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Sixteenth 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

Portrait of Peace

by Combs

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Whether you arrived here first this morning or came in as the service was beginning, God bids you a joyful welcome!

P: Thanks be to God for such a generous and loving welcome!

L: You are precious in God's sight, a delight in God's presence.

P: Lord, we have come seeking your healing mercy.

L: Know that God's compassionate love is poured over you this day.

ALL: Hallelujah! AMEN!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 532** (black hymnal)

Come, Labor On

¹Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

ALL: Forgiving God, we are such jealous people. We want to make sure that we get what we deserve, we want to make sure that we are always treated fairly. Yet we complain when you treat others who have not worked as hard as we have, or who have not been as faithful as we have, with such love. Just like the workers in Jesus' parable, we want to know why you are as generous with those we see as less faithful than ourselves, as you are with us. O God, you are merciful and compassionate. You do not count the time of service, but the quality of the heart. Forgive us, generous God, when we have been so petty about your love. Heal and restore us. Help us to reach out with love and hope to others in the name of Jesus Christ. 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.

CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR

Cares Chorus (Willard) and *My Jesus, I Love Thee* (Featherston)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BAPTISM

Nova Jessica Ramsey

Parents: Paul Ramsey & Cassidy Schildt

Dominic Spencer Devine

Parents: Doug & Danielle Devine

God Parents: Todd Kubala and Connie Devine

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.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

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.

PRAYER

ACT OF BAPTISM

DOXOLOGY NO. 780 (black hymnal)

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

ALL: 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.

PROMISES FROM THE CONGREGATION AND CHILDREN

LAYING ON OF HANDS & PRAYER

HYMN NO. 325 (black hymnal)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20: 1-16

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 23 (black hymnal)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee

arr. Berry

*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. 565 (black hymnal)

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

We Are Called

by Haas

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

NOTES

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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!

Both vases of altar flowers are presented in honor of our home-bound members.

The bulletins are presented in memory of our mothers, Betty Spangler and Mildred Sleeper, by Jeff and Nancy Sleeper.

Thank you to the Children's Bell Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

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.

Worship Tech: John Schriver

Welcome Team: Rob, Beth, & Gillian Cunningham; Clyde Snyder

Sound Tech: Ron Miles

Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

Camera Tech: Ryan Neal

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney


WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

¹The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession were both adapted from the website www.ministrymatters.com. They are adapted from prayers written by Nancy C Townley.

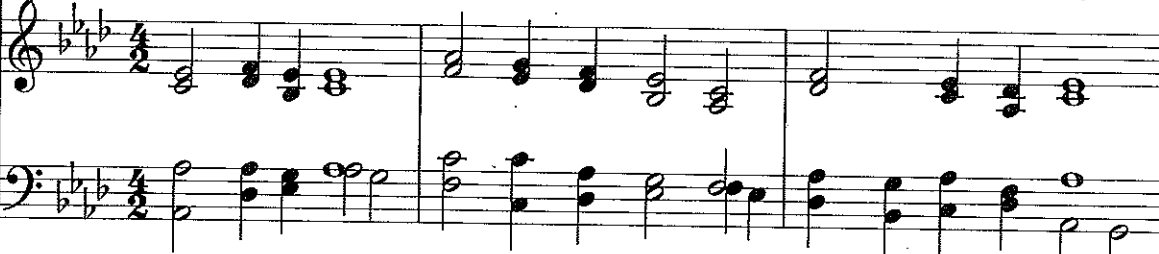

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Come, Labor On



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*Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1859, rev. 1863; alt.**Matt. 9:37-38; 20:1-7*



1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stay i - dle on the har - vest plain
 2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
 3 Come, la-bor on. A - way with gloom-y doubts and faith-less fear!
 4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west-ern sky,

while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
 to young and old the gos - pel glad-ness bear. Re - deem the time; its
 No one so weak but may do ser - vice here; Though fee - ble a - gents,
 till the long shad - ows o'er the path - way lie, And a glad sound comes

does the Sav - ior say, "Go work to - day."
 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 may we all ful - fill God's righ - - - teous will.
 with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"



Jane Laurie Borthwick, along with her sister, Sarah, was a member of the Scottish Free Church and translated many German hymns. English-born Thomas Tertius Noble was

Tune: ORA LABORA 4.10.10.10.4.
 Thomas Tertius Noble, 1918

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;

there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.

