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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

I Will Be a Functioning Church Member

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 welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices 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 pray God's blessing upon you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Spiritual Gifts Video

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

Leader: In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks,

ALL: slaves or free, indigenous people and later comers to this land.

Leader: The body does not consist of one member but of many.

ALL: If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;

Leader: if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

ALL: We are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Leader: Baptized by the Spirit, we claim our membership of the body of Christ.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 491 (black hymnal)**

Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: O God who sent gifts of the Holy Spirit to those first saints, we know you continue to send gifts to us, even though we do not claim them. We confess that we have not always opened our gifts. We have often chosen to keep them packed away or buried. Move us, by your Spirit, to pick up our presents that you so freely give, to open them and to spend them lavishly on the stewardship of your world. We confess to you how often our thoughts and motives are confused, both individually and when we are together as your people, and that this confusion often blinds us to your interest in our lives. Break in on our confusion, and astonish us anew, O God! Our prayer is that you will claim us again and silence within us our desire to always have words for every occasion, that we might hear the whisper of your Spirit.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 759 (black hymnal)

Gloria Patri

ALL SING: Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

(10:30 AM) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 163 (black hymnal)

Many Are the Lightbeams

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

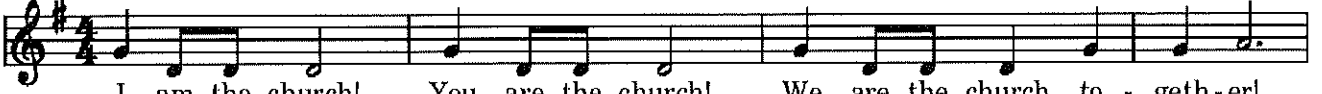
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OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 558 (refrain, v. 1, refrain) *We Are the Church*

Piano  I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth - er!

5  All who fol - low Je - sus, all a - round the world! Yes! We're the church to - geth - er! The

9  church is not a build - ing, the church is not a stee - ple, the

11  church is not a rest - ing place, the church is its peo - ple. I am the church!

14  You are the church! We are the church to - geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,

18  all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth - er.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 539 (black hymnal) *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

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*BENEDICTION

Reflection Questions

1. *Which of your gifts are not being used to serve the church?*
2. *How can you more fully serve your church?*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Go Now In Peace*⁵

ALL SING: Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of evr'y day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE

¹The call to worship was written by Moira Laidlaw and posted with permission for use in worship on the *Liturgies Online* website at <http://www.liturgiesonline.come.au/>. It was accessed for this service on the *Re:Worship* website at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/01/call-to-worship-1-corinthians-12.html>. Accessed on October 1, 2019.

²The confession was originally shared with permission for use in worship on the *Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand* website at <http://presbyterian.org.nz/for-ministers/worship-resources>. Accessed for this worship service on the *Re:Worship* website at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/04/confession-gifts-of-spirit.html>. Accessed on October 1, 2019.

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NOTES

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of all the Oktoberfest volunteers. Thank you so much for all you do, from Barbara Krier & Lynwood Schleeter!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Herb Chronister's 94th birthday by Pearl Chronister.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Carol Bair for all her hard work to keep the hospitality table available for everyone to enjoy from the congregation.

Thank you to the Worship Choir & Praise Band for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to Denny Daugherty for serving as substitute accompanist 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.

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Tama Allison, Joan Masimore, Natalie Behrends, & Jodi Graham

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Welcome Team: David & Brigitte Bradnick, Kathleen & Maddie Haugh

