring many eighth and sixteenth notes.

Text by Fanny Crosby | Tune "ASSURANCE" by Phoebe Palmer Knapp

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| THE READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE | Isaiah 1:11-13, 16-17                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <a href="#">(click here to follow along)</a> |
| *THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL          | Matthew 15:1-2, 10-11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <a href="#">(click here to follow along)</a> |
| SERMON                                | “Refuse to Be Dismissed”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                              |
| SONG                                  | “She Came to Jesus”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <a href="#">page 5</a>                       |
| COMMUNITY LIFE                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |
| FAITH IN ACTION                       | Feeding Mission Hills                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                              |
| OFFERING                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |
| OFFERTORY/COMMUNION INTRO             | “I Come with Joy”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <a href="#">page 5</a>                       |
| THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |
| DISTRIBUTION MUSIC                    | “All Belong Here” & “The Table”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |
| *BENEDICTION                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |
| *AFFIRMATION                          | <p>“Send Us Out”</p> <p><i>Send us out to proclaim the reign of your kingdom.</i></p> <p><i>Send us out to proclaim and to heal,</i></p> <p><i>Send us out with your power and your authority.</i></p> <p><i>To overcome, and to heal the world.</i></p> <p>by John Michael Talbot   © 1984 Birdwing Music/Cherry Lane Music Publishing Co, Inc.,<br/>Admin by EMI Christian Music Publishing   CCLI License # 11305197</p> |                                              |
| POSTLUDE                              | "March" (from <i>Ezio</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | - George Frideric Handel                     |

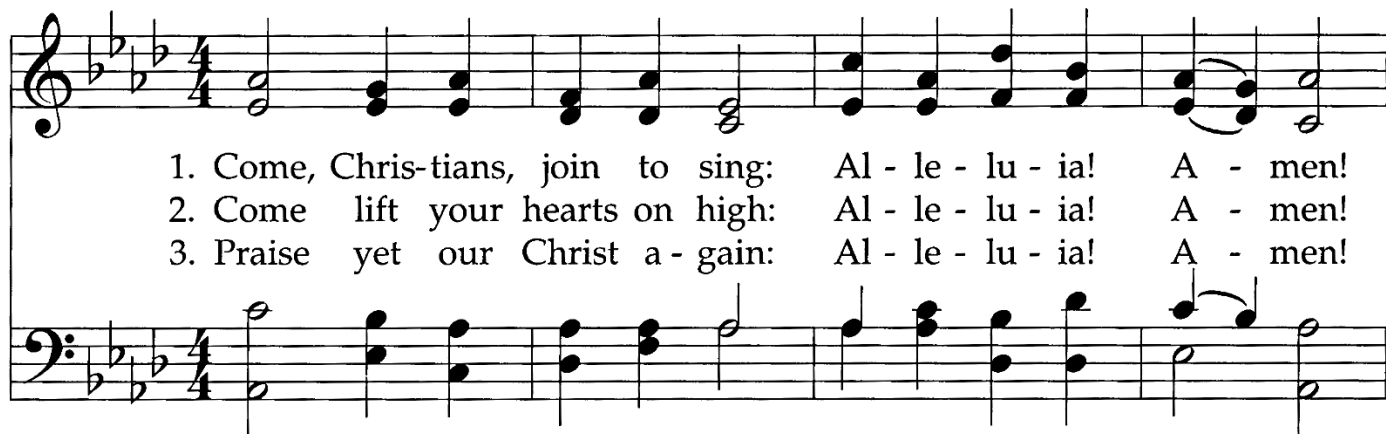
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***The flowers** in the chancel are given to the glory of God and  
in celebration of our newly renovated chancel by the James Family.*