There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;

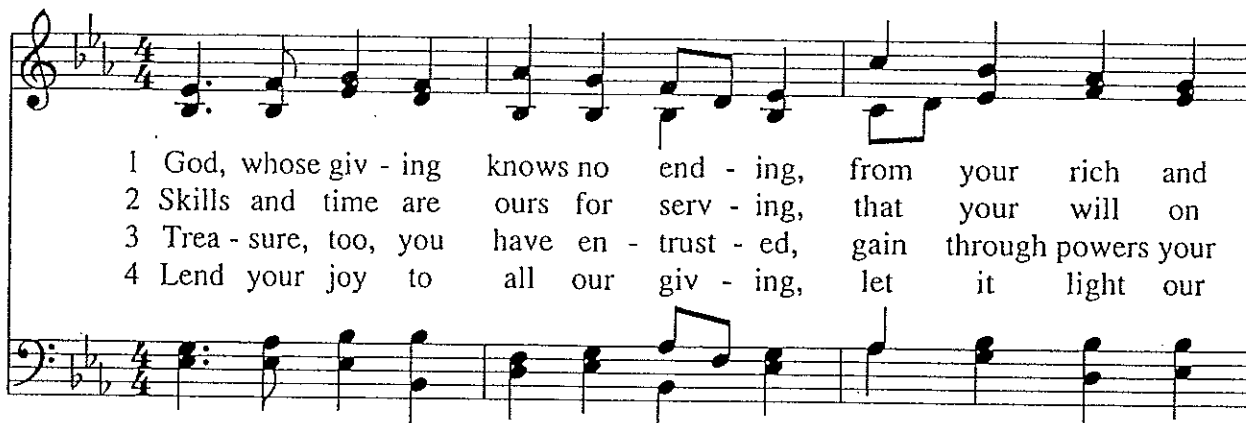
there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

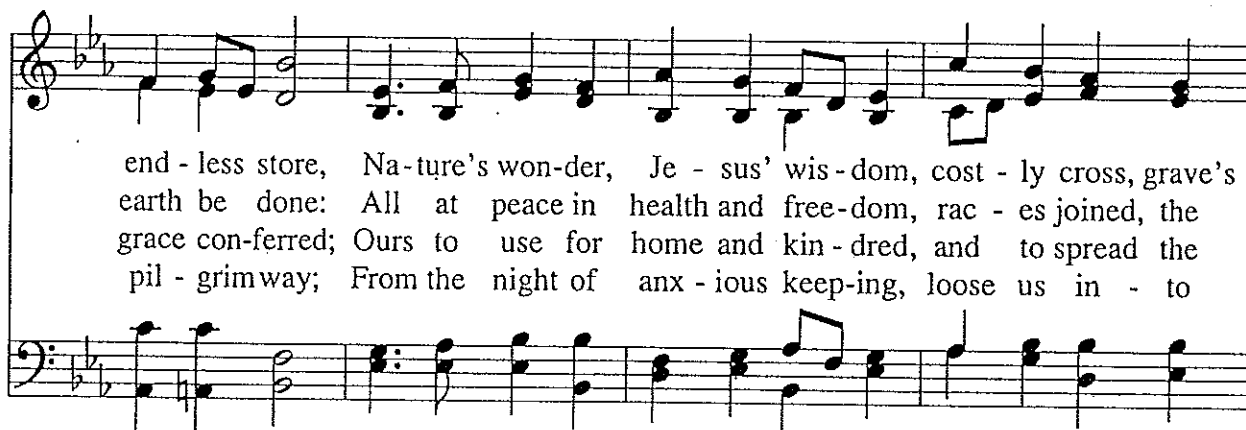
Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

