

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ROCKINGHAM

OCTOBER 16, 2022

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Remembering we would do well to “fulfill the royal law according to scripture, ‘you shall love your neighbor as yourself’ (James 2:8), the Church Council recommends that all church members wear a mask, practice social distancing, and use hand sanitizers when in the church facilities for any purpose.*

GATHERING

*I Sing Praises to Your Name*

TFWS, 2037

*I sing praises to your name, O Lord, praises to your name, O Lord,  
for your name is great and greatly to be praised;  
I give glory to your name, O Lord, glory to your name, O Lord,  
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

GREETING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

UM Hymnal 384

\*AFFIRMATION

*The Apostle’s Creed*

UM Hymnal 881

**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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

4 He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

6 The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UM Hymnal, 895

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mary Griffith

OFFERTORY

*Be Thou My Vision*

Larson

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UM Hymnal 95

***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.***

PRAYER OF OFFERING

Lesson – Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.

3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.'

4 For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,

5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming."

6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says.

7 And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?

8 I tell you; he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

ANTHEM

*Find in Me*

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SERMON

*PUSH*

\*HYMN

*Here I Am, Lord*

UMH 593

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHIMING

\*POSTLUDE

***The flowers on the altar are given by W.G. and Lawanda Walker with Glory to God  
and in honor of their grandchildren.***

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**For first responders, emergency medical technicians, health professionals – therapists, nurses, doctors – of every specialty who face this Coronavirus Pandemic.**

**This week:** The Family of Barbara McLain

**For our church members:** Bebe Blackmon, Norman Bland, Rita Bland, Claudette Brownley, Jean Cain, Gaby Campbell, Misty Campbell, Jan Clay, Pam Dillman, Bob Ellwanger, Jerry Eteo, Audrey Ewing, Barbara Goodman, Susie Graves, Genevra Kelly, Randy Leak, Lucille Martin, Linda McCullough, Jimmy McLean, Gaynelle Moon, Bill Rohleder, Ron and Hannah Shaw, Frances Shepard, Sarah Shepherd, Jerry Thomas,

**For our extended family:** Jane Atha (Mary Griffith's mother), Hilda Auman (Don Auman's mother), Nancy Baucom, Ken Bostick, Parker Byrd, Barbara Cato, Paul Crump, Rick Ervin, Valarie Flores, Robert Flynn, Rebecca Gagnon, Jeff Ganns (Glenda Thomas' son-in-law), Arland Griffith (Lee Griffith's father), Terry Hamilton (Terry Shaw's uncle), Galvin Hill, Michael Hobbs, Patricia Huffman, (Martha Butler's mother), Lisa Johnson (T.J. Shaw's friend), J.B. Jones, Terri LaRue (Gwen Webb's sister), Hal Leak, Dathia Lee (Daphne Smith's mother), Gabriel Martin (Lucille Martin's granddaughter), Priscilla McCormick, Tommy McDonald, Sam Moser, Rick O'Brien, Ruth Ann Ritter, Stuart Shepherd (Diane Goodwin's grandson), William Sidebottom, Clyde Smith, Angi Stanford, Tommy Williams (Virginia Auman's brother), Regina Witherspoon

**For Those Who are Mourning:** The families of Kathy Brand and Nathan Davis.

**For our Home-Bound and Assisted Living Members:** Marie Davis, Faye Herring, Caroline Johnson, Bill and Ann Poe, Dorsey Short, Madeline Till.

**For Those Who Serve Our Nation**

**Other Prayer Needs:** For those who serve our nation and especially those in harm's way.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wanted, canned vegetables!** Our Daily Bread needs your donations of canned vegetables. Please bring to church and leave on the cart in the hallway across from the Chapel or drop off at Our Daily Bread. For further information please call Kathy Yates at 336-906-7678.

**TRUNK OR TREAT with FUMC and FPC—EVERYONE is invited to "Trunk or Treat" on Sunday, October 30, at 4:00pm at First Presbyterian Church. You can participate in decorating your trunk or bring a lawn chair and enjoy watching our children in their costumes! EVERYONE who comes will get a "Treat"! If you plan to decorate your trunk, please find a space in the back parking lot behind their Fellowship Hall by 3:15. If you would like to donate candy for the treat bags, please drop your candy off in the box in the hallway of the Chapel and Choir Room. Come join us for some Halloween fun and fellowship for all on October 30!**



SANCTIFYING AND PERFECTING GRACE

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1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, 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;  
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,  
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion

all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art  
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our  
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be  
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry

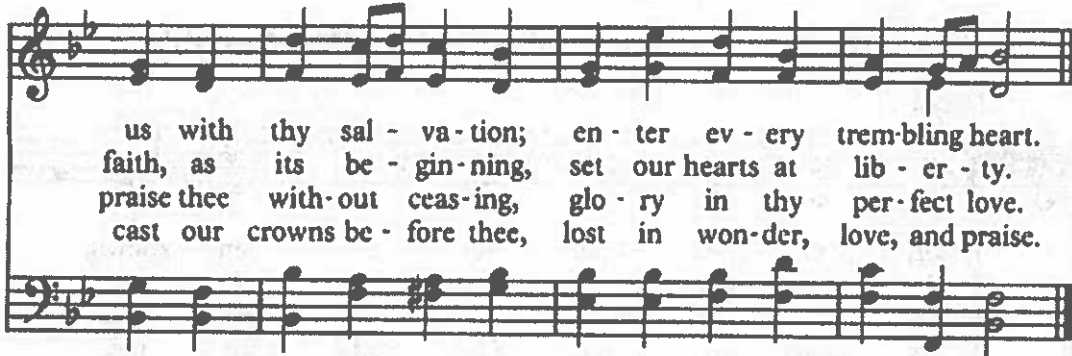
all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it  
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of  
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and  
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

