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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

The 3 Great Loves: Love of Children

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

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

arr. Berry

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Deep inside us all—old and young alike—

P: There is a place of faith,

L: A place of trust and hope and love,

P: Without which there can be no peace.

L: Jesus said, "Let the children come unto me, and do not hinder them,

P: For to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

L: Knowing this, O people of God, approach this hour as children of the Almighty.

P: With innocence of heart and unlimited hope,

L: With a trust that makes you vulnerable,

P: And with love that comes effortlessly. Amen.

OPENING HYMN NO. 572 (UM Hymnal, see attached)

Pass It On

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Dear God, where do we start, if we are really being honest? We say we love you, but so often we don't put our faith and love into action. We say that we are part of your family, but we forget that four in ten children in the United States live in poverty. We say we follow Jesus who called his disciples to welcome the outcast, feed the hungry, and heal the sick, and yet millions of children in our nation are hungry and do not have adequate access to healthcare. We say we worship you- lover of justice, protector of the poor and the weak, but we have not done enough to work for justice and defend children and people who are poor. For loving you with our lips and not our lives, forgive us. For leaving behind millions of your children, forgive us. For following our own desires instead of you, forgive us. For worship without work for justice, forgive us. Help us to put our faith into action. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 143 (UM Hymnal)

On Eagle's Wings

ALL SING: And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

BLESSING OF THE PANTHER PACK MINISTRY⁴

Leader: Giving God, you are so generous to us and give us far more than we deserve or can imagine.

People: Today, we are bold to ask for your blessings on the Panther Pack Ministry, for we want to be generous to others.

L: Lord Jesus, you are the Bread of Life, feeding us with your very self that we might love you and care for one another.

P: Therefore we seek your blessings on the backpacks of food that we will give and the children and families who receive them. We begin this ministry as a sign of our love for you and your people.

L: Holy Spirit, you make us strong and give us courage to do what we believe is right in our community.

P: Bless this ministry, O Spirit, that we who give it and the students who receive it may be strong and live joyful lives, doing what you call us to do.

L: Hear these words, Almighty God, and see our actions, for we offer them to your glory and praise and with the prayer that none of your children would be hungry.

P: Amen.

⁴Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

(10:30 AM) BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND BLANKIES

(10:30 AM) HYMN NO. 2249 (FWS, vs. 2 & 3, see below)⁵

God Claims You

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*Refrain**

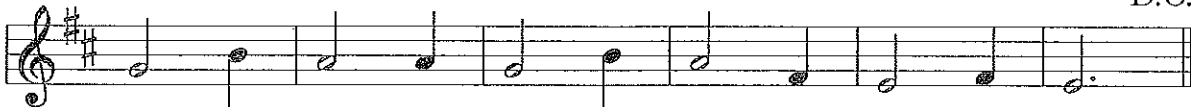


**“Dan - iel, Dan - iel,” God claims you, God helps you, pro -
Child of prom - ise,



fects you, and loves you, too. *Fine*
1. We this day do
***2. We your fam - ily
3. We are here to
4. And if you should

D.C.



all a - gree a child of God you'll al - ways be.
love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.
say this day that we will help you on your way.
tire or cry then we will sing this lul - la - by.

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 427 (black hymnal)

God Made From One Blood

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 the Holy Dingalings)

Amazing Grace (Traditional) and *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Traditional)

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OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I'll Be a Sunbeam

by Talbot

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 780 (black hymnal)

Doxology

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. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 526 (black hymnal)

We Are Marching in the Light of God (English x2)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

NOTES

*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! If you receive Holy Communion today, please complete a communion card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of my father, Clair Henry, with love, Anne.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of the Holy Dingalings, our adult bell choir.

The bulletins are presented in honor of my sister, Jane McMinn's birthday, with love, Anne Henry.

Thank you to the Holy Dingalings for providing special music at both services.

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.

