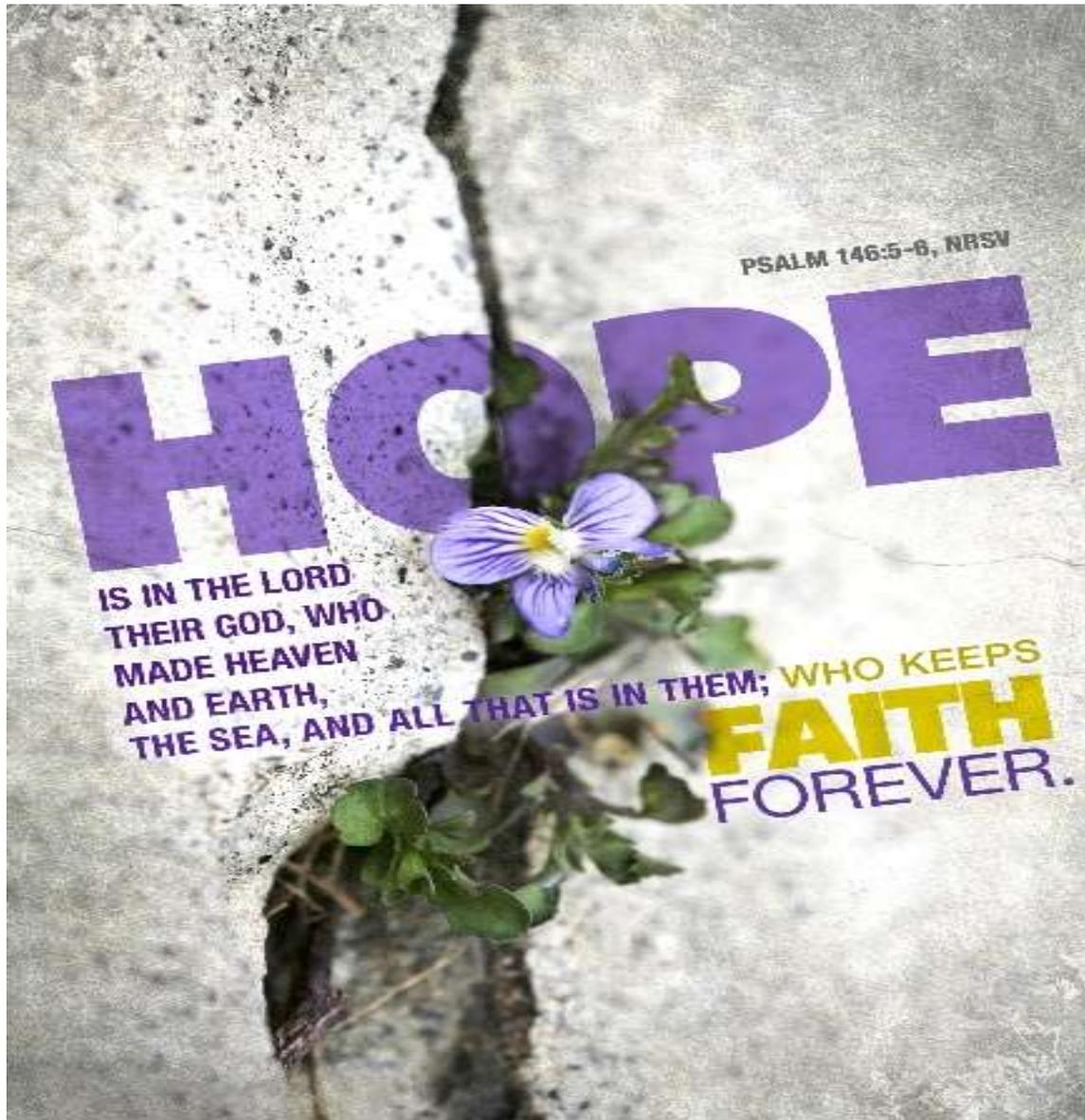


SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022, 9:30 am



HAVEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

1035 Haven Road Hagerstown, MD 21742 (301) 733-5056

Worship with Communion: Sunday 9:30 a.m. (in-person & Haven's Facebook 'Live')
(<https://www.facebook.com/Haven-Lutheran-Church-134647913268366>)

Ministers: All God's People at Haven Pastor: Linda M. Alessandri

A warm welcome to each of you as we gather for worship today and a special welcome to our guests. As we offer God our praise, may you be richly blessed by God's gracious Word, Meal and community.

