

## *Song for Autumn*

Don't you imagine the leaves dream now  
how comfortable it will be to touch  
the earth instead of the  
nothingness of the air and the endless  
freshets of wind? And don't you think  
the trees, especially those with  
mossy hollows, are beginning to look for  
the birds that will come—six, a dozen—to sleep  
inside their bodies? And don't you hear  
the goldenrod whispering goodbye,  
the everlasting being crowned with the first  
tuffets of snow? The pond  
stiffens and the white field over which  
the fox runs so quickly brings out  
its long blue shadows. The wind wags  
its many tails. And in the evening  
the piled firewood shifts a little,  
longing to be on its way.

—Mary Oliver

## *St. John's Church*

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 23, 2022  
Powell, Wyoming

## *Welcome*

We are so happy you are with us. Please add your voice and heart to the prayers. Help others find a place near you and greet the person next to you as we prepare to worship together. Please stand and sit as you are comfortable.

## *Ministers*

Altar Guild	Barb Morales
Sound	Robert Rumbolz
Greeter	Jim Morales
Worship Leader	Mary Dillivan
Reader	Steve Nickles
Preacher	Tim Glatzer
Intercessor	Kim Dillivan
Presider	Megan Nickles
Communion Server	Barb Morales
Communion Server	Lynda Ramier
Communion Bread	Diana Anderson

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship following the service. Today's hosts are Rob and Rebekah Mason.

## *Prayer Concerns*

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Trinity church, Lander

We believe that lifting up the names of the suffering brings healing and health regardless of our knowledge of their needs.

Tim & Lynnae; Bobbi & Bentley; Mike and Michelle, Sharon & Steve; Margie & Josey, Bob & Charlotte; Ann & Martha; Robin & Mark; Hunter & Charlotte; Don & Deb, Donna & John, Bobby B., Larry, Alex, Irene, Fr. John, Charlie, Nancy, Alan, Katy, Marlynn, Sue, Kahli, Ron, and Marge	Justin, Ryan, Jacob, Patrick, and Chip who are serving in the military. Josephine and Dolores who reside at Canyon Creek Care Center.
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## *Celebrations*

Birthday: Grant Nickles—23<sup>rd</sup>, Ray O'Brien—23<sup>rd</sup>, Barb Morales—27<sup>th</sup>

## Prelude

“Pale September,” Vitamin String Quartet.

## Opening Hymn Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Deep in the shadows of the past, far out from settled lands,
2. While others bowed to changeless gods, they met a mys - ter - y,
3. From Ex - o - dus to Pen - te - cost the promise changed and grew,
4. For all the writings that sur - vived, for lead - ers, long a - go,



1. some nomads traveled with their God a - cross the de - sert sands.
2. in - vis - i - ble, with - out a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL BE";
3. while some, remember - ing the past, re - corded what they knew,
4. who sift - ed, cop - ied, and pre - served the Bi - ble that we know,



1. The dawning hope of human - kind by them was sensed and shown:
2. and by their tents, a - round their fires in sto - ry, song, and law,
3. or with their let - ters and la - ments, their pro - phe - cy and praise,
4. give thanks, and find its sto - ry yet our pro - mise, strength, and call,



1. a promise call - ing them a - head, a fut - ure yet un - known.
2. they praised, re - membered, handed on a past that promised more.
3. Re - covered, kin - dled, and ex - pressed new hope for changing days.
4. the model of e - merging faith, a - live with hope for all.

Author: Brian A. Wren (1973), Tune: KINGSFOLD.

# Gather

The Spirit of God is with us.  
Let us praise God, ever present with us.  
The Spirit of God goes before us.  
Let us praise God, who guides and gathers us.  
The Spirit of God stands behind us.  
Let us praise God, in whom we place our faith.

