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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 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

(8:00 AM) **PRELUDE**

The Gift of Love

by Hopson

(10:30 AM) **PRELUDE** (duet played by Missy Kiefer and Travis Pinci)

Finlandia by Sibelius and *Amazing Grace* by Newton

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105: 1-7)

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people!

People: Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works!

Leader: Give praise to God's holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the LORD!

People: Pursue the LORD and his strength; seek his face always!

Leader: Remember the wondrous works he has done, all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared – you who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

People: The LORD – he is our God. His justice is everywhere throughout the whole world.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

ALL: God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that our love is not always genuine. We see evil and wring our hands instead of resisting it. We forget to consider more ways to serve you. We turn our back on strangers who could benefit from our hospitality. We do not pray enough for our enemies. We associate with our own kind, fearing the “other”. We relish in fantasies of revenge. For all this, and for all that burdens our heart today, O God, we seek your forgiveness. Have mercy on us and hear our prayers. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 42 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4) *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ALL SING: O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise, the glories ever echoing the triumphs of God’s grace!

Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given by all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

Romans 12: 9-21

HYMN NO. 170 (black hymnal)

Your Ways 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.

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(8:00 AM) **SPECIAL MUSIC** (duet played by Missy Kiefer and Travis Pinci)

Finlandia by Sibelius and *Amazing Grace* by Newton

(10:30 AM) **SPECIAL MUSIC** (duet played by Delaney Shindler and Travis Pinci)

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder (Traditional)
Praise Him Praise Him, All Ye Little Children (Traditional)

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole* by Friedman

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 28 (black hymnal, v. 4)

For the Beauty of the Earth

ALL SING: For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude, for a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed, God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 573 (black hymnal)

Lead on Eternal Sovereign

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Arioso

by Bach

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 honor of Ryan Neal's birthday by Nanny and Pappy Kinard.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of all teachers and support staff by the congregation.

The bulletins are presented in memory of Melissa Neff, Alan's sister, by Pastor Danielle and Alan Neff.

Thank you to Delaney Shindler for providing special music at the 10:30 AM service and to Missy Kiefer 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: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Drew, Danika, Holt, and Hayden Dallam

8 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Sydney, Scott, Jen, and Kerington Cooper

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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God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.

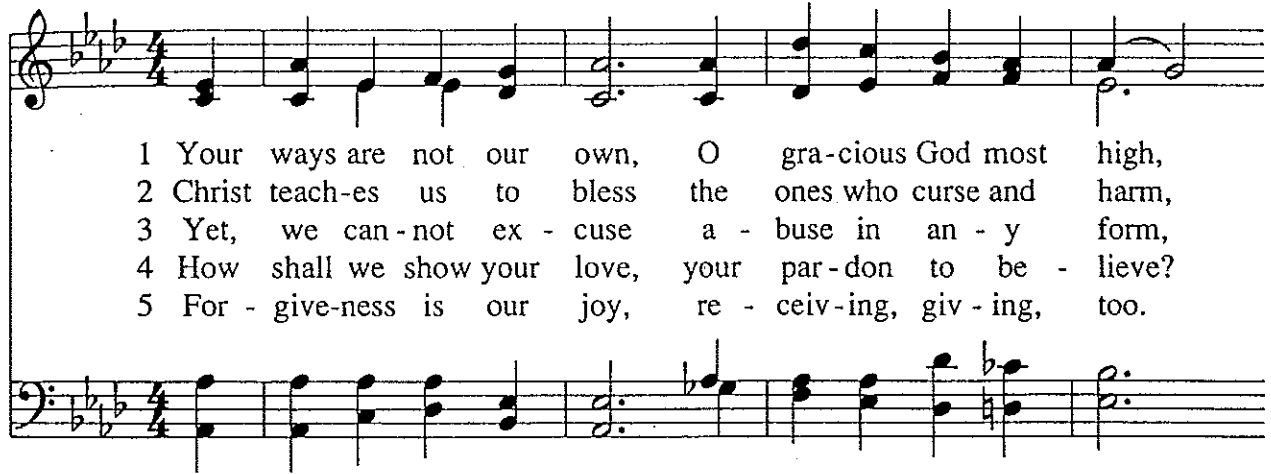
Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
 John Hughes, c. 1907

