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October 27, 2024

11:00am

Tower Chimes

Janet Cook

Music to Gather:

“Abide in Grace, Lord Jesus” Pachelbel

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*** Welcome**

Call to Worship by Rev. Nancy Townley

One: We come with joy to this celebration of God's love!

All: Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your love.

One: We come with hope to this witness to God's power!

All: Challenge and encourage our spirits to serve you, Lord.

One: We come with a willingness to proclaim God's presence to all.

All: We thank God for this invitation to worship, witness and serve. Amen.

Hymn #436 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Profession of Faith

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Let us come before the Lord to profess our love and need for God's presence in our lives!

God of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1. God of grace and God of glo-ry,
on your peo-ple pour your power;
crown your an-cient church's sto-ry;
bring its bud to glo-rious flower.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
for the fac-ing of this hour,
for the fac-ing of this hour.

2. From the e-vils that sur-round us
and as-sail the Sav-ior's ways,
from the fears that long have bound us—
free our hearts for faith and praise.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
for the liv-ing of these days,
for the liv-ing of these days.

3. Cure your chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness;
bend our pride to your con-trol.
Shame our reck-less, self-ish glad-ness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
make our bro-ken spir-its whole,
make our bro-ken spir-its whole.

4. Set our feet on loft-y plac-es;
gird our lives that they may be

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ar-mored with all Christ-like grac-es,
in the fight to set us free.

Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
in the quest for lib-er-ty,
in the quest for lib-er-ty.

5. Save us from weak res-ig-na-tion
to the e-vils we de-plore;
let the search for your sal-va-tion
be our glo-ry ev-er-more.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
serv-ing you whom we a-dore,
serv-ing you whom we a-dore.

All: Creator, Son, and Spirit One, we gather together in your presence filled with awe and wonder! You are so great and so wonderful! You fill our days with love and light, and even in the darkest of times, we never have to fear, because you are with us. Help us to grow deeper in our relationship with you. Help us to know you more. Let us become more like Jesus with each passing day so that we might best share your love with the world. Amen!

Confession Response 🎵 Hymn #410, Verse 1

**If you but trust in God to guide you,
with hopeful heart through all your
ways,**

**You will find strength, with God beside
you,**

To bear the worst of evil days;

**For those who trust God's change-less
love**

Build on the rock that will not move.

Assurance of Grace

One: When we come before our Lord to profess our faith in God, we find that we have already been made part of the family of God!

All: “You and I have been adopted into God's family and have become God's children.” -Romans 8:16

Response to Words of Assurance

♪ Hymn #400, Verse 3

**Here renew your servants' vision,
Thay by faith they may attain
Peace and hope, renewed compassion,
Strength to comfort those in pain,
Tears and grief transformed to gladness
in your everlasting reign.**

Scriptures

Barney Cook

Mark 10:35-45(Page 818)

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (Page 937)

Congregational Response 🎵

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

Children's Moment

Sermon: "The Fandom"

Rev. Becky Sausser

Hymn #172 "Jesus Calls Us, o'er the
Tumult"

(Note: Ushers will collect "Prayer Cards" during this time. Prayer cards are in the pews. We invite you to fill one out if you have a joy or prayer request to share.)

Morning Prayer & 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

Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

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Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.

1. Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu-mult
of our life's wild, rest-less sea;
Day by day that voice still calls us,
say-ing, "Chris-tian, fol-low me."
2. As of old, Saint An-drew heard it
by the Gal-i-le-an lake,
Turned from home and toil and kin-dred,
leav-ing all for Je-sus' sake.
3. Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship
of the trea-sures we a-dore,
From each i-dol that would keep us,
say-ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."
4. In our joys and in our sor-rows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
Je-sus calls, in cares and plea-sures,
"Chris-tian, love me more than these."
5. Je-sus calls us! By your mer-cies,
Sav-ior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your o-be-dience,
serve and love you best of all.

Matt. 4:18–22; Mark 1:16–20; John 21:15

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.

Prayer Response 🎵 Hymn # 472, Verse 1

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Chancel Choir: "This Is My Word"

Pepper Choplin

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Offering

Jeff Rissell

Offertory

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

Mark Sedio

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*Doxology 

**Praise God from whom all blessings
flow;**

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

* **Hymn #539** “Won't You Let Me Be Your
Servant?”

* Commission and Blessing

***Threefold Amen**

Amen, Amen, Amen

Music to go forth:

“How Great Thou Art” J. Wayne Kerr

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Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

1. Won't you let me be your ser-vant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser-vant, too.
2. We are pil-grims on a jour-ney, we are trav-elers on the road;
We are here to help each oth-er go the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad-ow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with
you.
I will share your joy and sor-row till we've seen this jour-ney
through.
5. When we sing to God in heav-en we shall find such har-mo-ny,
Born of all we've known to-geth-er of Christ's love and ag-o-ny.
6. Won't you let me be your ser-vant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser-vant, too.

Rom. 12:9–18; Col. 1:24–29

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God is still speaking, ...

Serving St. John's...

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Lois Mease... Music Director and Organist
April Riddick.....Custodian
Jim Saylor.....Sunday Sexton
And too many volunteers to list!

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