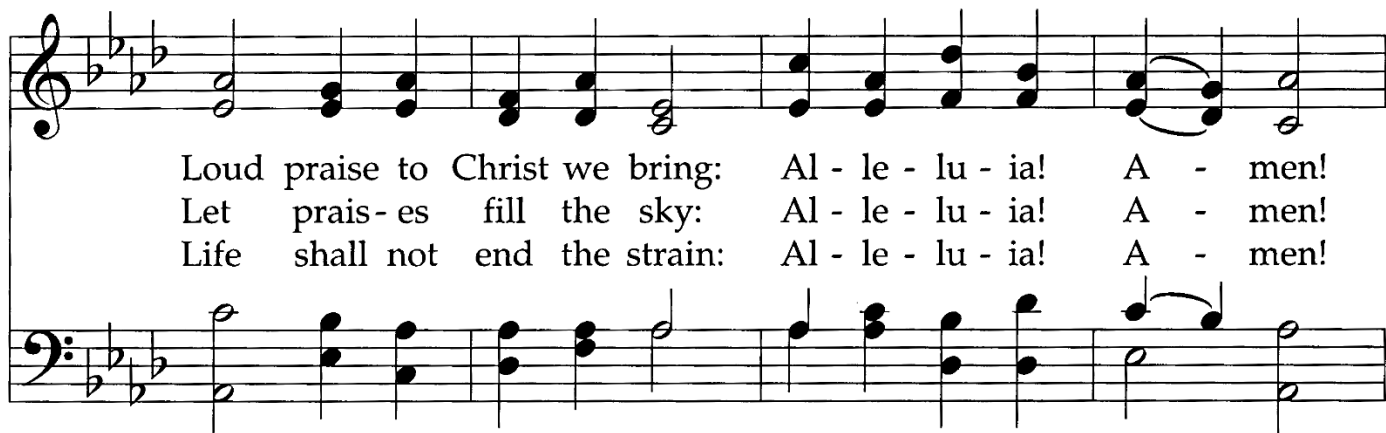
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|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Pastor</i>                                  | Rev. Dr. David Bahr            |
| <i>Minister for Congregational Care</i>        | Rev. Courtney Mys              |
| <i>Liturgist</i>                               | Julie James                    |
| <i>Director of Worship and Music</i>           | Angelica Eclar                 |
| <i>Associate Director of Music</i>             | Kris Abels                     |
| <i>Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator</i> | Zoe Merrick                    |
| <i>Director of Ministry with Youth</i>         | Ali Tonnesen                   |
| <i>Director of Marketing</i>                   | Trevor Norkowski               |
| <i>Young Adult Ministry Coordinator</i>        | Jen Fuentecilla                |
| <i>Worship Technologies Coordinator</i>        | Saige Afalava                  |
| <i>Worship Technical Assistant</i>             | Devin Buss                     |
| <i>Songleader</i>                              | Ronnie Williams                |
| <i>Flugelhorn</i>                              | Eric Bernhard                  |
| <i>Administrative Assistant</i>                | Elizabeth Quiñones             |
| <i>Sexton</i>                                  | Gloria Schacht                 |
| <i>Nursery Attendants</i>                      | Gianna Ruiz & Amelia Norkowski |
| <i>ASL Interpreter</i>                         | Melissa Smith                  |

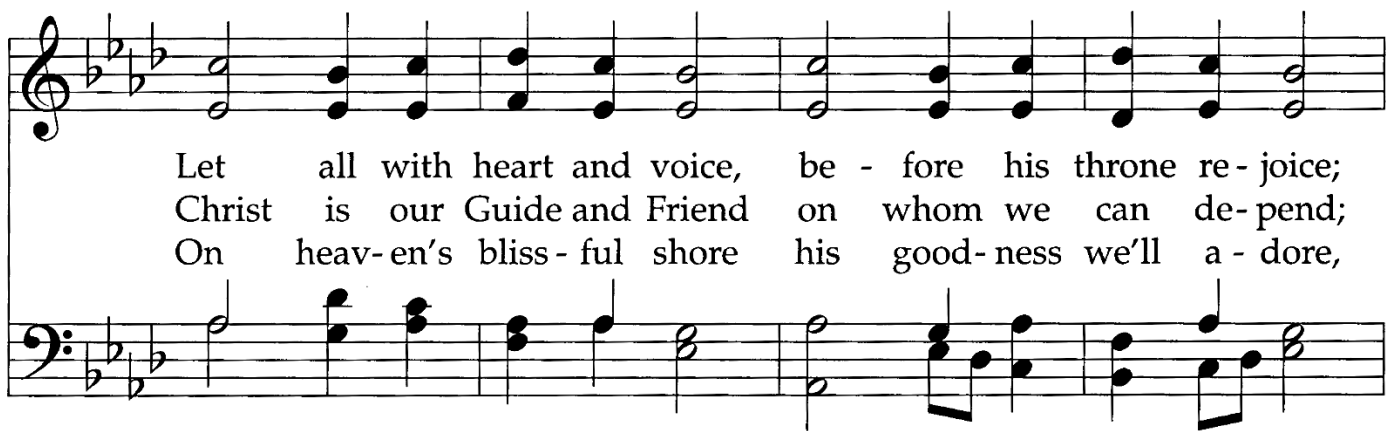
## "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"



