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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 AM

*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

*Ave Verum*

by Mozart

### CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING HYMN<sup>1</sup>

L: How shall we serve the Lord?

**P: How shall we offer our lives to God?**

**ALL SING: I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

L: How shall we pray when our souls are so cluttered with confusion?

**P: How shall we pray when our selfishness crowds out the needs of others?**

**ALL SING: I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

L: How shall we offer praise to the Lord?

**P: What song shall we sing in gratitude for all that God has done for us?**

**ALL SING: I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

L: Let us praise our God!

**P: Amen!**

**ALL SING: I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.**

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

## \*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** God of healing mercies, we come to you this day as imperfect people. We know that you desire for us hope, happiness, and love, yet we have found so many ways to block your gifts, or to grab hold of them as if we were entitled to them. We have been given the pathway to peace in the witness of Jesus Christ. He taught us to live as people of compassion and service. But our service has been mostly for ourselves, for our own gratification. We have failed to be your church, your witnesses on earth. We have neglected the needs of others in our rush for our own comfort. Forgive us, O merciful God. Heal our wounded spirits. Turn us again to you, that we may gain and learn of your love and mercy. Help us to become partners in peace and hope for others. For we ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 84 (see pg. 4, UM hymnal)

*Thank You, Lord*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**BAPTISM**

*Payton Mae Abel*

Parents: Lance & Katherine Abel

God Parents: Michael and Danielle Smith

L: We worship a God whose love flows through water.

**P: Love, like a rain shower, awakens the sleeping seed within the soul, encouraging it to blossom.**

L: We worship a God whose love flows through water.

**P: Love, like a wading pool, inspires the delight of children, jumping, splashing each other with joy.**

L: We worship a God whose love flows through water.

**P: Love, like a hot shower after a long day's work, cleanses us, reawakens us.**

L: We worship a God whose love flows through water.

**P: Love, like little drops, drips from fingertips to forehead. Through baptism the family of faith welcomes a new child of God.**

## QUESTIONS OF THE PARTICIPANTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God?

**P: I believe in God.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**P: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**P: I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

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PRAYER

ACT OF BAPTISM

DOXOLOGY NO. 780 (black hymnal)

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**ALL SING: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, praise God above you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

PRAYER

HYMN NO. 325 (black hymnal)

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

**SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 11: 29-12:2

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 564** (black hymnal)

*We Are Not Our Own*

**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** (played by Delaney Shindler)

*Jesus Loves Me*

by Bradbury

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

by Ritter

**OFFERTORY**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Spirit and Grace*

by Manalo

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 87 (v. 2 & 4, see insert) *What Gift Can We Bring*

**ALL SING: Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision, who planted and watered so dreams could come true. Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship, for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.**

**This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can convey it, the joy of this day! When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***CLOSING HYMN NO. 497** (black hymnal)

*Guide My Feet*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***POSTLUDE**

*Thanks Be to Thee*

by Handel

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

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.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of Payton Abel by Lance & Katherine Abel.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of our search committee.

Thank you to Delaney Shindler for performing today's special music.