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Bob Katherman

10:30 AM Nursery: Katelyn & Corey McCarthy

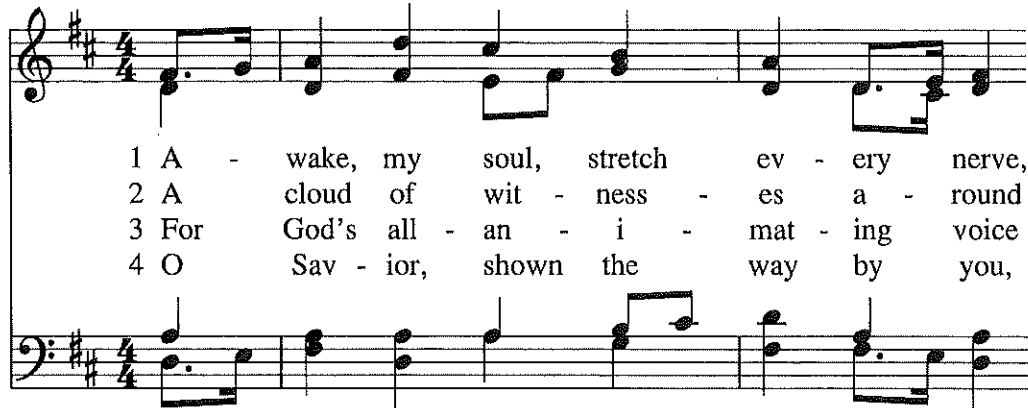
WOW Kids: Jackie Kubala & Dani Devine

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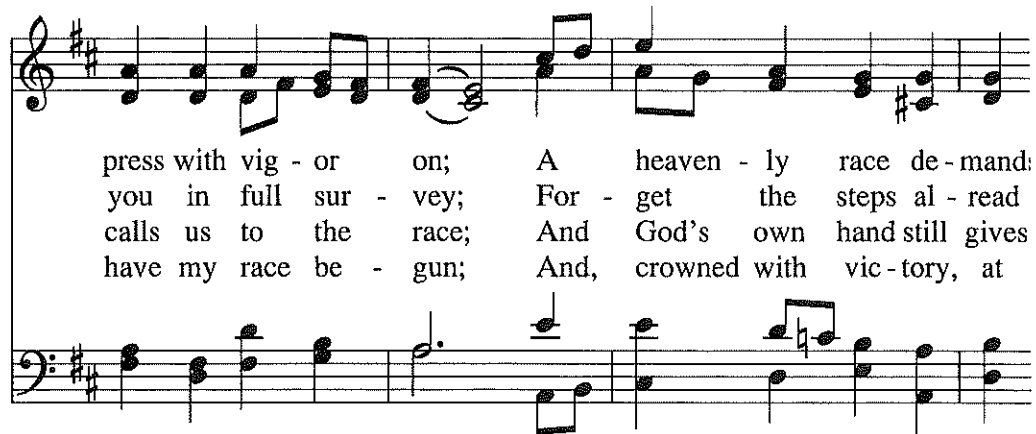
Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

Philip Doddridge (1702–1751); alt.

2 Tim. 4:7



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve,
 2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round
 3 For God's all - an - i - mat - ing voice
 4 O Sav - ior, shown the way by you,



press with vig - or on; A heaven - ly race de - mand;
 you in full sur - vey; For - get the steps al - read
 calls us to the race; And God's own hand still gives
 have my race be - gun; And, crowned with vic - tory, at



and an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal
 and on - ward urge your way, and on - ward urge your
 with nev - er - end - ing grace, with nev - er - end - ing
 I'll lay my hon - ors down, I'll lay my hon - ors

This hymn is one of more than 400 written by a Congregational minister, Philip Doddridge, but none of them were published in his lifetime. Pressing on in the heavenly race is a theme found in several New Testament passages.

Tune: CHR.
G.

Many Are the Lightbeams

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Cyprian of Carthage, "De unitate ecclesiae," 252 C.E.
 Swedish paraphr. by Anders Frostenson (b. 1906)
 Transl. David Lewis, 1983

John 8:12; 9:5; 15:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:4-27; Gal. 3:28

Unison

1 Man - y are the light-beams from the one light. Our one
 2 Man - y are the branch-es of the one tree. Our one
 3 Man - y are the gifts given, love is all one. Love's the
 4 Man - y ways to serve God, the Spir - it is one; ser - vant
 5 Man - y are the mem - bers, the bod - y is one; mem - bers

light is Je - sus. Man - y are the light-beams
 tree is Je - sus. Man - y are the branch-es
 gift of Je - sus. Man - y are the gifts given,
 spir - it of Je - sus. Man - y ways to serve God, the
 all of Je - sus. Man - y are the mem - bers, the

from the one light; we are one in Christ.
 of the one tree; we are one in Christ.
 love is all one; we are one in Christ.
 Spir - it is one; we are one in Christ.
 bod - y is one; we are one in Christ.

The text upon which this hymn is based is by a bishop of the early church, Cyprian of Carthage. It was paraphrased from his 252 C.E. work, "De unitate ecclesiae" (Of church unity). He was martyred in Carthage c. 258.