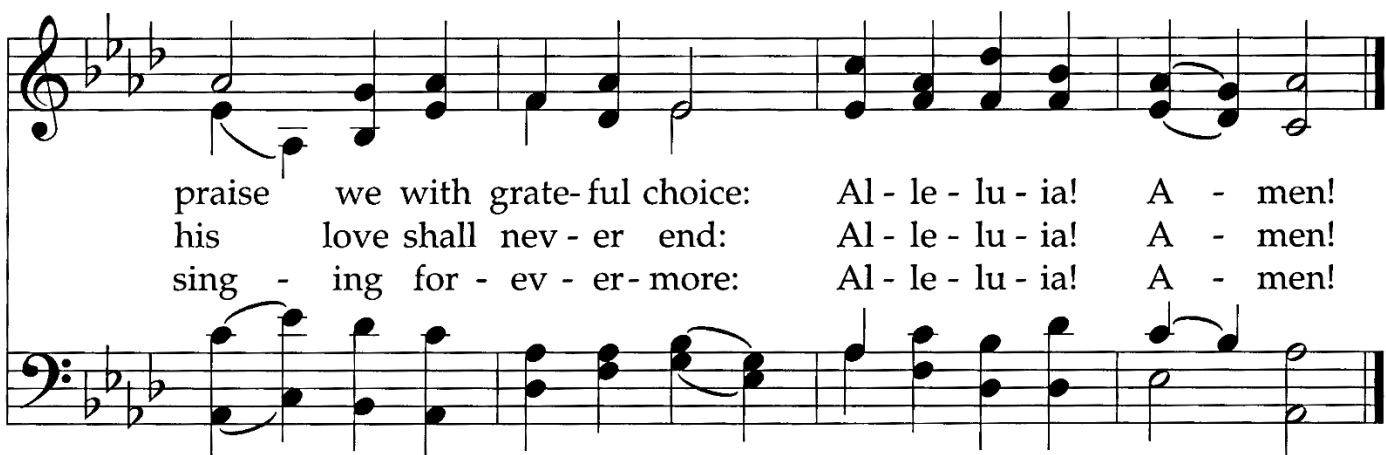
1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
2. Come lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ we bring: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Let prais-es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re-joice;  
Christ is our Guide and Friend on whom we can de-pend;  
On heav-en's bliss-ful shore his good-ness we'll a-dore,



praise we with grate-ful choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

## "She Came to Jesus"



She came to Je - sus from out - side the fold —  
 Claim - ing a bless - ing, a touch of God's grace,  
 God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.

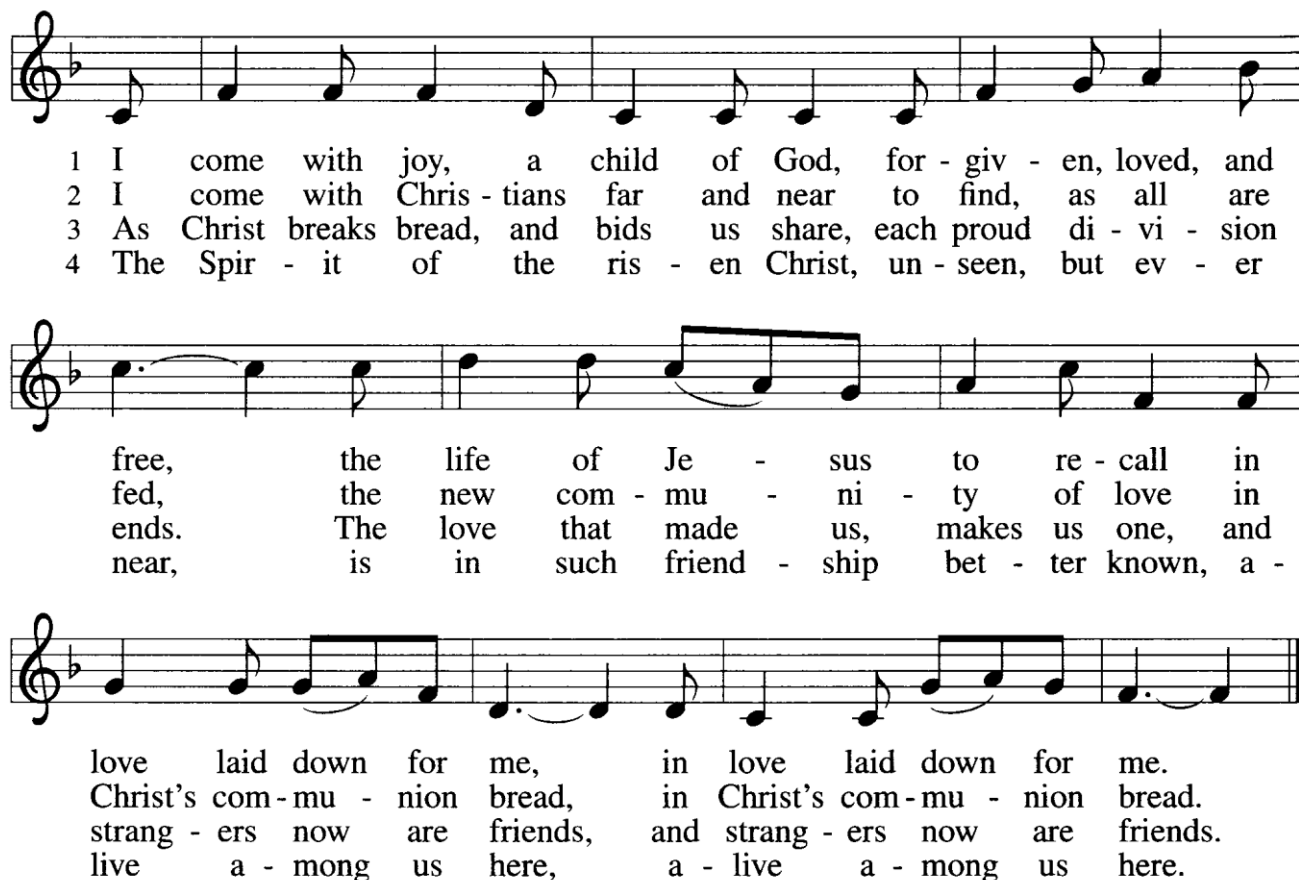
Ca - naa - nite wo - man! Per - sis - tent and bold!  
 She knew God's love was not bound - ed by place.  
 You wel - come dream - ers who faith - ful - ly dare.