COME LET US WORSHIP
FIRST AND FOREMOST --- WELCOME!
HAVEN IS WORKING TO PROTECT EVERYONE'S HEALTH

Here are some precautions we ask you to honor:

- The air in Haven's sanctuary is circulated 24/7 through ionizing filtering system.
- We are following the latest CDC guidelines, masks are optional and left to your discretion.
- If you are feeling poorly or have a temperature, please join worship on-line. Call the church to be added to the prayer list or speak with the pastor.
- Hand sanitizing stations and masks are available at both entrances. There are also hand sanitizers in each pew. Please sanitize frequently.
- There are chairs for those who wish to social distance in the back of the church.
- Passing of the peace will be from your seat (wave, bow or fist bump).
- Communion will be distributed around the altar rail. Please follow the directions of your ushers to come forward. Communion can be brought to you if you prefer not to come forward.

Pass on the word that Haven is a good place to worship, with safeguards in place to combat COVID during these challenging times.

"I was glad when you said, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Psalm 122:1

GATHERING

GATHERING "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (vs. 4 cont. p. 3) #834



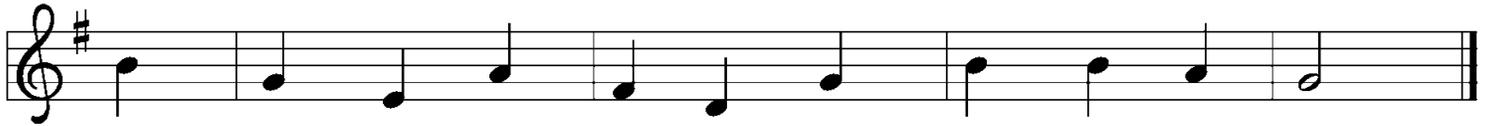
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A: Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

C: **Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

(after the announcements)

A: From the rising of the sun to its going down

C: **let the name of the LORD be praised.** *(Ps. 113: 1-3)*

PRELUDE

“Andantino poco allegretto”

Cesar Franck

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: **Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: **we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**

We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength on the journey,

through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✠ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God’s abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *(Please stand as you are able.)*

“Gather Us In”

(p. 4) #532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*please be seated*) "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" #860

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

PSALM 146

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When their breath departs, they return to the earth;**
on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;**
who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ **The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

Praise the LORD!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING (*please stand as you are able*) Luke 16:19-31

L: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(*after the reading*)

L: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Pastor Linda M. Alessandri

HYMN OF THE DAY (*Please stand as you are able.*) "Christ, Be Our Light" #715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

THE PRAYERS Each prayer ends: “God of grace,” C: “**hear our prayer.**”

*When the petition is read that includes those listed in our prayer list, the congregation is invited to join in that prayer by reading aloud the names below. Read only the **bold** portion of the names, going down the columns. (*Friends & Family of Haven Members)*

... Protect those sent into harm’s way for the sake of peace especially **Gavin** Anderson, **Ben** Asbury, **Amanda** Bertucci, **Richard** Collins, **Cole** Conrad, **Nick** Graham, **Michael** McKenzie III, **Travis** Thompson, **Hunter** Wiles.

Carol Shull

***Gary** Friese

***Shives Family**

Harold Rice

***John** Morgan

***Albert Family**

***Edward** Staley

***Rod & Patty** Bonebrake

***Josenhans Family**

***Helen** VanderHamm

***John** Crafton

***Jayne** Layman

***Courtney** Belmont

***Tommy** Davis

***William** Burkley

***Caitlyn** Battoe

***Paul** Pizzini

***Sue J.**

***Seth** Battoe

Jim Hassinger

***Garry** Shoemaker

***Finn** Battoe

***Janice** Lowry Hamilton

***Marge** Young

***Diana** Grimes

and family

***Robert** Young

***Brandi** Allsop

***Jay** Morgan

***Carson Family**

***Debora** Daniels

***Vicky** McKusker

***Joan** Deffenbaugh

***Amanda** Cunningham

Bob Snyder

***Carol** Trovinger

Larry & Sharon Hartsock

***Matthew** Brumback

***Marlene** Jackson

***Ed** Davis

Jessica Kline

***Maxine** Kotler

***Teresa** Hoover

***Weaver & Knode**

***Nora**

***Linda** Hollar

Family

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

P: We safely share a sign of God’s peace with one another.