8 AM Worship Tech: Dave Strine

8 AM Welcome Team: Don and Diane Strine; Terry & Deb Barnes

8 AM Sound Tech: Tom Mulligan

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Jim and Sue Shiffer; Bob & Kathy Ensminger

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

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⁴Adapted from a liturgy written by Rev. Elizabeth Johnson Pense.

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Pass It On

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Unison

1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire
 2. What a won - drous time is spring, when all the trees are
 3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi-ness that

go - ing, and soon all those a - round can
 bud - ding; the birds be-gin to sing, the
 I've found; you can de-pend on him, it

warm up in its glow-ing. That's how it is with
 flow - ers start their bloom-ing. That's how it is with
 mat - ters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the

God's love once you've ex - pe-ri-enced it; you spread his love to
 God's love once you've ex - pe-ri-enced it; you want to sing, it's
 moun-tain-top; I want my world to know; the Lord of love has

ev - ery-one; you want to pass it on.
 fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
 come to me, I want to pass it on.

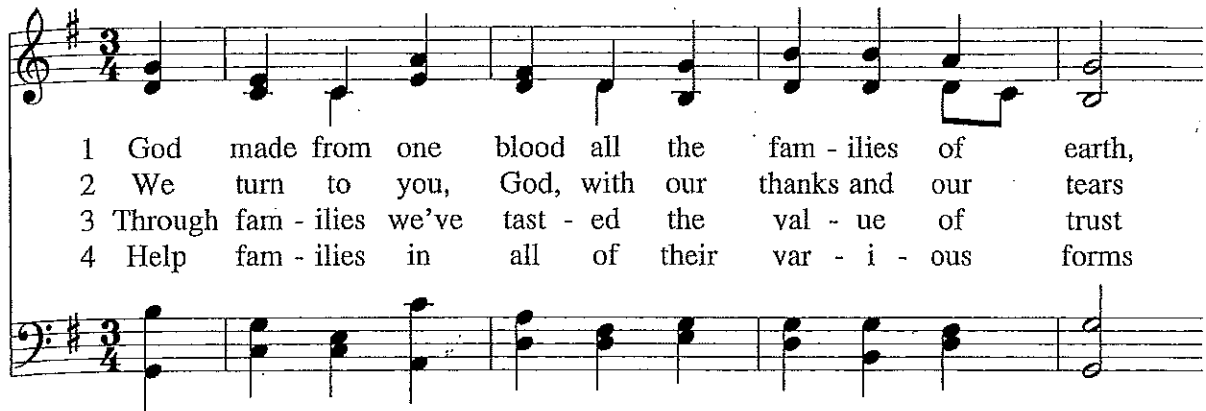
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PASS IT ON
 Irr.


God Made from One Blood

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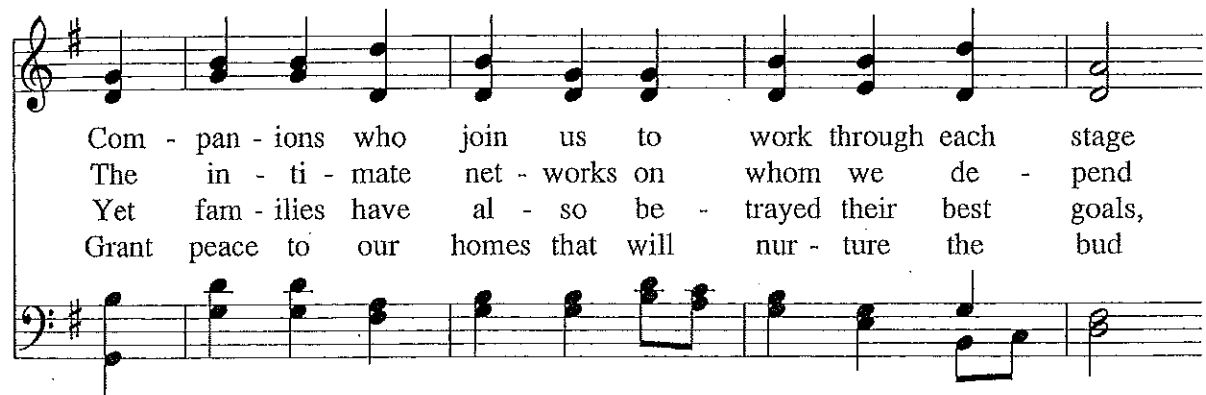
Thomas H. Troeger, 1988



