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Eighth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Jesus Asks... If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have?

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.

For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Voluntary on Hyfrydol

arr. Jones

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We live in the world that God has made. We are its stewards and its inhabitants. And yet, we do not know all that there is to know.

P: Where were we when God laid the earth's foundations?

L: My plans are not your plans, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

P: How will we know God's plans? How will we know God's ways?

L: We are told by Jesus to have faith like a child, and like children we learn by asking questions.

P: How will we know what questions to ask?

L: Jesus asked questions throughout the gospels. While he himself already knew the answers we can wrestle with the questions of Jesus and we can learn from our wrestling.

P: What question can we ask today?

L: Today we ponder Jesus' question...

P: If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have?

***OPENING HYMN NO. 383** (black hymnal) *Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls*

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Good and Gracious God we admit that sometimes it is difficult for us to follow your call. We admit that we would rather live our lives of faith in sure and straight forward ways. We confess that it is hard for us to ask the questions necessary for us to grow in our discipleship to you. Forgive us God. Continue to challenge us by asking of us the questions that we are afraid to ask ourselves. Deal with us in patience and love as we learn to discern your ways for us. Comfort us as we wrestle with the uncertainty of our faith. Comfort us as we wrestle with the uncertainty that questions bring. Almighty God, extend your grace to us, so that our seeking and our questioning will bring us closer to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 473 (black hymnal, v. 1 & 3) *Blessed Assurance*

ALL SING: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood. (2x) *This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.* Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blessed; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. (2x) *This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5: 38-48

MESSAGE *If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have?*

HYMN NO. 533 (black hymnal) *Children of God*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC (sung by Missy Kiefer) *How Beautiful* by Paris

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY How Deep the Father's Love For Us by Townend

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 785 (black hymnal) *We Give You But Your Own*

ALL SING: We give you but your own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

L: The Spirit of God be with you all.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts;

P: We lift them to God.

L: Give thanks to our God!

P: All our thanks, all our praise!

COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Loving God, Source of all, we thank and praise you with our lips and with our lives, that, having created us and all things through your Word, you welcome our prayer and praise. For the goodness of creation and the glory of redemption, we praise you. For the law of holiness, inviting our obedience, and the call of the prophets, rebuking our disobedience, we praise you. With all that is, seen and unseen, and with all the faithful of every time and place, we join in praise and thanksgiving:

P: Holy, holy, holy God, power of life and love! Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna through the ages! Blessed is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!

REMEMBERING JESUS AT THE TABLE

L: Let us remember together the vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at the table:

P: he shared food with followers and friends,

L: with saints and sinners,

P: with crowds of thousands on the hillside,

L: and a few friends in an upper room.

P: On the night before he died, he had supper with his companions.

L: He took the loaf of bread, and after giving thanks he broke it, and gave it to them saying:

P: "Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."

L: Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them saying:

P: "Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me."

L: Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

P: In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE WINE

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

(The outer ring of cups contain grape juice, the inner rings contain wine.)

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here, may put its mark on us, that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, and that ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ's name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 537 (black hymnal) *Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *A Joyous Acclamation* by Peterson

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

The bulletins are presented in honor of and with gratitude to our two pastors by Don & Diane Strine.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of my son Thomas' birthday by Monika Fauth.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of Barbara Minnich by her family.

Thank you to Missy Kiefer for performing today's special music.

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Stephanie Beyer, Kathy Ensminger, Mary Jane Snyder, Tim Snyder

10:30 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: John & Robin Schriver, David Strine

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Nursery: Teal Morcos

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Stacey Roache & Kathy Sweeney


*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls



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William G. Tarrant, 1892; alt.


Rev. 5:11-14



1 Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise;
2 Faith - ful are all who love the truth and per - fect truth pro - claim,
3 And faith-ful are the gen - tle hearts to whom the power is given
4 O God of hosts, our faith re - new, and grant us, in your grace,



One fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise.
Who stead-fast stand at God's right hand and glo - ri - fy God's name.
Of ev - ery hearth to make a home, of ev - ery home a heaven.
To join the songs sung by the saints in ev - ery time and place.



A leader of the Unitarian Church in England, William Tarrant edited a Unitarian weekly and for thirty-seven years ministered to the Unitarian Christian Church in London. This hymn was one of many he wrote for use by that congregation.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Arr. Lowell Mason, in *Modern Psalmody*, 1839

Acts 17:30-31; Rev. 7:9-14

Fanny Crosby, 1873; alt.



