

We Gather as the People of God

‡Musical Call to Worship *Toccata in E Minor* Pachelbel

‡Greeting, Announcements, and Invitation to Discipleship

‡Introit *Sing Praise and Glory* Bach

*‡Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord offered himself—once and for all—so that our conscience can be free from all things that lead to death.

People: Let us freely go and worship the living God!

*‡Hymn No. **81** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Let us pray with one voice.)

O God, you have been faithful, yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts. You showed us how to love our fellow human beings, yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Turn us back to you, O God, that we may follow your commandments; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

Hymn No. **581** *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

**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.**

Assurance of Pardon

*‡Exchange of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet one another in the peace of Christ.

*‡Response Hymn No. **409** *God Is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH
(verse 1)

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

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We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Ruth 1:1-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Saints Today, Saints of Old* Horman
(Words printed on the back of the bulletin.)

81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propa ganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28-34

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Means and End

Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Apostles' Creed)

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Come, Thou Fount

arr. Rouse

Joys and Concerns of the People

Joy: First Presbyterian Church, Kingman

Ministry: Ingathering Sunday

Care and Comfort: Janice DeMayo, Steve DeMayo, Gloria Rose, Eric Russell,
Carol Taylor, Phil Vawter, June Vogt

All Saints Remembrance

Mary Cavin, Ann Hunter, Sharron Lockhart, Shirley Strickler, John Willoughby

Remembrance Prayer

(Let us pray with one voice)

O God, You have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, faithful people in every age, that, strengthened by their witness, and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

We give thanks for the living saints, for those who teach us day by day.

**We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, those who rest in your glory.
Amen.**

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Our Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Come forward up the center aisle, starting from the back of the sanctuary, to place your 2025 Pledge Card in the Ingathering Basket and to receive the elements. Both are acts of worship. If you prefer, you may be served in your seat.

Prayer after Communion

We Are Sent as God's Servants into the World

*Hymn No. 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* I'M GONNA LIVE

*Charge and Blessing

Leader: Alleluia! Amen.
People: **Alleluia! Amen.**

The Postlude *For All the Saints* arr. Boertje

**(Please rise in body or in spirit.)*

‡(Time to seat those who arrive after the start of the service)

The flowers this morning are given by Bill and Amy Woolf, celebrating their 46th anniversary.

Leading and Serving in Worship Today

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh, Interim Pastor
Phyllis Lesage, Liturgist
Tyler Morris, Director Chancel Choir
Kelsey Wise, Organist
Chancel Choir
Randy Routsong, Reader

Worship Notes

Sing Praise and Glory (Introit)

by Johann Sebastian Bach

Praise! Praise!
Sing praise and glory!

Saints Today, Saints of Old (Anthem)

by John D. Horman

There are those who by their living,
By their caring, by their giving
Draw us nearer, to the love of God.

There are those who by their boldness,
Standing fast against life's coldness,
Draw us nearer, to the love of God.

Saints today, saints of old,
Known to all by stories told
Draw us nearer to the perfect love of God.

There are those whose tender nature,
Touching gently all God's creatures
Draw us nearer to the love of God.

There are those whose pain and dying,
Through their faith in God relying,
Draw us nearer to the love of God.

There are those who freedom cherished,
By their love of justice perished
Draw us nearer to the love of God.

There are those whose words empower us,
Nurture, strengthen, and inspire us
To draw nearer to the love of God.

Alleluia!

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.