

*Pebble Hill  
Presbyterian Church*



*October 17, 2021  
21st Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship for Sunday, October 17, 2021  
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Live Streaming Worship 10AM

*“And I heard a voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”  
Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” ‘ — Isaiah 6:8*

Prelude

Welcome

Carolyn Layburn

**\*Call to Worship**

Tim Frazee

Please stand for the Call to Worship:

Come gather together here in the presence of Christ, who is our friend and healer.

**We have entered here, and in our worship together, we yearn for hope and comfort.**

Let us reach to the heart of Jesus, who is our life.

**We encounter our Lord, who makes us whole.**

Here we are welcome and loved and cherished.

**Here we are the people of God. Let us rejoice and give God praise.**

Come, let us worship God!

**\*Opening Prayer**

Tim Frazee

Let us pray: Let us pray: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,  
hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.

Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory

and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**\*Hymn GTG # 386**

*Come, Worship God*

O Quanta Qualia

## 386

## Come, Worship God

(Psalm 95)



1 Come, wor-ship God, who is wor- thy of hon- or;  
 2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun- tains;  
 3 We are your peo- ple, the sheep of your pas- ture;  
 4 Now let us lis- ten, for you speak a- mong us;

en- ter God's pres- ence with thanks and a song!  
 held in your hands are the depths of the earth.  
 you are our Mak- er, and to you we pray.  
 o- pen our hearts to re- ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo- ple's sal- va- tion  
 Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,  
 Glad- ly we kneel in o- be- dience be- fore you;  
 Peace be to all who re- mem- ber your good- ness,

to whom our ju- bi- lant prais- es be- long.  
 God a- bove all gods, who gave us our birth.  
 great is the one whom we wor- ship this day!  
 trust in your word, and re- joice in your way!

Psalm 95, often called *Venite* from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.

## Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

Carolyn Layburn

Let us come before the Lord with our prayers of confession and reconciliation. Let us pray: For failing to love others as you have loved us . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For fearing those who are strange to us  
and ignoring those in need . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For losing heart and abandoning hope . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For all the ways we turn from you . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

**We offer our prayers in the name  
of the One who saves us,  
In Jesus Christ. Amen**

### *A Time of Silence*

*[Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God’s beloved child.]*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Carolyn Layburn

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen**

**\*RESPONSE in Praise: #634**

**To God be the Glory (refrain)**

To God be the Glory

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,*

*and give him the glory, great things he hath done*

## **\*Passing of the Peace**

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(Please share the Peace from your pews)*

## Children's Time

*(We sing 'Jesus Loves Me' as the children leave)*

### Prayer for Illumination

Tim Frazee

Let us pray: Holy Spirit, move in us today. Set our mind on things above, not on earthly things. Remove our pride and clear our distracted minds so that all we hear is your truth. Allow the Scriptures to be life-changing and to renew our desire for you. Help us to understand clearly the message of your Word. We want to know you more. Thank you for the message we will hear today. Amen

### Scriptures

Amos 5:14-24

New Revised Standard Version

Tim Frazee

Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.  
Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:  
In all the squares there shall be wailing;  
and in all the streets they shall say, "Alas! alas!"  
They shall call the farmers to mourning,  
and those skilled in lamentation, to wailing;  
in all the vineyards there shall be wailing,  
for I will pass through the midst of you,  
says the Lord.

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!  
Why do you want the day of the Lord?  
It is darkness, not light;  
as if someone fled from a lion,  
and was met by a bear;  
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,  
and was bitten by a snake.  
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.  
Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.  
But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**Matthew 25: 31-40**

New Revised Standard Version

**Carolyn Layburn**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

**Dr. Stacy Bautista**

**\*Hymn GTG # 762**

*When the Poor Ones*

El Camino

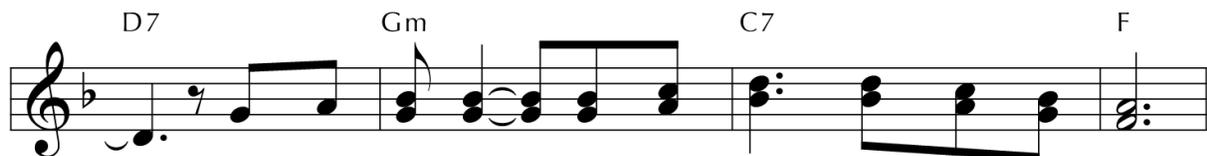
# 762 When the Poor Ones

*Cuando el pobre*



1 When the poor ones who have noth - ing share with strang - ers,  
 2 When at last all those who suf - fer find their com - fort,  
 3 When our joy fills up our cup to o - ver - flow - ing,  
 4 When our homes are filled with good - ness in a - bun - dance,

