

September 15, 2024; 9:00 am
Kick-off Sunday “F.R.O.G. – Fully Rely on God”

We Gather Together

Welcome to today’s Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

Copies of the Glory to God hymnal and Common English Bibles are available at the back of the sanctuary for your use during worship.

Prelude: We Gather Together

arr. by Fred Bock

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Jolene S., Liturgist

Just as the heavens burst forth in praise to God.....

We celebrate God’s abundant and powerful love.

Day by day, and night by night.....

God watches over us, loving and healing us.

Come, celebrate with joy the love of God.

Open our hearts and spirits, Lord, and teach us your ways. AMEN

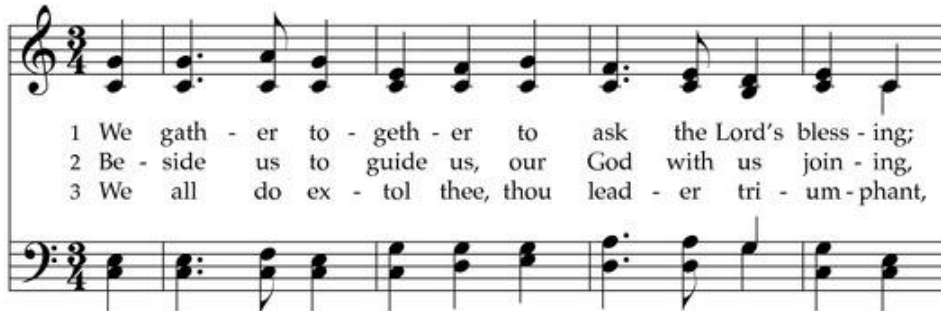
*** Opening Prayer**

God of wisdom and truth, speak to us now. Inspire us with your word. Speak clearly to our hearts, that we may walk in your ways and live in your love. In the name of Christ, our Messiah, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: GTG 336 “We Gather Together”**

Linda D. & Jonathan P., Cantors

We Gather Together 336



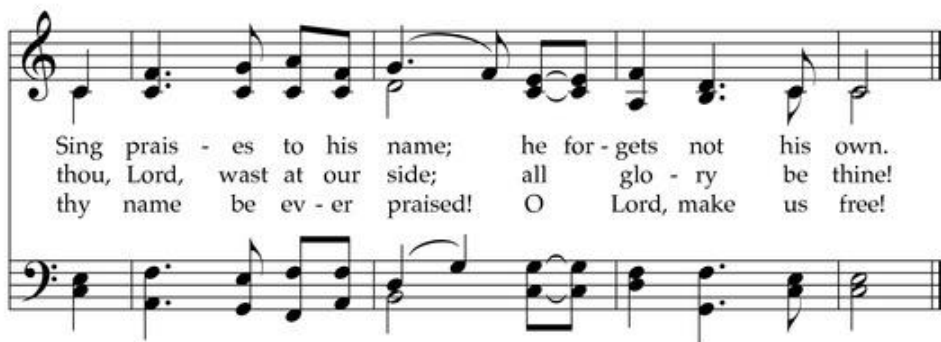
1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;



Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

***Call to Confession**

Jolene S., Liturgist

(Second Helvetic Confession, 5.204; cf. 1 Tim. 2:5)

We believe in God alone.

We call upon God, and we do so through Christ.

There is one God

and there is one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human.

Let us therefore confess our sins.

***Prayer of Confession**

Jolene S., Liturgist

Lord, it is easy for us to say that we will follow you; and then turn our backs and act as though our commitment to you does not mean anything to us. We are told to take up our crosses, and when we don't understand what that means, we just shrug and turn away. Forgive us for our lack of commitment and faith. Heal us of our greed and fears. Give us courage to be disciples and enable us to joyfully proclaim your healing mercies and your transformational love.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

Forgive us, O God, and invite us to begin again. **Help us to fully rely on you, to live in your love and walk in your truth, that we might be your people, and you might be our God. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Those who listen to God's wisdom live secure and at peace, without dread of disaster. Christ is our wisdom and our way.

In Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

***Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)

***Sung Response: GTG 581** “Glory Be to the Father”

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.

God’s Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 116:1-9 (Common English Bible)

(page 564 in the pew Bible, page 757 Common English Bible)

I love the Lord because he hears
my requests for mercy.

**I’ll call out to him as long as I live,
because he listens closely to me.**

Death’s ropes bound me;
the distress of the grave found me—
I came face-to-face with trouble and grief.

So I called on the Lord’s name:

“Lord, please save me!”

The Lord is merciful and righteous;
our God is compassionate.

The Lord protects simple folk;

he saves me whenever I am brought down.

I tell myself, You can be at peace again,
because the Lord has been good to you.

You, God, have delivered me from death,

**my eyes from tears,
and my foot from stumbling,
so I’ll walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.**

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:27-38 (Common English Bible)

(page 43 in the pew Bible, page 1227 Common English Bible)

Jesus and his disciples went into the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”

They told him, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets.”

He asked them, “And what about you? Who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Christ.” Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: “The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead.” He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: “Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God’s thoughts but human thoughts.”