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 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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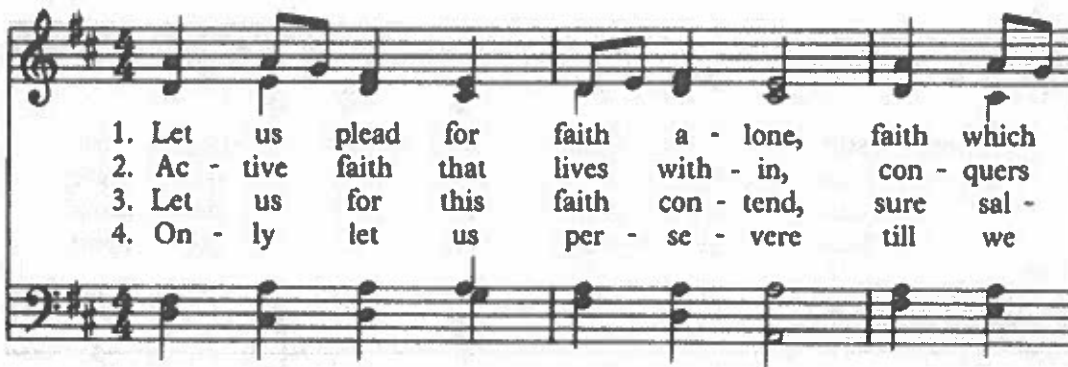
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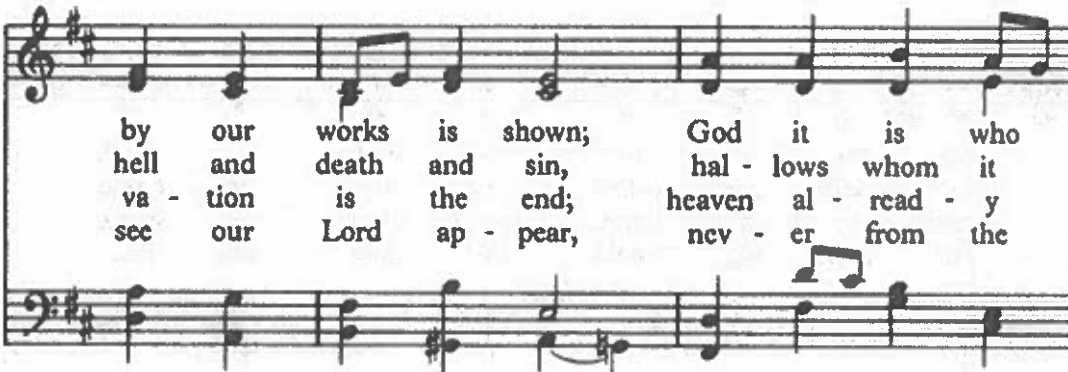
us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Let Us Plead for Faith Alone

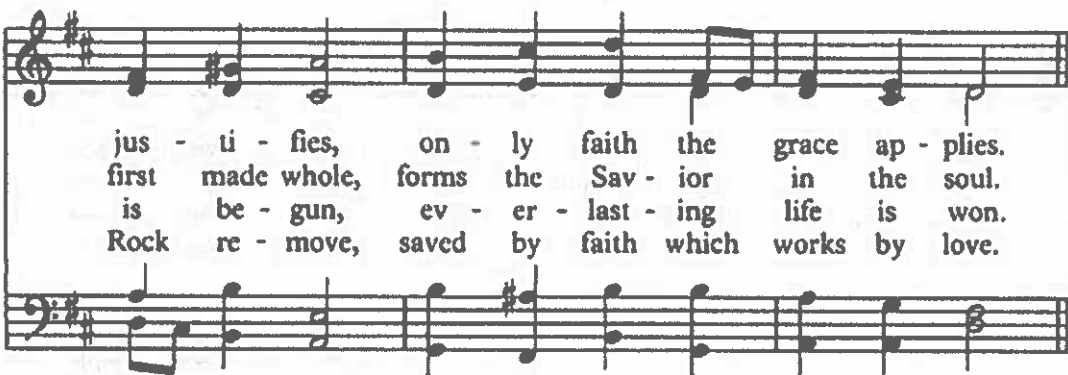
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1. Let us plead for faith a - lone, faith which  
 2. Ac - tive faith that lives with - in, con - quers  
 3. Let us for this faith con - tend, sure sal -  
 4. On - ly let us per - se - vere till we



by our works is shown; God it is who  
 hell and death and sin, hal - lows whom it  
 va - tion is the end; heaven al - read - y  
 sec our Lord ap - pear, nev - er from the



jus - ti - fies, on - ly faith the grace ap - plies.  
 first made whole, forms the Sav - ior in the soul.  
 is be - gun, ev - er - last - ing life is won.  
 Rock re - move, saved by faith which works by love.

# Here I Am, Lord (UMH #593)

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[Verse 1]

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

[Chorus 1]

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

[Verse 2]

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them,  
Whom shall I send?

[Chorus 2]

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

[Verse 3]

I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

Till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?

[Chorus 3]

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

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