Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude  “Be With Us, Lord, Through Thy Word”  Dietrich Buxtehude

We Address Ourselves to God

based on Psalm 86

Leader: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

People: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Leader: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;

People: give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

Leader: For you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: For you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

People: You are great and do wondrous things;

for you alone are God.

Leader: Let us worship God in hope and with praise.

Hymn  “Live Into Hope”  Hymn No. 772

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)

Gracious God, we are called to trust in you, your constant love, and presence. But when the going gets difficult we tend to forget that. We want life in faith to mean all will go well and we become frustrated when it does not. Help us to be patient. Help us remember the power of faith to change us and heal us. Empower us to serve with love and live in hope as your Son did. May your Spirit show us how to be those who are your hands and sources of hope in the world. It is in the name of your Son we pray. Amen.

Silent Confessions

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Confession  “We Are Forgiven”

We are forgiven, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God!

The Passing of the Peace
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us share that peace with one another.

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music
“Ballata”
Richard Lloyd

Second Reading
Romans 8:12-25
Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 158

Sermon
“Hope As A Verb”
The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

We Respond to God’s Word

Hymn
“For the Fruit of All Creation”
Hymn No. 36

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Offertory Sentences
Offertory Music
“Rhapsody”
Andrew Gant

Prayer of Dedication

We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn
“In Christ There Is No East or West”
Hymn No. 318

Benediction
Organ Postlude
“Prelude and Fugue in A minor”
Dietrich Buxtehude
Worship Leaders: The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Tom Glenn, Parish Associate
Music Ministry: Mimi Fargo, flute; Leslie Mallory, Hymn Leader;
Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries
Live Stream Host: Gary Hepp

Thank you for worshiping with us.

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Live into Hope

1 Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

2 Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight gained, and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.

3 Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one's dail y bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.

4 Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 19th-century tune in mind.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976
MUSIC: Musica Sacra, c. 1778
For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
2 In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.
3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still

sleeping, future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
spairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.
found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1970, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh melody, c. 1784
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In Christ There Is No East or West  318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
   him no south or north, but one great fellow-
   ship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their
   high communion find; his service is the
   golden cord binding humankind.

3 Join hands, disciples of the faith, what-
   e'er your race may be. All children of the
   living God are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in
   him meet south and north. All Christly souls are
   one in him throughout the whole wide earth.