After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

Children’s Time

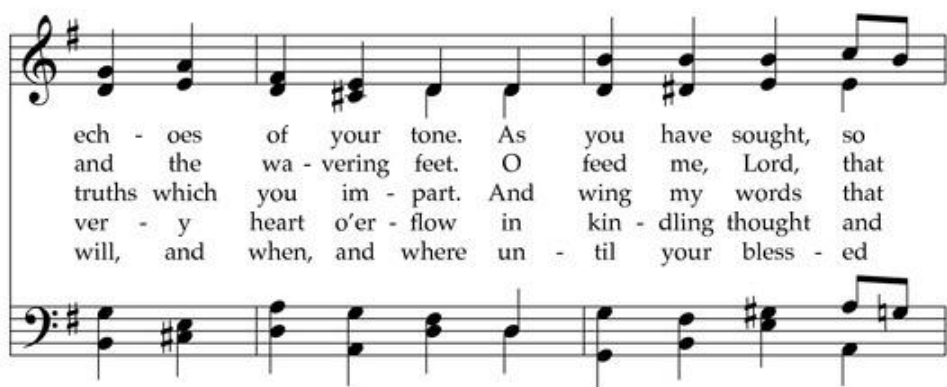
Jennifer Zander

***Hymn: GTG 722** “Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak” (vs. 1-3)

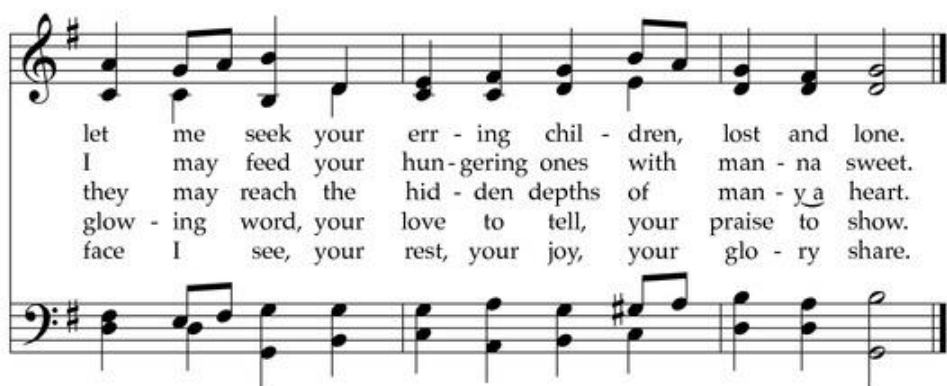
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

Sermon: "F.R.O.G. - Setting Our Minds on Divine Things"

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Prayers of the People

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.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.
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 Respond to God's Word

The Practice of Gratitude

In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.

Moment for Mission: Parking Lot Dedication

Offering Music: "Jesu, Jesu"

Linda D. & Jonathan P., Cantors

***Offertory: GTG 607 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God,
whom we adore. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

Blessing of New Drivers

***Sending Hymn: GTG 722** “Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”
(vs. 4-5) words below, music on page 6

O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: We Are Marching in the Light of God *arr. by Sara Glick*

Fellowship time will follow in Fellowship Hall

Keep in Prayer

Arnold L.	Dick and Maryann*	Marie L.
Ashley K.* (Dave E Daughter)	Gib D.	Mike S.*
Bob & Ollive B.	Jesse F.	Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom)
Brian C.	Joan K.(Marcus A. Mom)	Pat D.
Bruce L.* (Arnold L's son)	Karen & David H.*	Paul W.
Chastity G. & Joan S.	Liam A.	Sally S.
Corinne C.	Lynn K.*	Sherry M.
Danielle B.	Lynn M.	

The names in bold are new to the prayer list. The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer.

If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact a Deacon or the church staff. Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box located in the Narthex, in the church pews, or online ([click here](#)). You can place your prayer request in the offering plate or the lock box at the church office door. For electronic prayer requests, please complete the form and click submit.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Individuals in Person: 116
Zoom Households: 7

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
09/08/2024	\$ 6648.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$ 15.00	Pave the Way
9/2/--06/24	\$ 4281.00	Vanco Online Tithes/Offerings
	\$ 10.00	Vanco Online Pave the Way
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	\$10,954.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

Financial Giving and Gratitude

You can give online at www.fdlpresbyterian.org [Giving page](#). (Click on 'Online Giving'.) You can also give by cash or check on Sunday morning, or by mail. We are so very thankful for your contributions that help us do God's work in our church and in our community.

This Week

Sunday **September 15**
9:00-10:00am Outdoor Worship in the Church Pavilion
10:15-11:15am Fellowship Time/Activities
10:45-11:00am Growing Connections Slow Church
11:30-12:45pm PYA Lunch and Fellowship
1:00-2:00pm PYA Youth Group at the Woodlands

Monday **September 16**
10:00-11:30am Staff Meeting
6:30-8:30pm Session Meeting

Tuesday **September 17**
6:30-8:00pm Slow Church Book Study

Wednesday **September 18**
8:00-9:00am Men's Breakfast
10:00-11:30am Slow Church Book Study
4:00-6:00pm Loaves and Fishes Meal
4:30-5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal

Friday **September 20**
7:00-9:00pm Cribbage

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