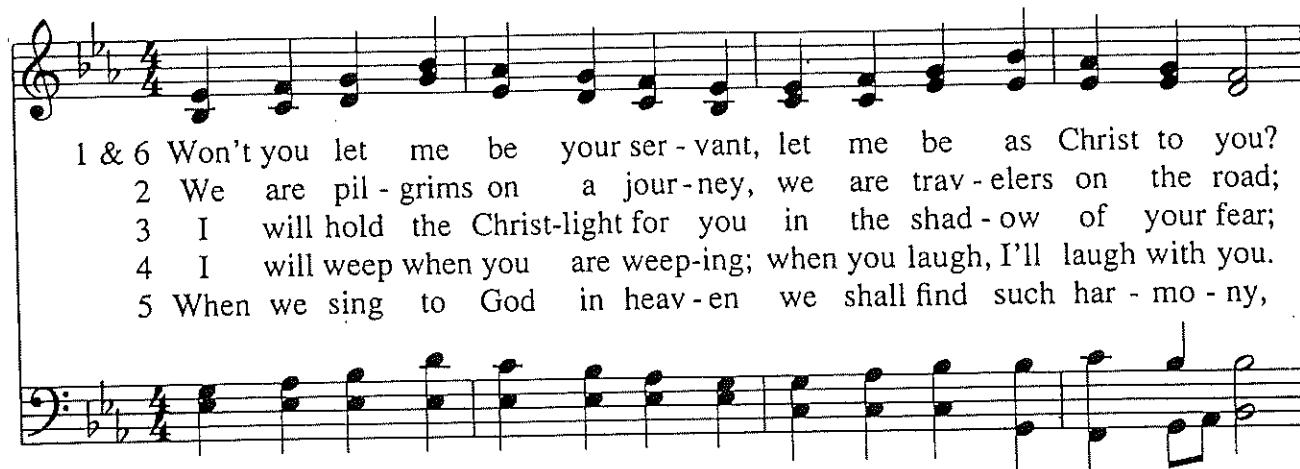
Tune: LIGHTBEAMS Irr.
 Olle Widstrand (b. 1906)
 Arr. Darryl Nixon, 1987

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

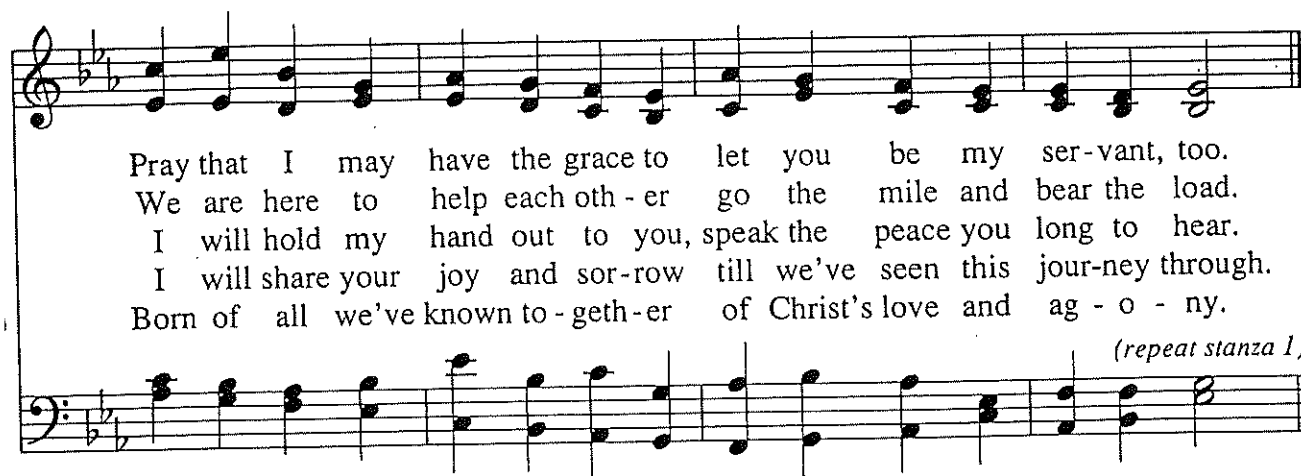
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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his musical style as "folk." This is the best known of his many songs in the United States.

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.
Richard Gillard, 1977
Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.