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"God's Open House"

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10am Worship Service ❖ October 11, 2026
20th Sunday After Pentecost
Stephen Di Trolio

Prayer & Contemplation

"This visitation—ladder and all—left Jacob stunned and in awe. He marked the place: House of God! Gate of heaven! No wonder he was fearful; he was in a place occupied by God's fierce holiness" – *Walter Bruggerman*

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude: "Gather Us In"

Call to Worship

One: Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

All: Lift up your hands to the Holy place and bless the Lord.

One: May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth bless you from Zion.

All: We come to praise and worship the Lord! Let us worship God!

***Hymn No. #401** "Hee In This Place"

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: Friends in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Hymn No. 582** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

"Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end, Amen. World without end, without end, Amen. World without end, without end, Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen."

***Passing of Peace**

One: Jesus said to his disciples: My peace I leave with you; the peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Let us as a church share the peace of Christ with one another. Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

***Special Music** "How Can I Keep from Singing" - *arr. Littleton Sanctuary Choir*

Time with Children

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Reading 1: Romans 8:26-39 **NT** pg. 158 **LP** pg. 192

Reading 2: Genesis 28:10-19 **OT** pg. 25 **LP** pgs. 30-31

Sermon "Know That I Am With You" - *Stephen Di Trolio*

***Affirmation of Faith**

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.

Offertory "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" - *arr. Phillips*

***Doxology No. 606** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Ever-faithful God, we long to be faithful givers, modelling ourselves on you who have given everything to us. May your Spirit of abundance, which gives more than we ask or imagine, grace these gifts for your kingdom in Jesus' name, Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Doug Hoffman, Erin Fitzpatrick, Bev Currier, John Wallace III, David, Mike, Bryan, Dominick Profico, Westin Zendel, Pat & Doug Richardson and Family, Joy Fisher, Chase, Betty & Charles Schmidheiser

One: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

One: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

One: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

One: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

All: Amen.

The 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.

***Hymn No. #529** "Draw us In the Spirit's Tether"

***Benediction**

***Benediction Choral Response** "The Lone, Wild Bird"

"The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with you, nor leaves your sight. And I am yours! I rest in you, Great Spirit, come, rest in me, too."

Postlude "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" - arr. Maxwell

**Please stand if you are able.*

Please Note: The service is livestreamed, and attendees may be recorded.

Music Notes:

Today's prelude is David Lasky's 2020 setting of the hymn tune "Gather Us In," originally written in 1979 by Marty Haugen. The offertory is Craig Phillips' 2020 setting of the hymn tune "Union Seminary," originally written in 1957 by Harold Friedell. The postlude is David Maxwell's 2013 arrangement of the same tune. The anthem is Ginger Littleton's arrangement of a tune by Baptist minister Robert Lowry. The text first appeared in the New York Observer in 1868, attributed to "Pauline T." We thank Dawn Jurkiewicz and the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Ushers	Mike & Bev Ballard
Liturgist	Carol Owens
Acolyte	Angeline Basile

October 11 Allison Hays

October 14 Pete Vignola Jr.

October 15 Ellorah Maeve

October 17 Lynn Schoepske & Emory Wichart

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Oct. Week of October 11th, 2026

11 Sunshine Singers 11:15am

12 Property Committee 7pm, Session Meeting 7pm

14 PW Core Meeting 9:30am

15 Joy Circle 10am, YG Pumpking Painting 6pm, Bell Choir 7pm, Sanctuary Choir 8pm

17 Grace Circle 9:30am, Family Bingo 5pm

Upcoming Events

18 Young Adult Brunch 11:30 Lucia's Pitman

20 Third Meal 5:30pm

23 Buddy & YG Halloween Party 5-8pm

24 Books & Breakfast 6am

25 CROP Walk 12-3pm East New St. Park

Monthly Announcements

Books & Breakfast

Volunteers cook and serve meals to the homeless community in Trenton. We leave at 6am and return at 10:30am, every 4th Saturday. To get on the list, contact pastordrew@pitmanpres,org.

Community Third Meal

Our Third Meal Community Dinner is on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm in the social hall. We are also looking for volunteers to set-up, greet, serve and clean up. Please contact Darlene at dbjacobson.author@gmail.com

Here in This Place 401

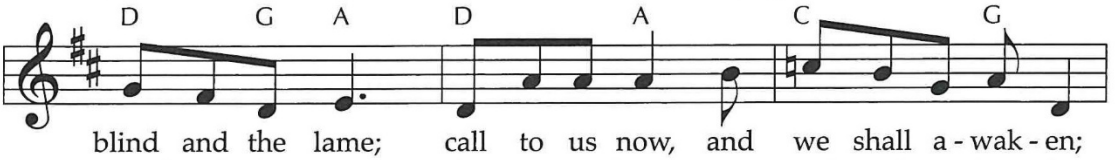
Gather Us In

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,

van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;

brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.

Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to-geth - er,

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1979
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KOREAN

1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어
성령과 피로써 거듭나니
이세상에서 내 영혼이
하늘의 영광 누리도다

후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요
이것이 나의 찬송일세
나사는 동안 끊임없이
예수 내 구주 찬송하리

2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내영
온전한 기쁨을 누리면서
자비와 사랑 속삭이는
하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴

3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼
주안에 복되고 평안하니
세상도 없고 나도 없고
사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 529

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This communion text calls attention to the inherent sacramental nature of all meals and the communal dimensions of all human interaction. The tune, originally composed for an anthem setting of this text, honors the institution where the composer was trained and later taught.

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MUSIC: Harold Friedell, 1957
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