1 Cuan - do el po - bre na - da tie - ne y aún re - par - te,  
 2 Cuan - do un hom - bre su - fre y lo - gra su con - sue - lo,  
 3 Cuan - do cre - ce la a - le - grí - a y nos i - nun - da,  
 4 Cuan - do a - bun - da el bien y lle - na los ho - ga - res,



when the thirst - y wa - ter give un - to us all,  
 when they hope though e - ven hope seems hope - less - ness,  
 when our lips can speak no words oth - er than true,  
 when we learn how to make peace in - stead of war,

cuan - do un hom - bre pa - sa sed y a - gua nos da,  
 cuan - do es - pe - ra y no se can - sa de es - pe - rar,  
 cuan - do di - cen nues - tros la - bios la ver - dad,  
 cuan - do un hom - bre don - de hay gue - rra po - ne paz,



when the crip - pled in their weak - ness strength - en oth - ers,  
 when we love though hate at times seems all a - round us,  
 when we know that love for sim - ple things is bet - ter,  
 when each strang - er that we meet is called a neigh - bor,

cuan - do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce,  
 cuan - do a - ma - mos, aun - que el o - dio nos ro - dé - e,  
 cuan - do a - ma - mos el sen - tir de los sen - ci - llos,  
 cuan - do "her - ma - no" le lla - ma - mos al ex - tra - ño,

*Refrain / Estribillo*



then we know that God still goes that road with us,  
 va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.

Drawing on the parable revealing Christ's presence in "the least of these" (Matthew 25:31-46), the stanzas here give examples (the "when") while the refrain affirms the promise (the "then"). The journey imagery of the refrain is based on the Emmaus story (Luke 24:13-35).

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



then we know that God still goes that road with us.

*Va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.*

**Offertory Invitation**

**Tim Frazee**

Even in the midst of our darkest days and deepest longings, we are assured of the presence of God. In gratitude for our God who is big enough to hold our loving praise and our cries of woe, let us offer signs of our thanks with the gifts of our time, talent, and treasure.

**Anthem**

**Blest Are They**

**Haas**

**\*Doxology #607**

**Old Hundreth**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow:*

*Praise Christ, all people here below;*

*Praise Holy Spirit evermore:*

*Praise Triune God Whom we adore.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Tim Frazee**

Gracious God, all that we have is yours. Accept these gifts, signs of our gratitude as we return them to you. Show us how to use them that they may point to your abiding love, which is our eternal hope. Amen.

**Announcements and Prayer Requests**

*(Please write your requests and announcements on the paper provided in the Atrium.*

*They are brought forward during the offering.)*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Gracious and loving Creator, Sometimes the words just are not there. God, you are so amazing that our words and thoughts of how best to praise you pale in comparison to the splendors of your name. You are the Almighty, you are the Redeemer, you are grace never ending and the embodiment of love itself. And when we come to you in prayer, sometimes words fail us in what to say. Yes, we lift up our concerns, and yet sometimes they seem so small in comparison to the tribulations encountered across your creation. How can our problems compare to disasters people face, or the fighting that surrounds people trying to escape, or the horrors that no child should ever experience? Lord God, sometimes when we come to you to pray, we are clueless as to what we should ask for. You know the thoughts in our minds and the desires of our hearts, and there are times when they conflict. Sometimes we want what is not always the best for us, and there are times that we long to hold on to the things we should let go of. Today we lift up.....

There are times when really the best thing we can do is just pray thy will be done. In these moments, dear God, we are so very thankful for the lessons of your Son Jesus Christ for teaching us the words to pray when our own are insufficient, for our tradition teaches that Jesus said to pray to Our Father ...

**\*Hymn GTG #733**

*We All are One in Mission*

*ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN*

## 733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

Charge and Benediction

Carolyn Layburn

Postlude

*Flowers for this morning's service were donated by Deedee Elleman.  
Our prayers are with Terry, Lynda and Margo.  
Thank you.*

REV. ELIZABETH LYMAN – TRANSITIONAL PASTOR  
BETTE KAHLER – DIRECTOR OF MUSIC  
TIM FRAZEE AND CAROLYN LAYBURN - LITURGISTS

WE WELCOME DR. STACY BAUTISTA TO OUR PULPIT TODAY. STACY'S THE DIRECTOR OF EASTERN FARM WORKERS  
ASSOCIATION

THANKS TO NANCY STEWART, GARY QUIRK AND TOM TAYLOR  
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