



September 13, 2026



The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenn DiFrancesco

PRELUDE

“Pastorale” by Robert Lau

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Donna Marshall

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits.

God forgives, heals, redeems, and surrounds us with steadfast love.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

God does not deal with us according to our sins or repay us according to our wrongdoing.

As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins from us.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Let us worship God.

*HYMN # 620

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Donna Marshall

Forgiveness is easy to talk about when nothing much is at stake. It becomes harder when the wound is real, when anger has settled in, or when we would rather keep score. Still, God meets us with mercy and invites us to tell the truth about ourselves. Trusting in this mercy, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Donna Marshall

Merciful God, we confess that we do not always know what to do with the hurts we carry. Sometimes we hold tightly to anger because we are afraid of what letting go might mean. Sometimes we keep old wrongs alive long after they have begun to shape us. Sometimes we ask others to move on before their wounds have even been named. And sometimes we want mercy for ourselves while demanding something much harsher for someone else.

Forgive us. Teach us to tell the truth about harm without becoming consumed by vengeance. Give us courage to seek repair where repair is possible, wisdom to set boundaries where they are needed, and grace enough to remember how much grace we ourselves have received. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

God's mercy is larger than the limits we place upon it. In Jesus Christ, we are met not with a tally of everything we have done wrong, but with grace that makes another way possible. Friends, hear and believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 591

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Jenn DiFrancesco

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Donna Marshall

God of mercy, open these ancient words to us again. Where they challenge us, give us courage to listen. Where they unsettle us, keep us from easy answers. And through Your Spirit, lead us more deeply into the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 50:15–21

Donna Marshall

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Holy Water"

Valerie Adelung

by Andrew Bergthold and Ed Cash

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:21–35

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Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“When You Have Every Right to Be Angry”

Jenn DiFrancesco

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jenn DiFrancesco

We join our voice with Christians across generations in speaking the Apostles' Creed. These words connect us with people who confessed their faith in very different places, cultures, and circumstances. We speak them not because every question has been settled, but because we belong to a story larger than ourselves.

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Jenn DiFrancesco

**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

Jenn DiFrancesco

God has given to us with generosity and grace. We respond by sharing what has been entrusted to us so that our neighbors may be cared for, our community strengthened, and Christ's love made visible in the world. Let us receive our morning offering.

During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates as you leave, or giving online.

OFFERTORY

“Ave Verum” by W.A. Mozart

Valerie Adelung

***DOXOLOGY # 609**

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

praise Him, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Jenn DiFrancesco

Generous God, receive these gifts and receive our lives. Use what we offer for the work of mercy, justice, welcome, and peace. Give us wisdom to use what You have given us well and the courage to follow where Christ leads. Amen.

***HYMN # 326**

“For All the Saints” (*verses 1 and 2*)

***BENEDICTION**

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

“A Joyful Trumpet” by Patricia Lou Harris

Valerie Adelung

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620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

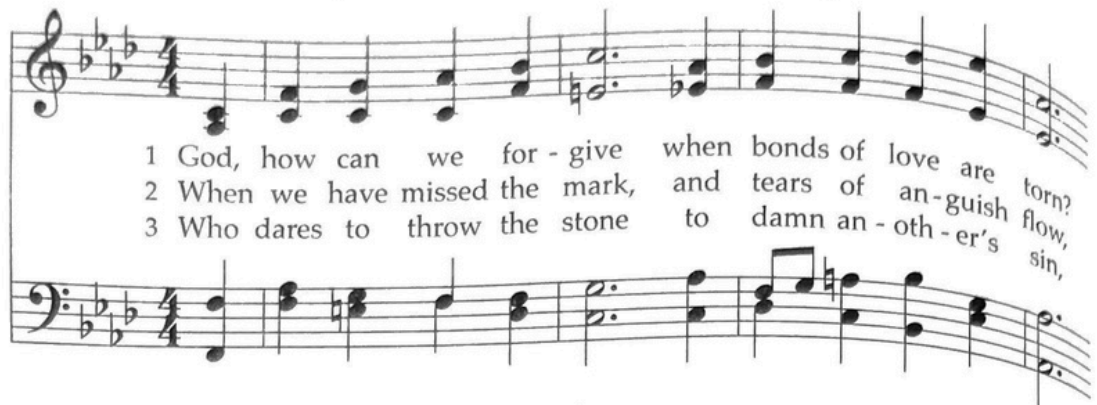
feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

