



October 20, 2024  
Commitment Sunday  
22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 a.m.

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Gathering those who fear they are not enough,  
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.

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## ***We Gather to Praise God***

### **PRELUDE**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

arr. Robert A. Hobby (b. 1962)

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **INTROIT**

*This is a Day of New Beginnings*

(traditional)

*Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind  
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.*

### **WELCOME**

Yena Hwang

### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP** *based on Psalm 96*

ONE: Let us sing to the Lord!

**ALL: We will sing to the Lord a new song!**

ONE: Let us sing to the Lord!

**ALL: We will sing of God's salvation while blessing God's name!**

ONE: Declare God's glory among the nations!

**ALL: We will share God's marvelous works among all the peoples!**

ONE: Let us sing to the Lord!

**ALL: We will sing to the Lord a new song!**

ONE: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

### **\* GATHERING HYMN 637**

*O Sing to the Lord*

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Lynn Wagner

ONE: Although a light has dawned on the earth in Jesus, we refuse and resist to dwell in the Light. Let us confess our shortcomings before the one who lays claim to our lives.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, in Jesus you shone your light to all who sat in darkness. We have seen the Light and felt the warmth of the Light in Jesus. Yet, we have misunderstood or even ignored what it means to follow and live in Jesus. There are too many other things that distract us from things of true importance. Forgive us for our willful ignorance. Forgive us for choosing our comfort over your call. Help us to refocus, so we can see the things you are showing us.

*Personal prayer in silence*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: Through the waters of baptism, you are claimed and cleansed.

Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.

ALL: Amen.

## \* SING GLORY TO GOD 581

Glo- ry be to the Fa- ther, and to the Son and to the  
Ho- ly Ghost; as it was in the be- gin- ning, is now, and ev- er  
shall be, world with- out end. A- men, a- men.

The musical notation is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

## \* PASSING THE PEACE

Yena Hwang

ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

*Children four years and older are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in Room 59.*

## ***We Listen for God's Word***

### **SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Today a New Beginning*

Asa Hull (1828-1917)



Once a-gain a new be - gin - ing, Yes - ter-day I've put be - hind,  
To You, Lord, I come in seek - ing, For Your Words: bring them to mind.  
Oh Lord, grant me Your rich speak - ing, Cause my spir - it filled to be,  
Lord, my heart and thoughts trans - form - ing, That my life I live by Thee.

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Yena Hwang

Isaiah 43:19

*“Look, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth—can’t you see it? I’m making a road in the desert and setting rivers to flow in the wasteland.”* (Inclusive Bible)

Mark 10:35-45

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

### **SERMON**

*What Do You Want?*

Yena Hwang

## ***We Respond to God's Word***

### **\* SERMON HYMN 644**

*Give Thanks, O Christian People*

### **\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Yena Hwang

*from Traveling to Easter with Jesus as our Guide, Patmos Abbey*

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.**

**We believe that Christ is the divine child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child. We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and discipline are also loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us. This is our faith, and we are humbled to profess it in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

## **JOURNEYING TOGETHER FAITHFULLY STORY**

Suzanne Martin

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lynn Wagner

ONE: Lord in your mercy,

**ALL: Hear our prayer.**

*The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder who is currently serving or has previously served on Session. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors Yena and Megan at [prayers@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:prayers@fallschurchpresby.org).*

*Prayers of Joy*

Congratulations to David Wilson on the birth of his grandson, Charles Alexander Love, on Oct. 14

*Please keep in your prayers ...*

Chuck Hobbie and family on the death of Young Hobbie on Oct. 5

The family and friends of Martha Reese, who died Sept. 28

Theresa Brown, Allan Capon, Ruth Mileham, Ken Waugh, with continuing health concerns

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Lynn Wagner

**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.**

## **OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

Yena Hwang

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Will Packard

You are invited to bring your 2025 Estimate of Giving card forward during today's offering and place it in the basket. If your Estimate of Giving was made online, you are welcome to touch the basket as a symbol of your commitment.