Your Ways Are Not Our Own

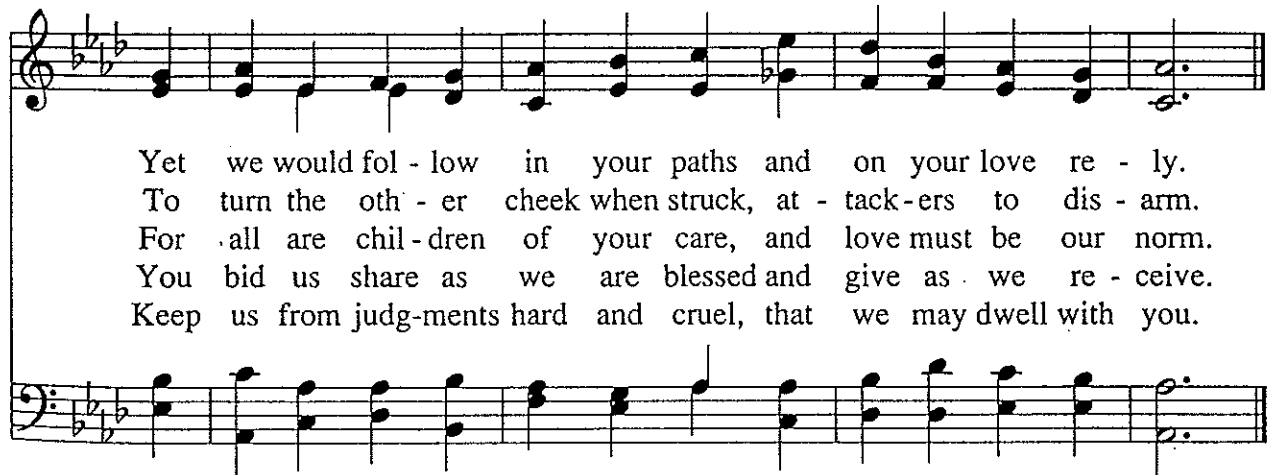
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Lavon Bayler, 1988, rev. 1993

Luke 6:17-38; Rom. 12:9-21



1 Your ways are not our own, O gra-cious God most high,
2 Christ teach-es us to bless the ones who curse and harm,
3 Yet, we can-not ex - cuse a - buse in an - y form,
4 How shall we show your love, your par-don to be - lieve?
5 For - give-ness is our joy, re - ceiv-ing, giv - ing, too.



Yet we would fol - low in your paths and on your love re - ly.
To turn the oth - er cheek when struck, at - tack-ers to dis - arm.
For all are chil-dren of your care, and love must be our norm.
You bid us share as we are blessed and give as we re - ceive.
Keep us from judg-ments hard and cruel, that we may dwell with you.

Lavon Bayler has served on the Illinois Conference staff of the United Church of Christ beginning in 1979. She maintains a faithful practice of writing worship materials as part of her daily spiritual discipline and has published several books of resources.

Tune: SCHUMANN S.M.
Cantica Laudis,
Lowell Mason and G. J. Webb, 1850

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887; alt.

1 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low in your way;
 2 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low not with fear,
 3 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,

loud rings your cry for jus - tice, your call for peace this day:
 for in each hu - man con - flict your words of strength we hear:
 and all your saints to - geth - er will sing a hymn of peace;

Through prayer - ful prep - a - ra - tion, your grace will make us strong,
 That when we serve with glad - ness, you will not let us fall,
 Then all in your do - min - ion will live with hearts set free,

to car - ry on the strug - gle to tri - umph o - ver wrong.
 our trust is in your prom - ise that love will con - quer all.
 to love and serve each oth - er for all e - ter - ni - ty.

At Andover Seminary, fellow students asked Ernest W. Shurtleff to write a hymn for their graduation. This is the result. Shurtleff became a Congregational minister and in his last years established churches in Europe and did relief work during World War I.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
 Henry T. Smart, 1836