

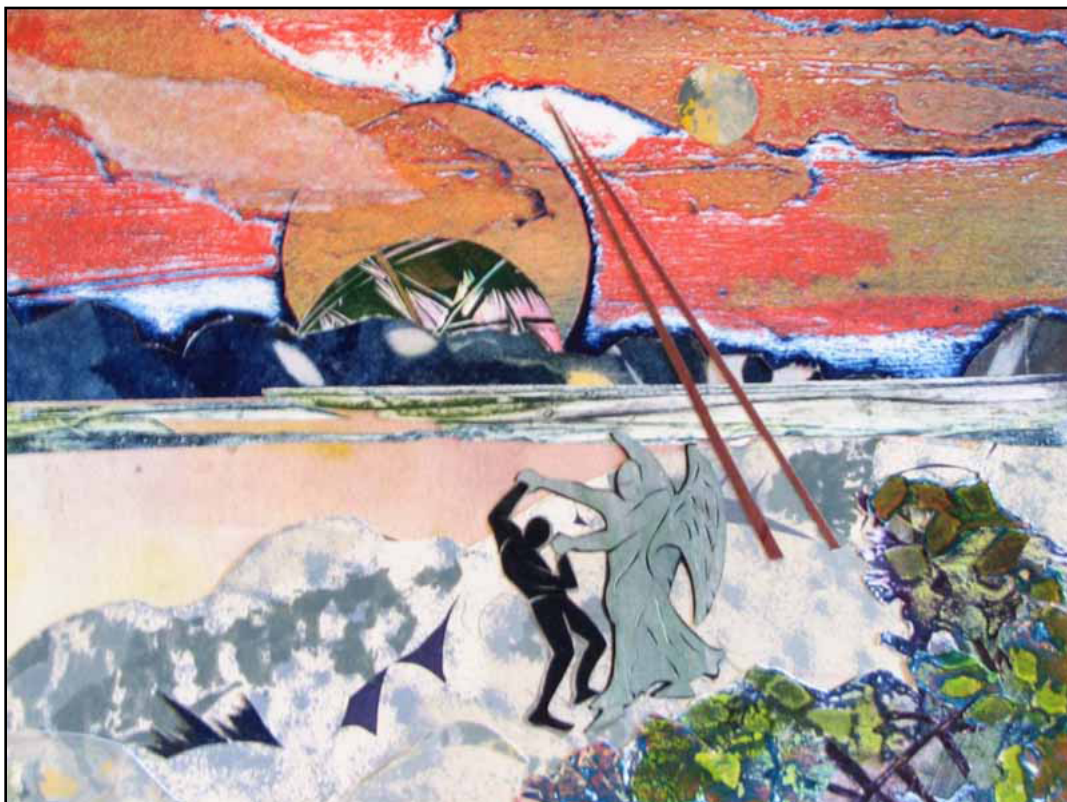


Hudson Memorial  
Presbyterian Church (USA)



*To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ*

**Welcome**



**September 18, 2022**

# Service for the Lord's Day

*September 18, 2022*

## We Gather to Worship

### Prelude

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

arr. McDonald

*During the Prelude you are invited to reflectively prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*

### Welcome

### Introit

*Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness*

John L. Bell

### Call to Worship (Unison)\*

Pamela Wilding, Kenya

We're here to worship God, the God of the second chance. God knows what we need as we gather here, to be still in God's presence, and to open ourselves to God's life-giving love; God's healing touch; God's splendid courage, mighty strength, perfect peace, caring concern, divine grace, and boundless joy. Let us worship God.

### Opening Hymn #331\*

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

# 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y  
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de-fense.  
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:  
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.  
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

**Children's Message**

Allie Sharpe

**Choral Response**

*God of the Ages, God Near at Hand*

Carl Schalk

## **We Repent and Seek Forgiveness**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Lord God, we confess that we have fears that we like to protect, where we convince ourselves that we are in control, and therefore have no need for you. We confess that we can be petulant children trying to cover up our faults, our anger, our failures, as though they make no difference in how we live. Forgive us. Remind us that you know us completely, and you love us anyway. Lord, hear our plea. *(Silent confession)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Psalm 103:12

**Gloria Patri #581\***

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.”

**Passing the Peace\***

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

*Please stand and offer a sign of Christ's peace to those around you.*

## **We Hear God's Word**

**First Lesson**

Genesis 32:22-32

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**Anthem**

*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

“Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly:

The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;

But above all the heart must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!”