Worship Tech: John Schriver

Welcome Team: Red & Ellie Arnold, Al & Ann Lewis

Sound Tech: John Schriver

Nursery: Alan Neff

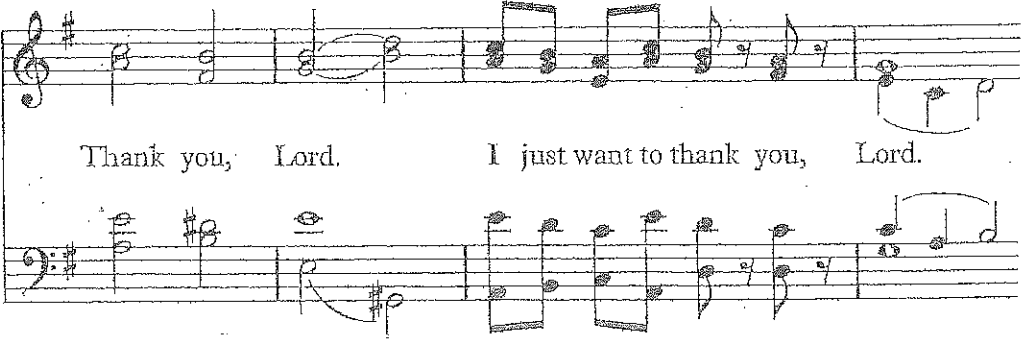
WOW Kids: Dave & Brigitte Bradnick

<sup>1</sup> The Faith We Sing, No. 2153, *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*, used with permission under CCLI license #322082, African American Spiritual © Estate of Wendell Whalum.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.



Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord.



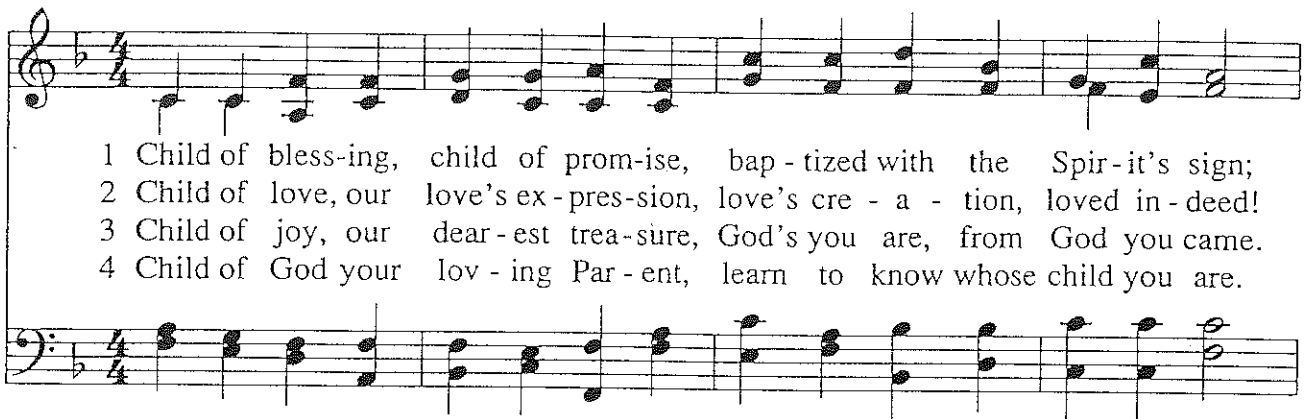
Thank you, Lord. I just want to thank you, Lord.

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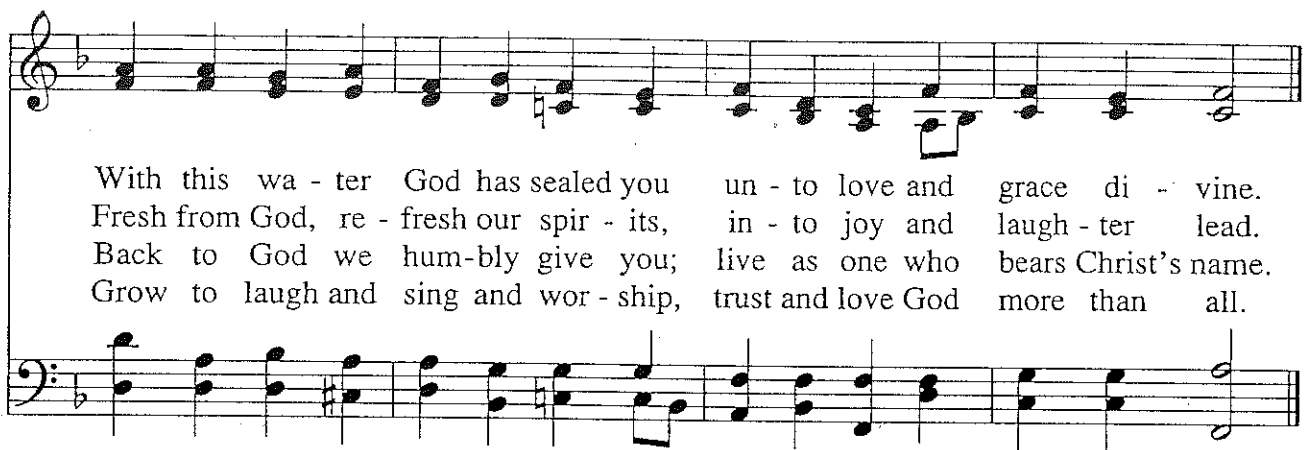
# Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