*Please support the mission and ministry of the church with your financial contributions. Offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, given online through our secure giving portal ([fpc.breezechms.com/give/online](http://fpc.breezechms.com/give/online)), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.*



## OFFERTORY

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch; like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*The Lord hath promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.*

## \* DOXOLOGY 607

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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. A - men.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551  
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

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## \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Yena Hwang

***We Are Sent into the World***

## \* SENDING HYMN 772

*Live into Hope*

**\* CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Yena Hwang

**\* CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Amen in A*

Timothy Shaw (b. 1976)

**POSTLUDE**

*Celebration*

Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

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### ***Supporting Us in Worship***

Worship Leader	Lynn Wagner
Ushers	Carol Cole, Marsha Schuyler
Audio/Video	Diane Maloney
Closing Sexton	Lynn Wagner
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Tom Bruce and family in loving memory of Russell Bruce, Tom's father, on his September 27 birthday.

### ***A Warm Welcome***

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red welcome pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor. If you need to step out of worship, the service is being broadcast into the parlor, just across the hall from the narthex at the back of the sanctuary.

Large-print bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances. Portable electronic assistive listening devices are available in the narthex.

A recording of today's service can be found at [www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon](http://www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon).

If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please talk to one of the pastors as you exit the sanctuary. More information can be found on our website.

### ***Children in Worship***

Children are always welcome in our services. Children's bulletins and coloring sheets are available for children of all ages at each entrance. **The Kids' Corner** in the front right of the Sanctuary is a space where children and their grownups can play, read, color, and participate in worship. **Children up to age 4:** BibleFun with Mr. Tom begins at 10:00 a.m. in Room 206. Paid nursery staff provide support to our youngest disciples. **Children aged 4 and up:** Godly Play is offered in Room 59 following the Passing of the Peace.

### ***Share the Feast Potluck is Today***

Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship for a Share the Feast potluck. All are welcome, whether you brought a dish to share or not. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

***Did You Know?***  
***From the Finance Team***

Did you know that FCPC's new financial administrator is also an accomplished musician (pianist, vocalist, and director), an ordained Baptist minister, and was named after Martin Luther King Jr's eldest daughter? Yolanda Darden joined FCPC September 10 as our newest staff member. Her office hours are somewhat flexible for now, but reliably include Tuesdays from noon to 5 p.m. Yolanda graduated from George Mason University with a degree in accounting and has more than 30 years of accounting experience. She and her husband, John, who is a drummer and shares her passion for ministry and music, have three young adult children. Please give Yolanda a warm welcome when you see her or reach out to her at [ydarden@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:ydarden@fallschurchpresby.org).

***Announcements***

**Commitment Sunday & Share the Feast Potluck, today, Oct. 20.** The Generosity Team thanks you for providing your 2025 Estimate of Giving during today's Offering. Please join us in Fellowship Hall following worship for a Share the Feast potluck celebration.

**Budget Q&A, Oct. 20 (9:00 a.m.) and Nov. 10 (11:30 a.m.).** The Finance Team will be hosting a Q&A in the parlor to answer questions on the 2025 budget. Please join FCPC Treasurer Will Packard and other Finance Team members on Oct. 20 or Nov. 10.

**Trunk or Treat, Saturday, Oct. 26.** Join us from 2-4 p.m. for this fun community-wide event! We need a few more folks to decorate their trunks and set up in the front parking lot (next to Broad Street) to hand out candy to trick-or-treaters. Email [dmaloney@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:dmaloney@fallschurchpresby.org) if you can help.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) relief for hurricane victims.** FCPC has sent \$1,000 to PDA following the recent hurricanes. FCPC keeps a balance of \$1,000 in our Disaster Relief Holding Fund which allows Mercy Ministry to immediately send funds to PDA following a natural disaster. If you would like to help replenish the fund, you can write a check marked "Disaster Relief Fund" or visit our Online Giving page and look for "Disaster Relief Fund."

**Crooked Steeple Literary Festival, Nov. 9.** The Crooked Steeple Literary Festival is proud to bring New York Times best-selling author Meredith Hall to read and talk about her book, *Beneficence*. The novel tells the story of how a family finds its way back to goodness and peace after a sudden and terrible loss. Richard Russo wrote, "If the word 'luminous' didn't already exist, you would have to invent it to describe Meredith Hall's radiant new novel. Join us Nov. 9 at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall."