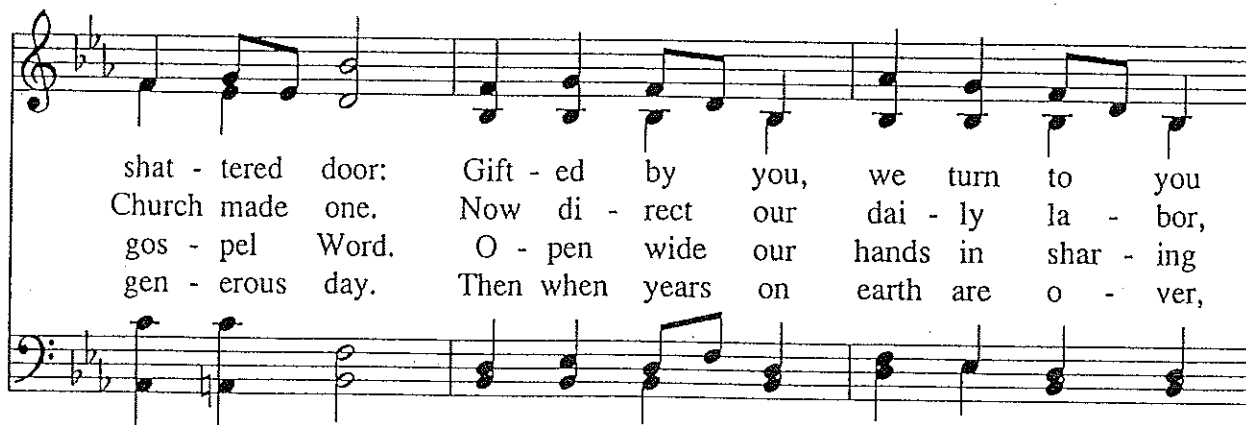
Robert L. Edwards, 1961; alt.



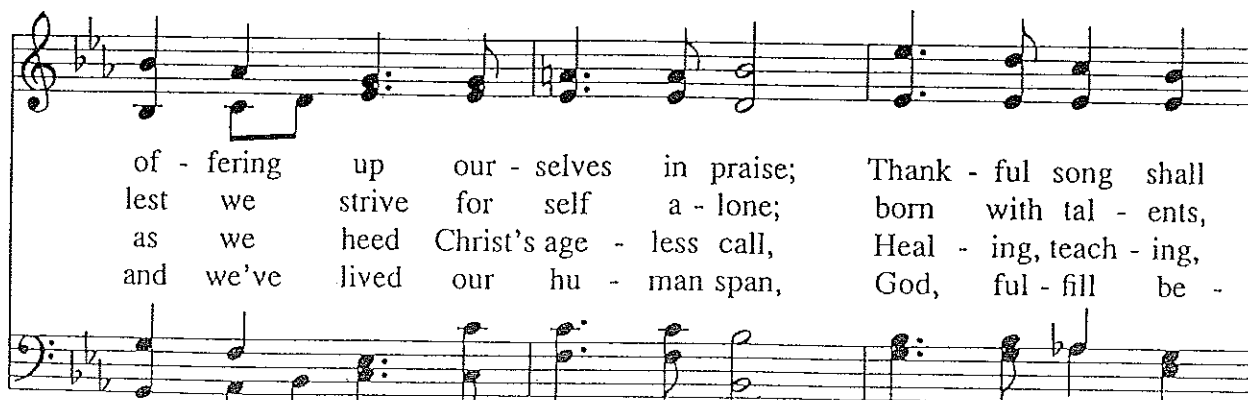
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for serv - ing, that your will on
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your
 4 Lend your joy to all our giv - ing, let it light our



end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's
 earth be done: All at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the
 grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the
 pil - grim way; From the night of anx - ious keep - ing, loose us in - to



shat - tered door: Gift - ed by you, we turn to you
 Church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor,
 gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing
 gen - erous day. Then when years on earth are o - ver,



of - fering up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful song shall
 lest we strive for self a - lone; born with tal - ents,
 as we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing, teach - ing,
 and we've lived our hu - man span, God, ful - fill be -

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HYMN #565 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, hon - oring you by lov - ing all.
yond our dream - ing, all our stew - ard - ship be - gan.

Robert L. Edwards, an ordained United Church of Christ minister, has served several churches in Connecticut. He wrote this text for a competition of The Hymn Society, and it was subsequently published in Ten New Stewardship Hymns in 1961.

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D.
Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797
Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

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