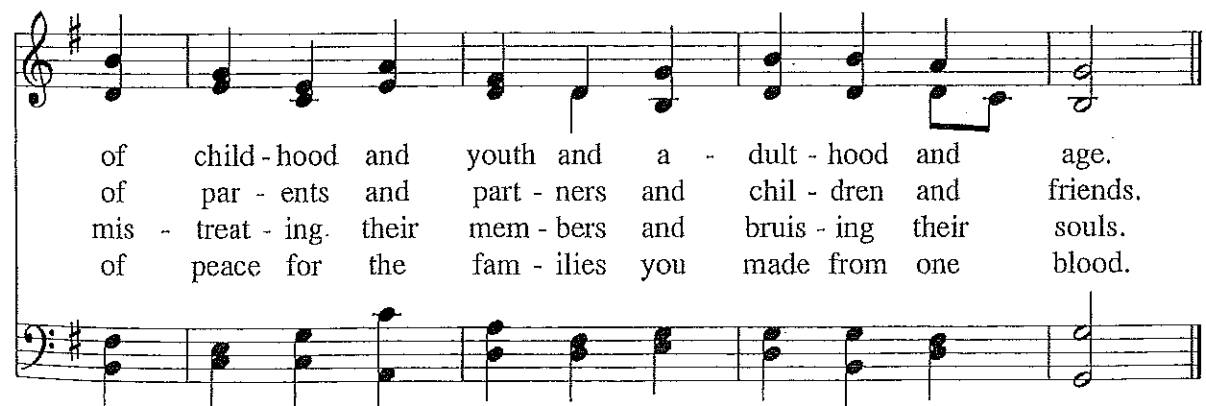
1 God made from one blood all the fam - ilies of earth,
 2 We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears
 3 Through fam - ilies we've tast - ed the val - ue of trust
 4 Help fam - ilies in all of their var - i - ous forms



the cir - cles of nur - ture that raise us from birth,
 for all of the fam - ilies we've known through the years,
 and felt what it means to be lov - ing and just,
 to face with in - teg - ri - ty strug - gles and storms;



Com - pan - ions who join us to work through each stage
 The in - ti - mate net - works on whom we de - pend
 Yet fam - ilies have al - so be - trayed their best goals,
 Grant peace to our homes that will nur - ture the bud



of child - hood and youth and a - dult - hood and age.
 of par - ents and part - ners and chil - dren and friends.
 mis - treat - ing their mem - bers and bruising their souls.
 of peace for the fam - ilies you made from one blood.

This text was commissioned by Yale University Press for A New Hymnal for Colleges and Schools (1992) to provide a hymn that recognizes the many different kinds of families that are represented when a campus congregation gathers to worship.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.1.
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

(We Are Marching in the Light of God)

Ps. 89:15

South African freedom song; transl. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

G D7 G C

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos', si - ya -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are

1 D 2 D

hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing in the

G G7 C

nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - ham - ba,
 kha - nyen' kwen-khos', ham - ba, si - ya -
 light of God. We are march-ing, march-ing, we are
 the light of God.

G C D G

ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos'.
 march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God.

Last time, end

This South African song and fourteen others were first recorded and published in 1980 by the Church of Sweden Mission and the singing group "Fjedur" after a visit they made to South Africa. The subsequent 1984 collection Freedom Is Coming brought the songs to a worldwide audience.

Tune: SIYAHAMBA Irr.
 South African song