## **Church Calendar**

**Sunday, October 20** – Commitment Sunday & Share the Feast Potluck

Budget Q&A, 9:00 a.m., Parlor

Matthew 25 Book Group, 9:00 a.m., Room 303

Bible Fun, 10:00 a.m., Room 206

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Share the Feast Potluck, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

FCPC vs. Providence Presbyterian Youth Kickball, 4:00 p.m., Roundtree Park

**Monday, October 21** – *No scheduled events*

**Tuesday, October 22**

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 9:00 a.m., Zoom

**Wednesday, October 23** – *No scheduled events*

**Thursday, October 24**

Chancel Choir, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

**Friday, October 25** – *No scheduled events*

**Saturday, October 26**

Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

Trunk or Treat, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Front Parking Lot

**Sunday, October 27**

Drop & Dash Sunday

Matthew 25 Book Group, 9:00 a.m., Room 303

Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room

Bible Fun, 10:00 a.m., Room 206

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Mary Salpini Retirement Celebration, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Congregational Nominating Committee, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room

Youth Pumpkin Party, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

*Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, “working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.”*

*Falls Church Presbyterian is also a Matthew 25 church seeking to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.*

The Rev. Yena Hwang, Pastor

The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor

Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement

Dr. Don Armstrong, Director of Music

Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist



## 637

## O Sing to the Lord

*Cantai ao Senhor*

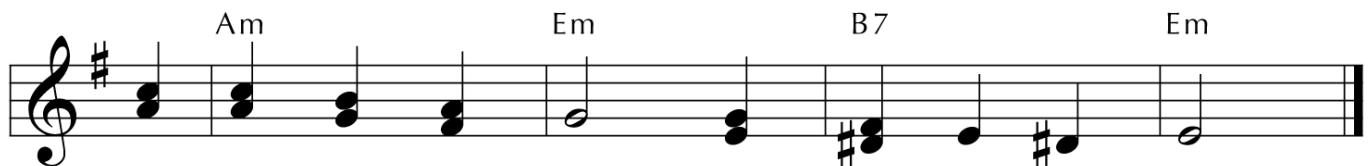
1 O sing to the Lord; O sing God a  
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done  
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the  
 4 O shout to our God, who gave us the  
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le -



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 trum - pets. So dance for our God and blow all the  
 Spir - it. O shout to our God, who gave us the  
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 Spir - it. O shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.  
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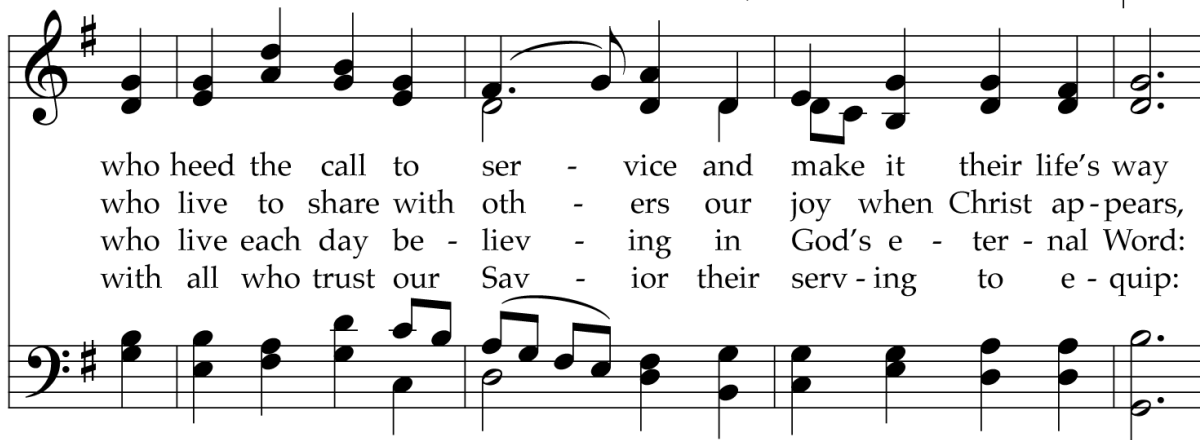
O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

A Lutheran missionary musician heard this song at a pastors' conference in southern Brazil in 1982, then went home to Argentina (where he was then serving) and translated it from Portuguese into Spanish. Later, when back in the U.S.A. on furlough, he translated it into English.