(Extend God’s peace to others from your seat for now. A wave, bow or fist bump is the safest. Include a wave to those participating at home. There is hand sanitizer in the pews.)

THE MEAL

THE OFFERTORY

“For the Least”

Wayne Wold

THE OFFERING

P: It’s Offering time!

C: **Praise God!**

(Offering plates are placed at entrances with the bulletins. Thank you for your faithful generosity. May God bless what we give and use it to bring wholeness, healing and hope to God's world. Amen.)

OFFERING HYMN

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

(vs. 1) #689



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

C: **Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

DIALOGUE AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
 but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets

to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ invites you to his table where all are welcome.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

For those communing in their homes: Please have your communion set(s) ready, removing the protective film on the host and grape juice. Pastor will then say, "Body of Christ, given for you." Please consume the host. Pastor will say, "Blood of Christ, shed for you." Please drink the grape juice. As your brothers and sisters in Christ in the church receive communion, please pray for them and/or sing the communion songs on their behalf.

For those communing in the church: Please come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive our Lord's gift. Holy Communion will be offered in bread and wine. If preferred, let pastor know if you want a gluten-free host. Grape juice is also available in the center of the communion tray offered by the assisting minister. At the parent's discretion, children may receive a blessing or communion. Parents please let pastor know your preference for your children.

For those communing in the church at the altar rail: You may choose to stand or kneel. Masks are optional. The usher will invite your row to go to the rail using one aisle. Please place your used communion cup in the basket offered by the acolyte. Use the aisle on the other side of your section to return to your seat.

For those communing at their place: Pastor and the assisting minister will come to you. If an usher does not come to stand beside you so the pastor knows to come, please raise your hand as pastor looks around the sanctuary for any who still are to receive the sacrament.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION "Lamb of God"

(p. 11) p. 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

#712



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.

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

#479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



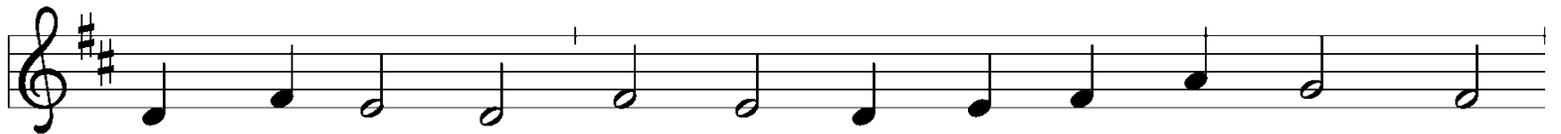
not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

(cont. p. 13) #488



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and
 3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -
 4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
 glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;
 pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less
 dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -
 quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed
 though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of
 joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav' n - ly,
 por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your
 heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious
 fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
 con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
 me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

TABLE BLESSING C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: God of the abundant table,
 you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.

C: **Give us your grace on the road
 that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
 for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

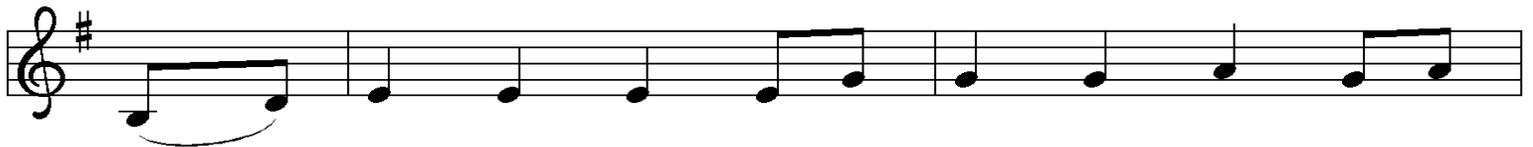
P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
 bless you with truth and peace
 and guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

