

CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

"The Heavens Declare"

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Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you**

**Call to Worship

L: Come, people of God! The risen Christ has a message for you:

1: **Grace to you, and peace**

2: **and grace to you, and peace!**

L: From God who calls us, and calls us beloved: Grace and peace,

1: **compassion and affection**

2: **knowledge and insight**

P: **love-----overflowing.**

Liturgist Ashlyn Sowell

**Hymn -366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling "

Resurrection Prayer

L: Your love raises up to life, O God,
not only in our hearts and minds, but in our actions too.

**P: As the risen Christ reveals your grace and peace even now,
we come seeking the fullness of your living blessing.**

L: When our motivations miss the mark,

P: keep us on your path and turn our hearts back to your way.

L: When your affection finds no echo in ours,

P: transform us by the renewing of our minds, so your love overflows through us.

L: When our fear of repercussions silences our story of your abundant life,

P: set us free and give us courage to live out loud.

**All: Lord, ground us in your resurrection power
that we might grow and bear fruit for your glory.**

We pray in the name of Christ, who is alive that we too may live. Amen.

Assurance of Newness

L: Hear this Good News: The one who started a good work in you
will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus.

**All: Trusting in God's grace and the power of resurrection, we go forward into new life.
Thanks be to God!**

****Response - # # 240 Refrain, v.4, Refrain "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

**4. Come let us praise the living God
Joyfully sing to our Savior (Refrain)**

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

Word in Music

"Stand Together"

J. Papoulis
Jeemakis Music, 2007

Time for All God's Children

Sarah Trodden

**Please note that any children who come forward to the chancel will likely be seen on the worship livestream.*

Children ages preschool—third grade are dismissed to Sunday Experience.

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist Ashlyn Sowell

Psalm Text for the Day

Psalm 40:4-10, CEB

Gospel Text for the Day

Philippians 1:1-18a, CEB

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

Hymn of Response - # 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Prayers of the People Concluding with the Lord's Prayer, Hymnal, p. 35

EUCCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist Ashlyn Sowell

Offertory

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Robert Lowry

arr. Mary McDonald

The Lorenz Publishing Company, 2017

We invite you to use the time of the Offertory to reflect and to pray silently, offering thanks for God's goodness, and commitment of ourselves for declaring that the God who creates also re-creates. making all things new.

**Doxology- #232 v.4

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!

Praise our God, you heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication and Discipleship

Liturgist Ashlyn Sowell

SENDING

Hymn - #767

"Together We Serve"

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

Horatio Parker

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Texts for the Week

Phillipians 1:1-18a (CEB)

From Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus. To all those in Philippi who are God's people in Christ Jesus, along with your supervisors and servants.

² May the grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

³ I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. ⁴ I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy. ⁵ I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now. ⁶ I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷ I have good reason to think this way about all of you because I keep you in my heart. You are all my partners in God's grace, both during my time in prison and in the defense and support of the gospel. ⁸ God is my witness that I feel affection for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

⁹ This is my prayer: that your love might become even more and more rich with knowledge and all kinds of insight. ¹⁰ I pray

this so that you will be able to decide what really matters and so you will be sincere and blameless on the day of Christ. ¹¹ I pray that you will then be filled with the fruit of righteousness, which comes from Jesus Christ, in order to give glory and praise to God.

¹² Brothers and sisters, I want you to know that the things that have happened to me have actually advanced the gospel. ¹³ The whole Praetorian Guard and everyone else knows that I'm in prison for Christ. ¹⁴ Most of the brothers and sisters have had more confidence through the Lord to speak the word boldly and bravely because of my jail time. ¹⁵ Some certainly preach Christ with jealous and competitive motives, but others preach with good motives. ¹⁶ They are motivated by love, because they know that I'm put here to give a defense of the gospel; ¹⁷ the others preach Christ because of their selfish ambition. They are insincere, hoping to cause me more pain while I'm in prison.

¹⁸ What do I think about this? Just this: since Christ is proclaimed in every possible way, whether from dishonest or true motives, I'm glad and I'll continue to be glad.

Psalm 40:4-10

⁴ Those who put their trust in the LORD,
who pay no attention to the proud
or to those who follow lies,
are truly happy!

⁵ You, LORD my God!
You've done so many things—
your wonderful deeds and your plans for us—
no one can compare with you!
If I were to proclaim and talk about all of them,
they would be too numerous to count!

⁶ You don't relish sacrifices or offerings;
you don't require entirely burned offerings or
compensation offerings—
but you have given me ears!

⁷ So I said, "Here I come!
I'm inscribed in the written scroll.

⁸ I want to do your will, my God.
Your Instruction is deep within me."

⁹ I've told the good news of your righteousness
in the great assembly.
I didn't hold anything back—
as you well know, LORD!

¹⁰ I didn't keep your righteousness only to myself.
I declared your faithfulness and your salvation.
I didn't hide your loyal love and trustworthiness
from the great assembly.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min - is - tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am - ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-enge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

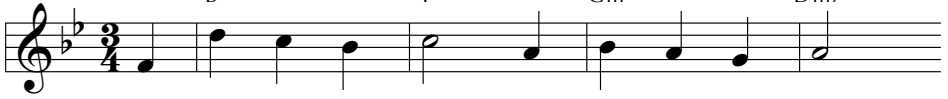


This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
 B \flat F Gm Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E \flat B \flat Cm7 Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
 B \flat F E \flat Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 B \flat E \flat B \flat Cm F7 B \flat



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.