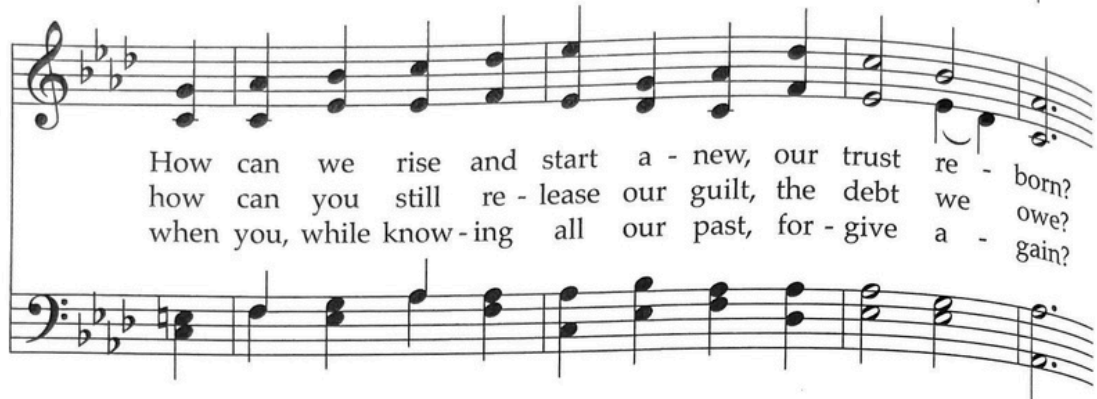
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.

445 God, How Can We Forgive



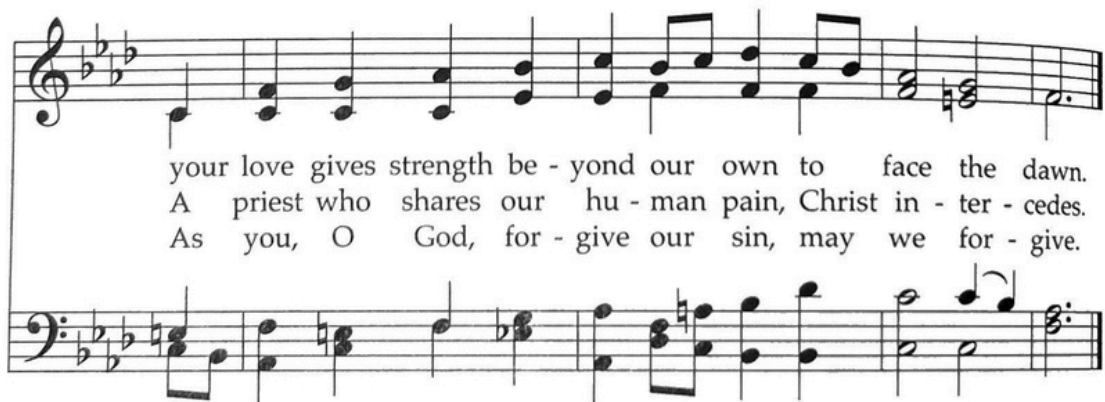
1 God, how can we for - give when bonds of love are torn?
 2 When we have missed the mark, and tears of an - guish flow,
 3 Who dares to throw the stone to damn an - oth - er's sin,



How can we rise and start a - new, our trust re - born?
 how can you still re - lease our guilt, the debt we owe?
 when you, while know - ing all our past, for - give a - gain?



When hu - man lov - ing fails and ev - ery hope is gone,
 The o - cean depth of grace sur - pass - es all our needs.
 No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.



your love gives strength be - yond our own to face the dawn.
 A priest who shares our hu - man pain, Christ in - ter - cedes.
 As you, O God, for - give our sin, may we for - give.

This text reflects both the struggle to deal with a deep personal hurt and a keen awareness of biblical language and content. The opening line of stanza two, for example, draws on the root meaning of the Greek word for sin, and the beginning of stanza three alludes to John 8:3-8.

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.