Look - ing to Je - sus, she want - ed to see  
 Je - sus, you list - ened, de - bat - ed — then healed —  
 In Christ, now ris - en, your mer - cy ex - tends:

One who would help her and set her child free.  
 For in her ask - ing her faith was re - vealed.  
 Those on the out - side are wel - comed as friends.

Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette | Tune "SLANE" Traditional Irish melody | Text © 2002 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

## "I Come with Joy"



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.

Text by Brian A. Wren | Tune "DOVE OF PEACE" from Southern Harmony, 1835; arr by Austin Lovelace  
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### Mission Hills UCC - Upcoming Events

|                  |                                                                    |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>August</b>    | <b>Mission Partner: Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution</b>    |
| Tuesday, 8/4     | Lunch with the Pastor, noon, in the Commons                        |
| Friday, 8/7      | Knitting 2 Give, 10 am - 12 pm, Commons                            |
| Sunday, 8/9      | Blessing of the Backpacks                                          |
| Tuesday, 8/18    | Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, volunteers needed 9-11 am |
| Thursday, 8/20   | Knitting 2 Give, 2 pm - 4 pm, Commons                              |
|                  | Mission Hills Young Musicians begins                               |
|                  |                                                                    |
| <b>September</b> | <b>Mission Partner: Jewish Family Service of San Diego</b>         |
| Tuesday, 9/1     | Lunch with the Pastor, noon, in the Commons                        |
| Wednesday, 9/2   | Wednesday Senior Lunch and Activity Program resumes, 10:30 am      |
| Friday, 9/4      | Knitting 2 Give, 10 am - 12 pm, Commons                            |
| Saturday, 9/12   | Second Saturday Speaker Series: Don't Let Scammers Win, 10 am      |
|                  | Chancel Choir Fall Workshop, 1-5 pm, Sanctuary                     |
|                  | Homecoming Dance                                                   |
| Sunday, 9/13     | Homecoming Sunday                                                  |
| Tuesday, 9/15    | Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, volunteers needed 9-11 am |
| Thursday, 9/17   | Knitting 2 Give, 2 pm - 4 pm, Commons                              |
| Monday, 9/21     | Sound Healing with Melissa Nolan, 6-8 pm, Fellowship Hall          |
| Saturday, 9/26   | Council & Conveners Retreat, 8 am - 1 pm, Commons                  |
|                  |                                                                    |
| <b>October</b>   | <b>Mission Partner: Neighbors in Need</b>                          |
| Friday, 10/2     | Knitting 2 Give, 10 am - 12 pm, Commons                            |
| Saturday, 10/3   | Blessing of the Animals, 10 am, Parking Lot                        |
| Sunday, 10/4     | World Communion Sunday                                             |
| Tuesday, 10/6    | Lunch with the Pastor, noon, in the Commons                        |
| Saturday, 10/10  | Second Saturday Speaker Series                                     |
| Sunday, 10/11    | Indigenous Peoples' Day                                            |
| Thursday, 10/15  | Knitting 2 Give, 2-4 pm, Commons                                   |
| Tuesday, 10/20   | Feeding Mission Hills Food Distribution, volunteers needed 9-11 am |
| Saturday, 10/24  | Hymns and Beer, 6:30 - 8 pm, Fellowship Hall                       |

For all MHUCC events, visit our online calendar: <https://missionhillsucc.org/calendar>