1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my



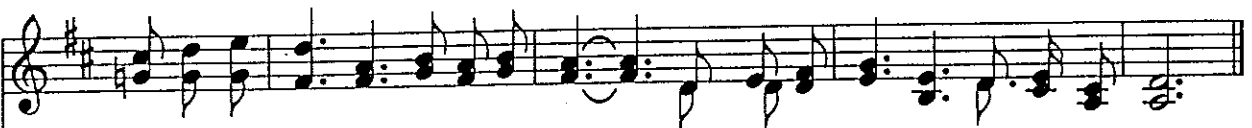
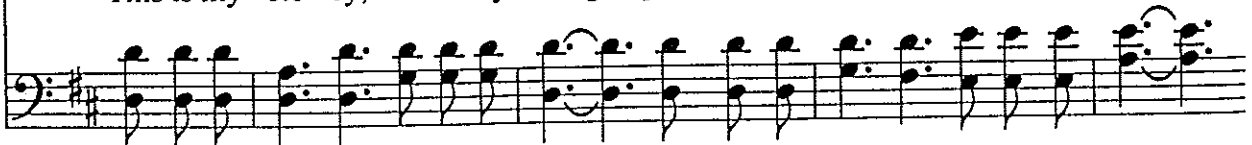
fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



God, born of the Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood.
 bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

*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.

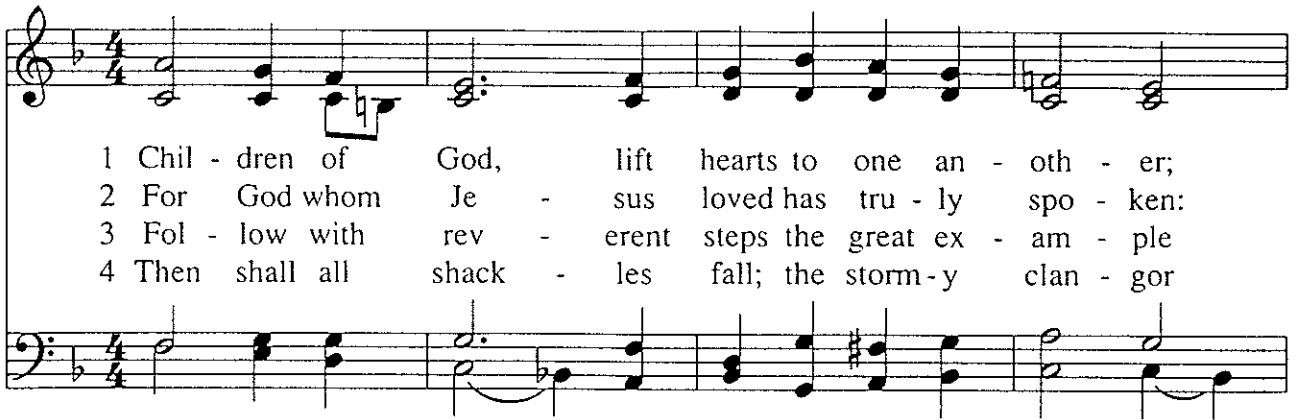


After hearing Phoebe Knapp play this tune on the piano, Fanny Crosby composed the poem on the spot. In her almost 95 years, Crosby wrote more than 8,500 gospel hymns and songs.

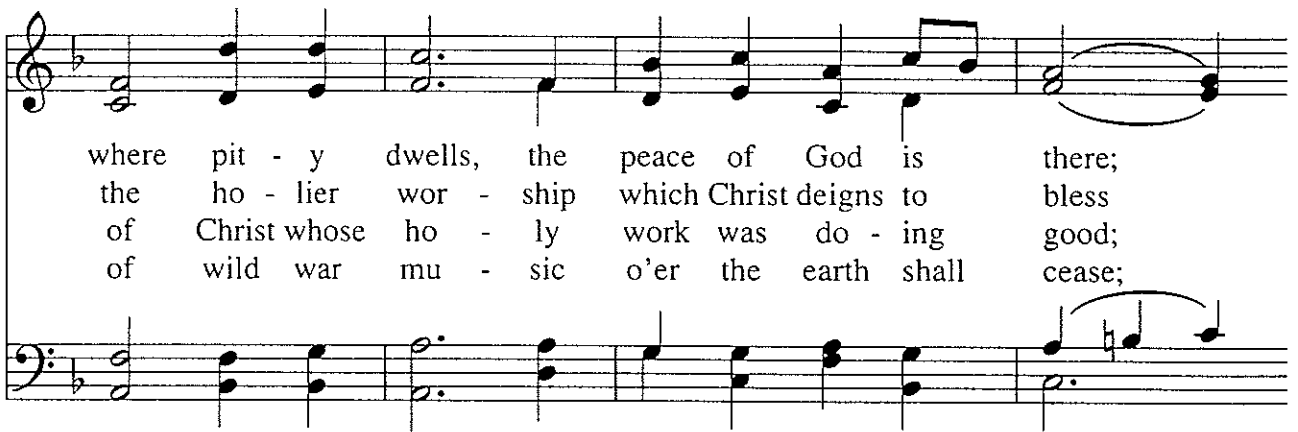
Tune: ASSURANCE Irr.
 Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