## Song of Praise *Verses 1 and 4*



1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa-ther of all wis-dom,  
2. Pow-er he has wield-ed, hon-or is his gar-ment,  
3. Cour-age in our dark-ness, com-fort in our sor-row,  
4. Praise him with your sing-ing, praise him with the trum-pet,



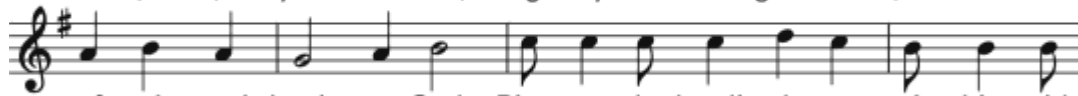
1. come to him and bless his name. Mer-cy he has shown us,  
2. ris-en from the snares of death. His word he has spo-ken,  
3. Spir-it of our God most high; so-lace for the wear-y,  
4. praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cym-bals,



1. his love is for-ev-er, faith-ful to the end of days.  
2. one bread he has bro-ken, new life he now gives to all.  
3. par-don for the sin-ner, splen-dor of the liv-ing God.  
4. praise him with your danc-ing, praise God till the end of days.



Come, then, all you na-tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, mel-o-dies



of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo-ry, praise him with



your mu-sic, wor-ship him and bless his name.

## *Prayer of the Day*

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Good and gracious God, you have hemmed us into a tapestry of saints and sinners, prophets and fools; from our disparate lives, you have called forth creation which challenges our conceptions of the promised land. Draw our hearts and minds to you this day to reflect on the story of our faith which has been written, and to envision the future you call us to embrace. Amen.

## *Scripture*

*We sit.*

Spirit of truth, move now in ancient words and cluttered hearts that we might hear your voice and live, for we long to be glad servants in your household.

A reading from Joshua.

*After the Reading*

The Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## *Sermon*

## *Prayers*

*We sit or kneel.*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Creator, saying Spirit of God who dwells in us, **this is our prayer.**

*The intercessor continues until calling us to pray together this closing:*

**O Creator, continue to send the Holy Spirit to fill us with an ever-growing faith, guiding us in our relationships with each other, instilling in us your gift of love, and inspiring us to new beginnings.**

**Fill us with your Spirit's power that we will delight in doing good works to the praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ ensouled with you and the Holy Spirit, one God through all eternity. Amen.**

## *Affirmation*

*We stand.*

We sing of God the Spirit,  
who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,  
animating all energy and matter  
and moving in the human heart.

We sing of God the Spirit,  
faithful and untamable,  
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.

The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy  
not only in what is familiar,  
but also in that which seems foreign.

We sing of the Spirit,  
who speaks our prayers of deepest longing  
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,  
transforming us and the world.

We offer worship  
as an outpouring of gratitude and awe  
and a practice of opening ourselves  
to God's still, small voice of comfort,  
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.

Through word, music, art, and sacrament,  
in community and in solitude,  
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.

## *Peace*

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

*We greet each other.*

## *Announcements*

### *Offertory*

God is ever faithful through the generations and has blessed us with much.  
With grateful hearts, let us offer back to God what we have,  
with love and thanksgiving.

### *Music*

"All My Memories of Love," The Chancel Choir of the First Unitarian Church of Oakland. Words by poet Anna Akhmatova, Mark Belletini, translator.

## *Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God.

In the beginning of time, your wisdom danced through creation,  
calling forth light and life.

Foolishly we turned from you and abandoned your ways of justice and mercy.

Yet you did not reject us, but continued to call us and claim us as your own.

We were slaves in Egypt, and you freed us.

We were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness,  
and you nourished us with manna and water from the rock.

We had no home, and you led us into the land of your promise.

We worshiped idols of our own making,  
and you called to us through the prophets to turn back to you.

At last you emptied yourself of power and came to us as the child of Mary,  
holy God in frail and human flesh.

Therefore we praise you, joining with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

You are holy, O god of power and might and blessed is Jesus Christ,  
the one who comes in your name.

In his life, he called unlikely people to follow him:  
fisherfolk, tax collectors, children, sinners, deniers, betrayers.

On the cross he gave himself up to the powers of this world,  
showing in his body your great foolishness, O God, for loving  
such a wayward world. Yet by this very cross, O Wisdom from on high,  
you have undone and remade the wisdom of this world,  
drawing light from darkness, power from humiliation, life from death itself.

We thank you that on the night before he died Jesus took bread,  
gave thanks, and broke it, and shared it with his friends,  
saying, take, eat—my body broken for you.