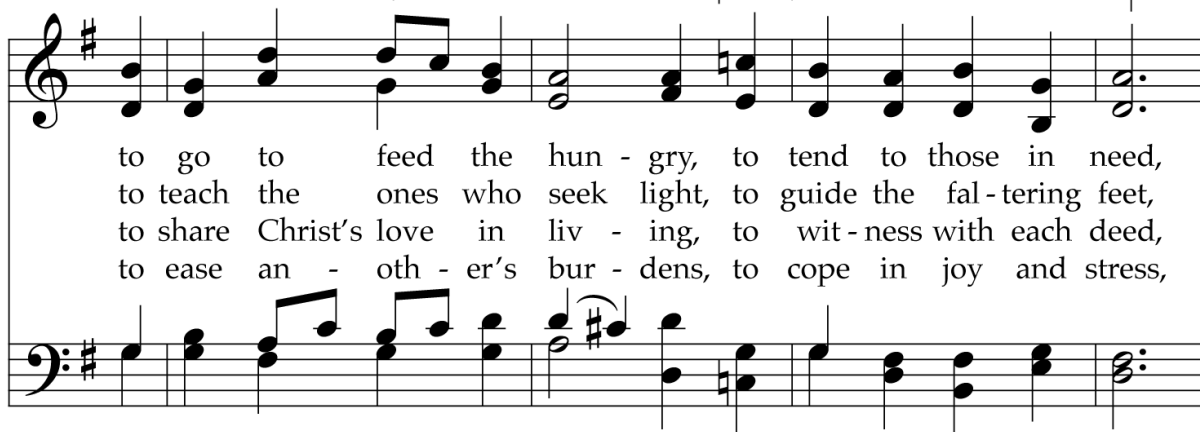
# Give Thanks, O Christian People 644



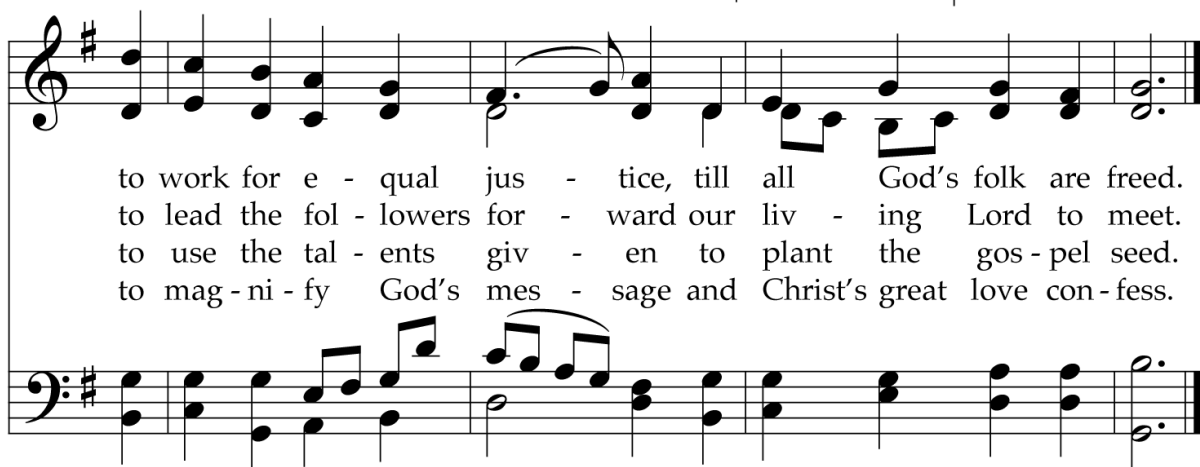
1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day  
2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years  
3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,  
4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship



who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way  
who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap-pears,  
who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:  
with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:



to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,  
to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal-tering feet,  
to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit-ness with each deed,  
to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,



to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.  
to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.  
to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed.  
to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.

## Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.