Eph. 4:31-5:2

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1848; alt.



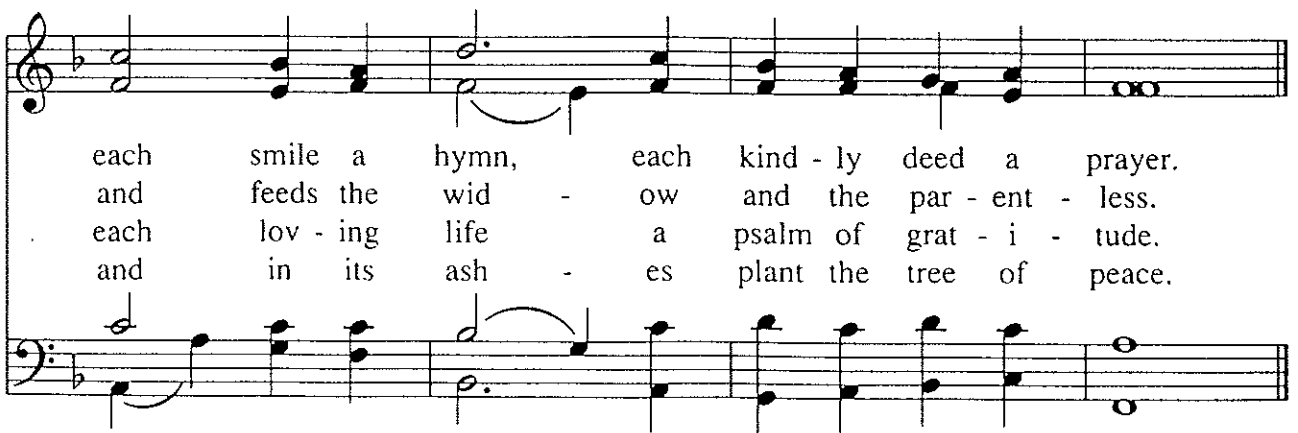
1 Chil - dren of God, lift hearts to one an - oth - er;
 2 For God whom Je - sus loved has tru - ly spo - ken:
 3 Fol - low with rev - erent steps the great ex - am - ple
 4 Then shall all shack - les fall; the storm - y clan - gor



where pit - y dwells, the peace of God is there;
 the ho - lier wor - ship which Christ deigns to bless
 of Christ whose ho - ly work was do - ing good;
 of wild war mu - sic o'er the earth shall cease;



To wor - ship right - ly is to love each oth - er,
 Re - stores the lost, and binds the spir - it bro - ken,
 So shall the wide earth seem a ho - ly tem - ple,
 Love shall tread out the bale - ful fire of an - ger,



each smile a hymn, each kind - ly deed a prayer.
 and feeds the wid - ow and the par - ent - less.
 each lov - ing life a psalm of grat - i - tude.
 and in its ash - es plant the tree of peace.

Of Puritan ancestry and Quaker parentage, the American poet and journalist John Greenleaf Whittier was a strong supporter of the abolition of slavery. This hymn is comprised of the final stanzas of "Worship," a poem expressing his views on the life of faith.

Tune: WELWYN 11.10.11.10.
 Alfred Scott-Gatty, 1900

Text: William W. How, 1864; alt.