325

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981



1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir-it's sign;  
 2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in-deed!  
 3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.  
 4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.



With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
 Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
 Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.  
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

*Ronald Cole-Turner, a teacher of theology, is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. He is an award-winning author on the interface of science and religion.*

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.  
 Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716), in  
 Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

# We Are Not Our Own

564

Brian Wren, 1987

Unison

1 We are not our own. Earth forms us, hu-man leaves on na-ture's grow-ing  
2 We are not a-lone. Earth names us: past and pres-ent, peo-ples near and  
3 Through a hu-man life God finds us; dy-ing, liv-ing, love is ful-ly  
4 There-fore let us make thanks-giv-ing, and with jus-tice, will-ing and a-

vine, Fruit of man-y gen-er-a-tions, seeds of life di-vine.  
far, fam-i-ly and friends and strang-ers show us who we are.  
known, and in bread and wine re-minds us: we are not our own.  
ware, give to earth, and all things liv-ing, lit-ur-gies of care.

5 And if love's en-coun-ters lead us  
on a way un-cer-tain and un-known,  
All the saints with prayer sur-round us:  
we are not a-lone.

6 Let us-be a house of wel-come,  
liv-ing stone up-hold-ing liv-ing stone,  
Glad-ly show-ing all our neigh-bors  
we are not our own!

*This hymn was commissioned for the tenth anniversary of the Liturgical Studies Program of Drew University, New Jersey, in 1987. Brian Wren's melody came to him early on in the writing process and was helpful in the creation of the final hymn text.*

Tune: YARNTON 8.9.8.5.  
Brian Wren, 1987  
Arr. Fred Graham, 1987

# What Gift Can We Bring

*Unison*

1. What gift can we bring, what pres - ent, what to - ken?  
 2. Give thanks for the past, for those who had vi - sion,  
 3. Give thanks for to - mor - row, full of sur - pris - es,  
 4. This gift we now bring, this pres - ent, this to - ken,

What words can con - vey it, the joy of this day?  
 who plant - ed and wa - tered so dreams could come true.  
 for know - ing what - ev - er to - mor - row may bring,  
 these words can con - vey it, the joy of this day!

When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,  
 Give thanks for the now, for stud - y, for wor - ship,  
 the Word is our prom - ise al - ways, for - ev - er;  
 When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,

what song can we of - fer in hon - or and praise?  
 for mis - sion that bids us turn prayer in - to deed.  
 we rest in God's keep - ing and live in God's love.  
 this song we now of - fer in hon - or and praise!

WORDS: Jane Marshall, 1980  
 MUSIC: Jane Marshall, 1980

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## Guide My Feet

497

*African-American traditional; alt.**Heb. 12:1-15*

1 Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet  
 2 Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand  
 3 I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child  
 4 Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me

Yes, my God.

while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,  
 while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race,  
 while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,  
 while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race,

Yes, my God.

For I don't want to run this race in vain.

*This stanza may be added following stanza 1:  
 Wheel with me while I run this race . . .*

*The words and music of some African-American spirituals have been widely adapted during the twentieth century, especially in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. The alternate words were suggested by a fifth-grade church school class to include those who must "run this race" in a wheelchair.*

Tune: GUIDE MY FEET 8.8.8.10.  
*African-American traditional*  
 Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992