



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

November 10, 2024



Red, White, and Blue Cross, Pattie Calfy

The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Samuel Gatua Muiruri

PRELUDE

"A Quiet Blessing" by Vivian Vevenger

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Judy Binkley

We come to worship this morning from different places.

O God, do not be far from us.

We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

O God, do not be far from us.

We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

O God, do not be far from us.

We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

O God, do not be far from us.

"Deny yourselves."

O God, do not be far from us.

"Take up your cross."

O God, do not be far from us.

"Follow me."

O God, we thank you for drawing near to us in this place, in our lives.

*HYMN # 409

"God Is Here!"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Judy Binkley

Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow him. These words challenge us, and we know our own fears and hesitations. Yet God's grace meets us here, offering strength and hope. With humble hearts, let us confess our need for God's mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Judy Binkley

**O God, we confess that we often turn away
from the call to take up our cross.**

**We prefer comfort over sacrifice,
safety over risk, and our own desires
over the needs of others.**

**Forgive us for the times we have chosen
the easy path rather than the one that follows Jesus.
Forgive our reluctance to bear the burdens of faith,
our hesitation to stand for what is right,
and our failure to love sacrificially.**

**Grant us your grace and strengthen our resolve.
Help us to carry our cross with courage and trust,
following Jesus in all that we do.**

Amen.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Samuel Gatua Muiruri

Friends, hear the good news: God's love never fails,
and God's mercy is new every morning.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI # 581**

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, Amen.*

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Samuel Gatua Muiruri

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Binkley

Holy God, open our hearts and minds to your Word. By the power of your Spirit, may we hear with clarity and respond with courage, as we seek to follow Jesus more faithfully. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:20-30

Judy Binkley

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“A Joyful Thanksgiving”
by Anna Laura Page

Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:24-26

Samuel Gatua Muiruri

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Samuel Gatua Muiruri

*HYMN # 718

“Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Samuel Gatua Muiruri

**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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Samuel Gatua Muiruri

As we consider all that God has given us, let us respond with grateful hearts, offering our gifts for the work of God's Kingdom. May our giving reflect our trust in God's abundant provision and our commitment to sharing that abundance with others.

Besides donating by placing your donation in the plates by the doors, you may also donate online or mail a check to the church. More information can be found at the back of the bulletin.

OFFERTORY

“Jesus Lead On” by Brent Helming

Valerie Adelong

*DOXOLOGY #606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Samuel Gatua Muiruri

Gracious God, we bring our gifts before you, not out of obligation, but in joy and gratitude for all you have done. Bless these offerings and the work of our hands, that they may be used to build up your kingdom of love, justice, and peace. In all we do, may we seek to honor you, loving our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

*HYMN # 298

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

*BENEDICTION

Samuel Gatua Muiruri

POSTLUDE

“Chorale Postlude”
by Roger C. Wilson

Valerie Adelong

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God Is Here

1. God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer
 2. Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep-herd's
 4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea-sure what it
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul-pit; here the
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak-en, Christ sus-
 change and doubt keep us faith - ful to the gos-pel; help us

is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
 cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es ty of
 tains us, as of old. Here the ser - vants of the
 work your pur - pose out. Here in this day's ded - i -

round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the
 preach-ing, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in
 Ser-vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it
 ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1978
 MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

ABBOT'S LEIGH
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OPENING OF WORSHIP

com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.

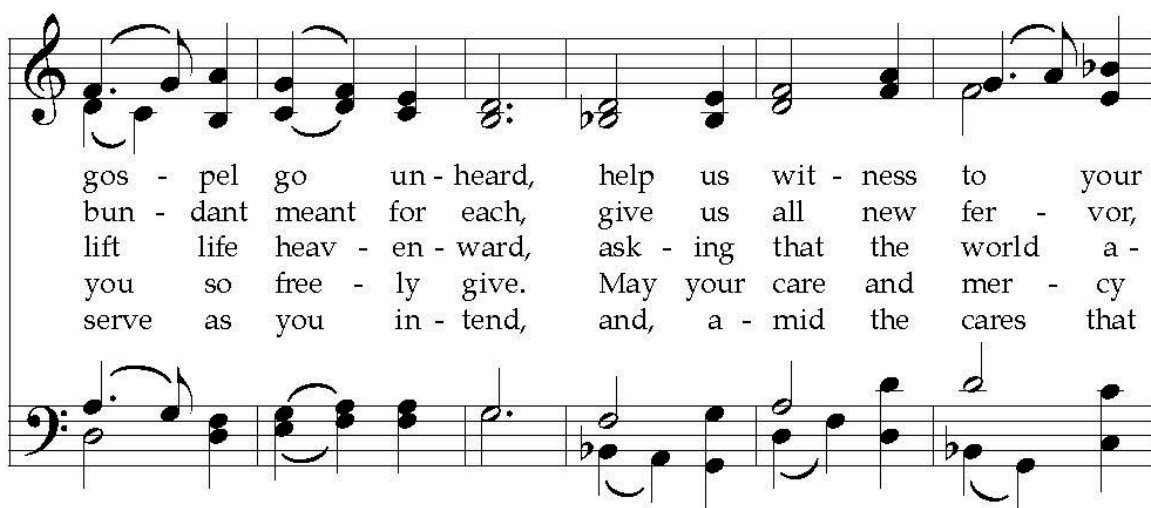
298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This, my bod - y;
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur-ing: "I am with you




preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis-sion, and the
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a -
 this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure all that
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor-ing, may we

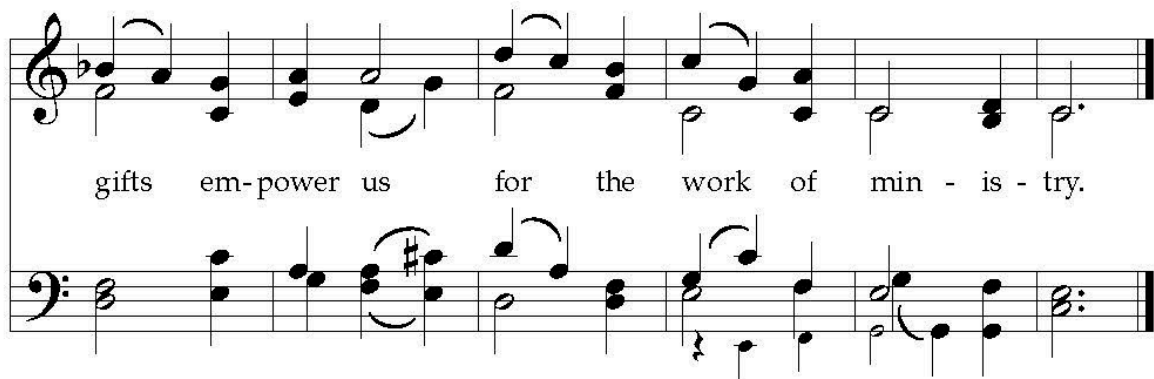


gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness to your
 bun - dant meant for each, give us all new fer - vor,
 lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the world a -
 you so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy
 serve as you in - tend, and, a - mid the cares that

United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.



pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: with the Spir - it's
 lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



gifts em-power us for the work of min - is - try.