Words: George Herbert

Music: AUGUSTINE – Erik Routley, arr. David Giardiniere

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## **Prayer of Illumination (Unison)**

Diocese of Zululand, South Africa

Holy Spirit of God, pour your Light into our hearts and minds. Help us to know more clearly, and to grasp more fully your Word through the screen of our Savior, Jesus. Help us then to know how to share your Good News unconditionally and without condemnation, but with hope and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

## **Second Lesson**

Luke 14:34-35

*Common English Bible*

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

*Wrestling with God*

Rev. Rebekah Maul

# **We Respond in Faith**

## **Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed\***

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Invitation to the Offering**

## **Offertory**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

arr. Shackley

## **Doxology #609\***

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!”

## **Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

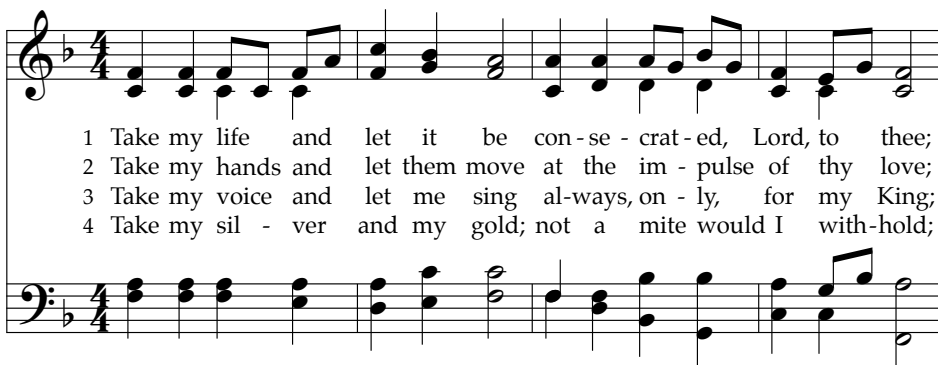
# **We Bear and Follow the Word into the World**

## **Closing Hymn #697\***

*Take My Life* (Verses 1-4)

# Take My Life

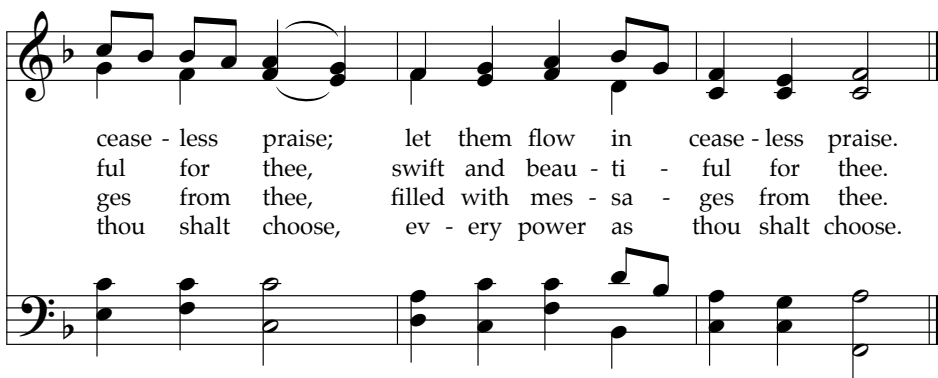
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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.

## **Benediction\***

### **Choral Response\***

*We are Pilgrims on a Journey*

Gillard, arr. Pulkingham

### **Postlude**

*Come Thou Fount*

arr. Payne

*\*Rise, in body or spirit*

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## **Welcome**

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today!

If you are a guest, please stop at one of the entryway tables for a gift bag and information about the church.

While you are at Fellowship in Westminster Hall, check out the Scholastic Book Fair! Proceeds support Hudson Memorial Preschool.

## **Worship Notes**

**Thanks to our guest preacher today, Rev. Rebekah Maul,  
and our guest organist, Colby Griffin!**

**Chancel Flowers today** are given by Christine and Harry Bond to the glory of God, and in celebration of the birthdays of Claire Bond and Grace Hutchinson.

**Greeters today** - Roger Howard, Ron Ash, Davis Jennings

**Ushers today** - Martha Chapman, Ron Ash, Wilson Cheeley, Kelly Boone

**Sound setup and Soundboard Operator** - Steve Jesseph | **Livestream Operator** - Davis Boone

**Deacon on Call (DOC)** for September is Keto Komono. If you are in need of prayer, comfort or assistance, please call the confidential Deacon Prayer line at 919-787-1086.