We thank you for the way he took the cup, the new covenant sealed in his blood,  
shed for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you eat and drink, he said,  
Do it in remembrance of me.

Come then, life-giving Spirit, brood over these bodily things  
and make us into one body with Christ, that we, who are baptized into his death,  
may walk in newness of life; that what is sown to dishonor may be raised in glory  
and what is sown in weakness may be raised in power.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,  
We proclaim together the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Holy One, our only Home,  
hallowed be your name.  
May your day dawn,  
your will be done,  
here as in heaven.  
Feed us today,  
and forgive us as we forgive each other.  
Do not forsake us at the test,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the glory, the power,  
and the mercy are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

### *Breaking of the Bread*

*The Leader breaks the bread. Silence is kept.*  
The living bread is broken for the life of the world.  
**Spirit of God, unite us in this meal.**

### *Invitation*

Jesus calls all people to sit at table with him: the sick and the uncertain,  
the weak and the poor, the Pharisees and tax collectors.  
From north and south and east and west he calls us to come and sit at this table.  
**To this table, to this banquet of wisdom,  
he calls us again.**



## *Communion*

*Please come to the table, whether you are single, married or divorced, drinking, using or sober, abled, disabled, or ill, gay, straight, or discovering, wealthy, getting by or in debt. Christ meets us all.*

*We approach the altar beginning with those sitting in the last rows; they shall be first. Approach the rail from the left aisle and take a cup; used cups go on the tray on the right. You may receive only bread or only wine. Our Eucharistic bread is handmade and robust. If you prefer a wafer, please tell your server.*

*Receiving the bread and wine is a central act of worship in the Episcopal Church.*

## *Music*

“Create in Me a Clean Heart,” Brad Russell.

“The Trees Weep Leaves,” WordHarmonic.

## *Thanksgiving*

*We stand.*

O Christ who emptied himself for us,  
give us today the gifts of humility  
so that we would realize true thankfulness.

**We remember and thank you for life  
and for breath,  
for shelter,  
for bread and wine and every meal,  
and for a span of days in which to live  
and choose  
what we will make of our time.**

**Now, Holy Spirit,  
who for love of your children  
offers both conviction and comfort,  
give us encouragement and tender correction  
to each as needed, unto the end,  
that our life and breath and span of days  
will not be squandered,  
but be well-spent in your loving service.  
Amen.**

## Closing Hymn Verses 1, 2, 3



1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
2. Lead us now, Lord, in - to free - dom, From de - spair your  
3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, Let it from the  
4. You, cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten Your great name on



one ac - cord; For a just and e - qual shar - ing  
world re - lease; That re - deemed from war and ha - tred,  
earth be banned; Pride of stat - us, race or school - ing,  
hu - man - kind; For our grow - ing in your like - ness



Of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of  
All may come and go in peace. Show us how through  
Dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon  
Bring the life of Christ to mind: That by our re -



love and ac - tion Help us rise and pledge our word.  
care and good - ness Fear will die and hope in - crease.  
quest for jus - tice May we hal - low life's brief span.  
sponse and serv - ice Earth its des - tin - y may find.

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## Sending

God hears our needs  
and answers the cries of our hearts today and always;  
pray for those who have no words,  
and walk in the way of the Lord:  
with thanksgiving, with gladness, with insight.  
Go now, in the light of the Eternal One,  
a sure and certain strength throughout all the ages.  
**We go to serve the world in the name of Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen. Alleluia!**

## Postlude

“Golden Autumn Day,” Van Morrison.

## *Prayer Texts*

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Gathering and Prayer of the Day: Tim Glatzer.

Prayers of the People: Christy Davis, Diana Anderson and Susan McEvoy.

Affirmation: Song of Faith of the United Church of Canada, 2006.

Eucharistic Prayer and Sending: adapted from *Feasting on the Word*, 2014.

Lord's Prayer: Martha Blacklock, Mother Thunder Mission. The Reverend Blacklock was one of the first women to be ordained in the Episcopal Church. Here is a profile on here in the New York Times  
<https://www.nytimes.com/1982/09/05/magazine/a-woman-s-life-in-the-priesthood.html>