Music: Cantica Laudis, Lowell Mason and G. J. Webb, 1850

We give you but your own, what - e'er the gift may be;

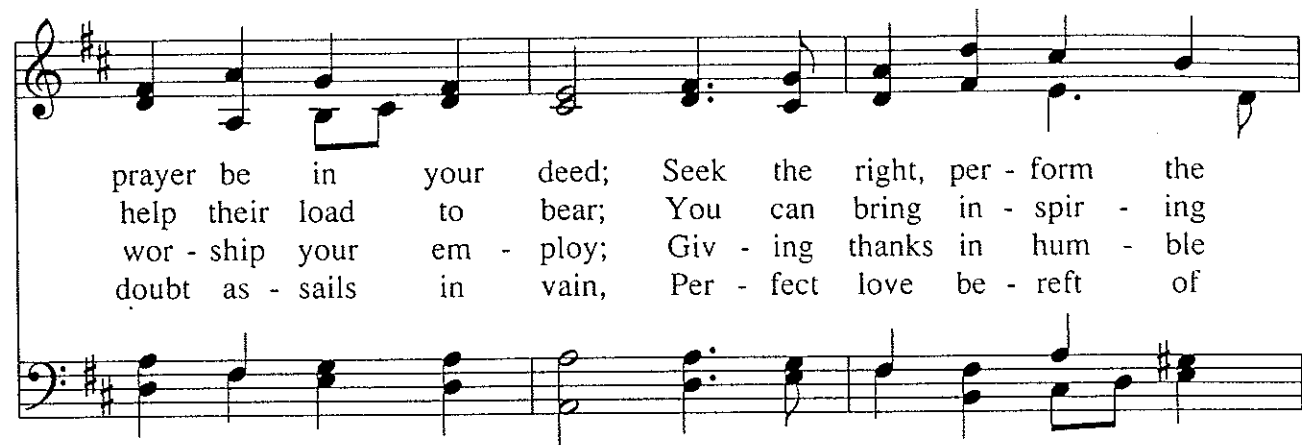
All that we have is yours a - lone, we give it grate-ful - ly.

Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

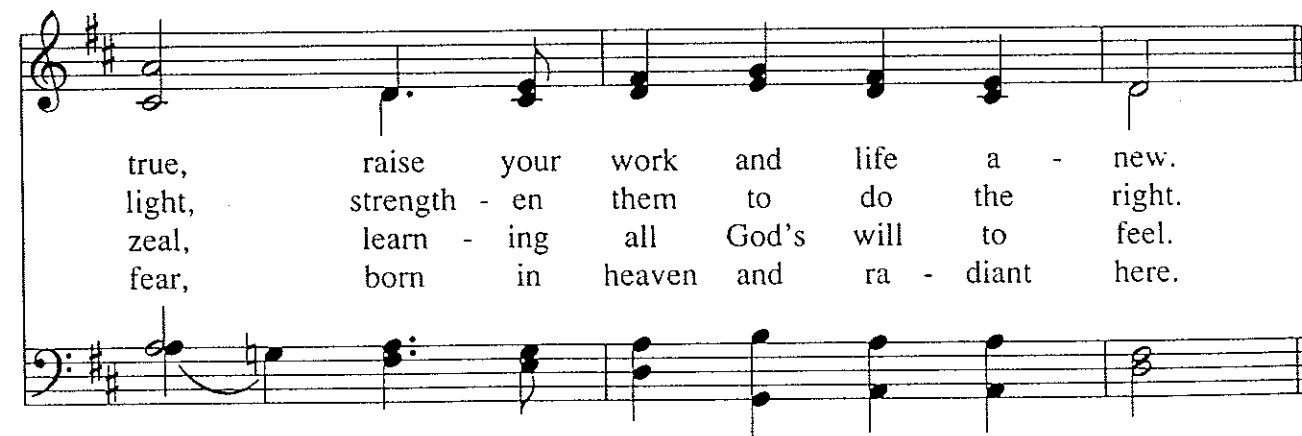
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Francis Albert Rollo Russell, 1893; alt.


1 Chris - tian, rise and act your creed; let your
 2 Hearts a - round you sink with care; you can
 3 Of - fer oth - ers hope and joy, and God's
 4 Come then, law di - vine, and reign: faith that



prayer be in your deed; Seek the right, per - form the
 help their load to bear; You can bring in - spir - ing
 wor - ship your em - ploy; Giv - ing thanks in hum - ble
 doubt as - sails in vain, Per - fect love be - reft of



true, raise your work and life a - new.
 light, strength - en them to do the right.
 zeal, learn - ing all God's will to feel.
 fear, born in heaven and ra - diant here.

Francis Albert Rollo Russell was a writer on scientific subjects and a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society. This hymn was first published in the Pilgrim Hymnal (1904). The tune originated with a text used for the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

Tune: INNOCENTS 7.7.7.7.
 The Parish Choir, 1850