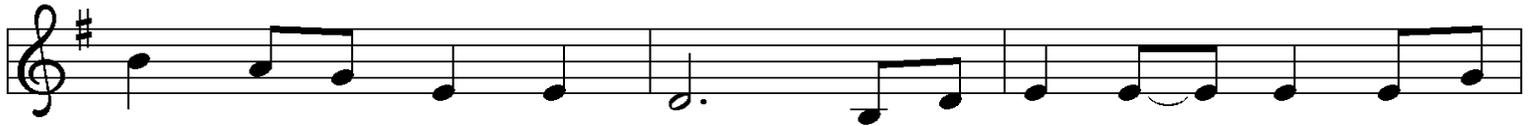
SENDING HYMN (*Please stand as you are able.*)

"Canticle of the Turning"

(p. 14-15) #723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



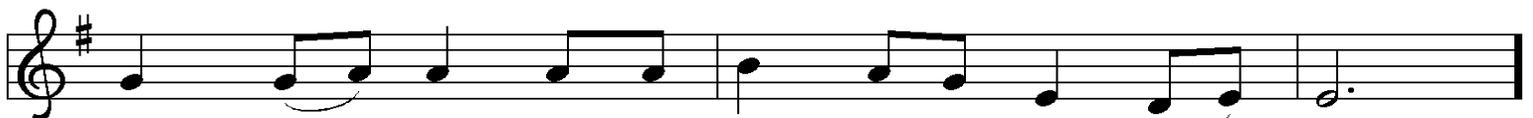
won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

POSTLUDE (*Please be seated.*) *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* setting, Johann Walther

(As we listen to the postlude, we reflect on what we have heard, learned and received from our Lord during worship and offer God our thanks and prayers.)

DISMISSAL

A: With Christ beside you, go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

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Serving God’s People this Sunday Morning: September 25, 2022

Presiding Minister	Pastor Linda Alessandri
Assisting Minister	Marge Cunningham
Lay Reader	Nancy Newkirk
Organist	Stephen Pastena
Acolyte	Ethan Rhodes
Ushers	Kathy Wright, Scott Rhodes, Georgi Kauffman
Securing the Building	Sandy Powell, June Hess

We also Remember in Prayer:

Our homebound members: *Irene Giffin, Phyllis Meyers and Dorothy Zinkand.*

Military personnel serving in harm’s way: *Gavin Anderson, Ben Asbury, Amanda Bertucci, Richard Collins, Cole Conrad, Nick Graham, Michael McKenzie III, Travis Thompson, Hunter Wiles.*

Hospital Admissions: *PLEASE call Haven’s church office (301-733-5056) or Pastor Alessandri (301-745-4216) if you or a loved one have a planned or emergency admission to the hospital. We also want to add you or your loved one to our prayer list so our congregation can lift you up in prayer.*

*Prayers for all those who mourn the loss of **Susan Kirby** (sister of Joanne Seilhamer), **Beth Johns** and **Jim Conrad**.*

*The readings for next Sunday: **October 2, 2022** – Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 37:1-9, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10*

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Presiding Minister	Pastor Linda Alessandri
Assisting Minister	Aura Neikirk
Lay Reader	Abigail Andrews
Organist	Stephen Pastena
Acolyte	Ethan Rhodes
Ushers	Will Seilhamer, Amy Mason, Jessie Li
Altar Flowers	Joan Schupp
Fellowship Host(s)	Amy Mason
Securing the Building	Will Seilhamer, Nancy Newkirk

	Year to Date Actual Ending August, 2022	Year to Date Budget	Year To Date (over/behind budget-)
	\$136,518.20	\$134,234.00	\$2284.20

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

September 28 10:00 Bible Study
7:00 Choir

September 29 Lunch for Potomac Towers

October 2 **9:00 Sunday School Orchestra**
Get here early. You don’t want to miss these talented musicians.
9:30 Worship (in-person/FB Live)
11:00 God Squad

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIRECTORY PHOTOSHOOT/RETAKES TODAY immediately following Worship. If you haven’t already signed up, please stop by and we will fit you in. Thank you!

GOD SQUAD EXPLORERS next Sunday, October 2. Come for another adventure.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DONATIONS FOR HAVEN’S BLESSING BOX are always NEEDED. If you are able when visiting the grocery store, pick up a few items for our hungry neighbors.