**Memory Book** is open today to Memorials given March 15, 2021 - In Memory of Marge O'Rorke by Nancy Appleby Brenner.

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## Children and Their Families: Worship, Education and Helpful Hints

We enthusiastically welcome all children to HMPC!

Nursery for infants, toddlers, and twos is located on the north end of the first floor and is available from 9:15–12:15. Please sign in your child with one of our childcare workers. Staff are HMPC employees and experienced childcare professionals, and our nursery wing has its own security system. Members and guests participating in Worship can leave children with confidence, knowing they will be contacted by text message should it become necessary. The comfort and security of children is our highest priority.

- We welcome all families to begin Worship together in the Sanctuary. Please sign children in at the back of the Sanctuary near the Children's Worship Area and ensure each child is wearing his/her lanyard or a nametag. Following the Children's Message, all children age 3 yrs through 4th grade are welcome to go with the Children's Ministry volunteers to Sunday School.
- Your kids are invited to participate in our Children's Music program. While your kids are enjoying music, parents are invited to "Coffee & Conversation" in the Chapel!

**It's time for 2022-2023 Sunday School registration!** Please fill out one form for each child in your family. This form must be filled out at the beginning of each school year.

## September Special Offering Presbyterian Campus Ministries

This month's Special Offering is for Presbyterian Campus Ministries. As an extension of the ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA), PCM of Raleigh seeks to be a unique voice of God's grace on the college campuses in our community. Our donations go specifically to the PCM at NCSU. To investigate the campus ministry at NC State, please check out [www.pcmraleigh.org](http://www.pcmraleigh.org)



You may place your donation in the offering plate (designated to PCM), or you can give online by clicking the QR code, or visiting [hmpe.org](http://hmpe.org). To give by phone, simply text the donation amount with the letters "PCM" to 888-906-0744. (Example text: 25 PCM) Once you enter your information, you will not need to enter it again for future donations.



## **Upcoming at Hudson**

**September 30 at 6:00pm - Fellowship Friday - Movie night**

**Sunday, October 9 - Children's Communion Education Class**

**Sunday, October 16 - Children's Sabbath**

**Sunday, October 23 - Fall Festival (at St. Mark's United Methodist)**

**Sunday, November 6 - Homecoming & Commitment Sunday**

**Sunday, November 13 - Inquirer's Class**

**Sunday, November 27 - Hanging of the Greens**

**Sunday, December 11 - Christmas Pageant**

**Sunday, December 18 - Christmas Joy Concert**



## Our Mission Statement

*To Know, Love and Serve God in Jesus Christ*

## Our Vision

*A Community Enriched by Responding to the Wonder of God*

## Our Core Values

*Worship, Generosity, Service, Nurture, Education & Gratitude*

### Session

Glenn Schindo, Clerk

Mac Schafer, Moderator

Debbie Kirk

#### **Class of 2023**

Ashley Edmister

Sandy Geiger

Rick Melling

Caroline Smart

#### **Class of 2024**

Tom Bradshaw

Cary Dickerson

Roger Howard

Joan Lester

#### **Class of 2025**

Dottie Burch

Carol Cox

Jay Cummins

Melinda Dickinson

### Deacons

#### **Class of 2023**

Pat Balletta

Wilson Cheeley

Denise Crosson

Judie Greenawalt, Moderator

Keto Komono

#### **Class of 2024**

Ron Ash

Tony Bedini

Martha Chapman

Susan Krause

Elizabeth Rankin

#### **Class of 2025**

Billy Branch

Ruth Herpich

Joanna Hulsey

Gretchen McDuffie

Carolyn Scott

## Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

Mac Schafer	<i>*On sabbatical</i>	Pastor, Head of Staff
Debbie Kirk		Associate Pastor, Spiritual Growth & Nurture
Aleta Ash		Minister of Visitation
Barbara Loehr-Fox		Director of Music Ministries
Rich Richards		Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Music
Cary Dickerson		Director of Children's Ministries
Amy Claprood		Church Business Administrator
Lesley Ash-Jacobsen		Communications Specialist
Cheri Thomas		Bookkeeper
Dorothy Roche		Preschool Director
Joyce Hawkins		Assistant Preschool Director
Sue Newton		Interim Pianist
Hope Parangi		Church Hostess



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