



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 22, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

An Ancient Air
Marty Franklin

Gene Clark

Words of Welcome

Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: When forces in the world threaten us,
when our bodies or spirits turn against us:

Many: **There is One who seeks us, One who meets us, One who heals us.**

One: When forces in the world threaten us,
when our bodies or spirits turn against us:

Many: **There is One whose love washes over us and sets us free for joy.**

One: This One is the Lord!

All: **Come! Let us worship God!**

***Hymn (#30)**

O God, in a Mysterious Way

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Amanda Horan

***Prayer of Confession**

God of gospel freedom, we find it difficult to imagine that we could indeed be your children through faith. We cannot believe that we could belong to Christ and be heirs of the promise made to Abraham and his offspring. Help our unbelief; rekindle our imagination. Tame our rebellion. Bring us back to ourselves and to you. (Silence)

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

One: In Christ Jesus, we are all children of God through faith;
we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

All: We are heirs according to the promise and made free in Christ Jesus.

One: Friends, let us declare the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

***Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace**

***Congregational Response (#582, v. 1)** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination (#455)

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

First Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 19:1-15a

*(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Many: Thanks be to God.**)*

Anthem

Second Scripture Lesson

Galatians 3:23-29

*(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Many: Thanks be to God.**)*

Sermon

What Are You Doing Here?

Rev. R.C. Griffin



WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith**

from The Book of Order (F-1.0301)

The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world:

The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.

The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things.

The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation.

The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

**The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.
Amen.**

***Hymn (#27)**

Sacred the Body

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Call to Generosity

Offertory

New Day

Philip Wesley

*Congregational Response (#607, alt. tune #606)

Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication

One: Generous God,

All: May these gifts empower our witness to your work in the world. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn (#493)

Now There Is No Male or Female

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

"Postlude"

Charles Vincent

***Please rise, in body or spirit.**



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30 O God, in a Mysterious Way

1 O God, in a mys - te - rious way great won - ders you per - form.
 2 Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill,
 3 O fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take. The clouds you so much dread
 4 Our un - be - lief is sure to err and scan your work in vain.

You plant your foot-steps in the sea and ride up - on the storm.
 you trea - sure up your bright de - signs and work your sov - ereign will.
 are big with mer - cy and shall break in bless - ings on your head.
 You are your own in - ter - pret - er, and you will make it plain.

This classic text gains renewed energy and focus from its recasting here: despite our fear and confusion, we can trust that God's providential purposes will eventually be revealed. In its original source the tune printed here is one of twelve not assigned to a specific hymn.

582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

455

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the

One who is close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be -

gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e - ven if you don't un - der-stand.

May be sung as a round, successive voices entering ad lib.

Like "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" (see no. 453), this short song from Canada is an encouragement to pay attention to what God is saying. The significance of the text is enhanced by singing this piece as a round, allowing the overlapping phrases to yield a single message.

TEXT: Anon. Canadian, alt.

MUSIC: Anon. Canadian; adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005

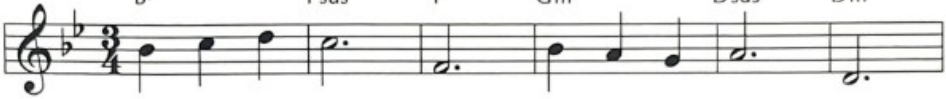
LISTEN

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Sacred the Body

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Capo 3: (G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm



1 Sa - cred the bod - y God has cre - at - ed,
2 Bod - ies are var - ied, made in all siz - es,
3 Love re - spects per - sons, bod - ies and bound - aries.
4 Ho - ly of ho - lies, God ev - er lov - ing,

(C) (D7) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
E^b F7 B^b Cm7 Fsus F



tem - ple of Spir - it that dwells deep in - side.
pale, full of col - or; both frag - ile and strong.
Love does not bat - ter, ne - glect, or a - buse.
make us your tem - ples; in - dwell all we do.

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm



Cher - ish each per - son; nur - ture re - la - tion.
Ho - ly the dif - ference, gift of the Mak - er,
Love touch - es gent - ly, nev - er co - erc - ing.
May we be care - ful, ten - der and car - ing,

(C) (G) (Em) (Am7) (D) (G) (G)
E^b B^b Gm Cm7 F B^b B^b



Treat flesh as ho - ly, that love may a - bide.
so let us hon - or each sto - ry and song.
Love leaves the oth - er with pow - er to choose.
so may our bod - ies give hon - or to you.

Despite biblical directives to "honor God with your body" (1 Corinthians 6:20) and "offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God" (Romans 12:1), Christians have often scorned the body, failing to see how the mystery of the Incarnation continues in each person.

607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

The first line of the musical score features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody in the treble staff consists of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988

MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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OLD HUNDREDTH

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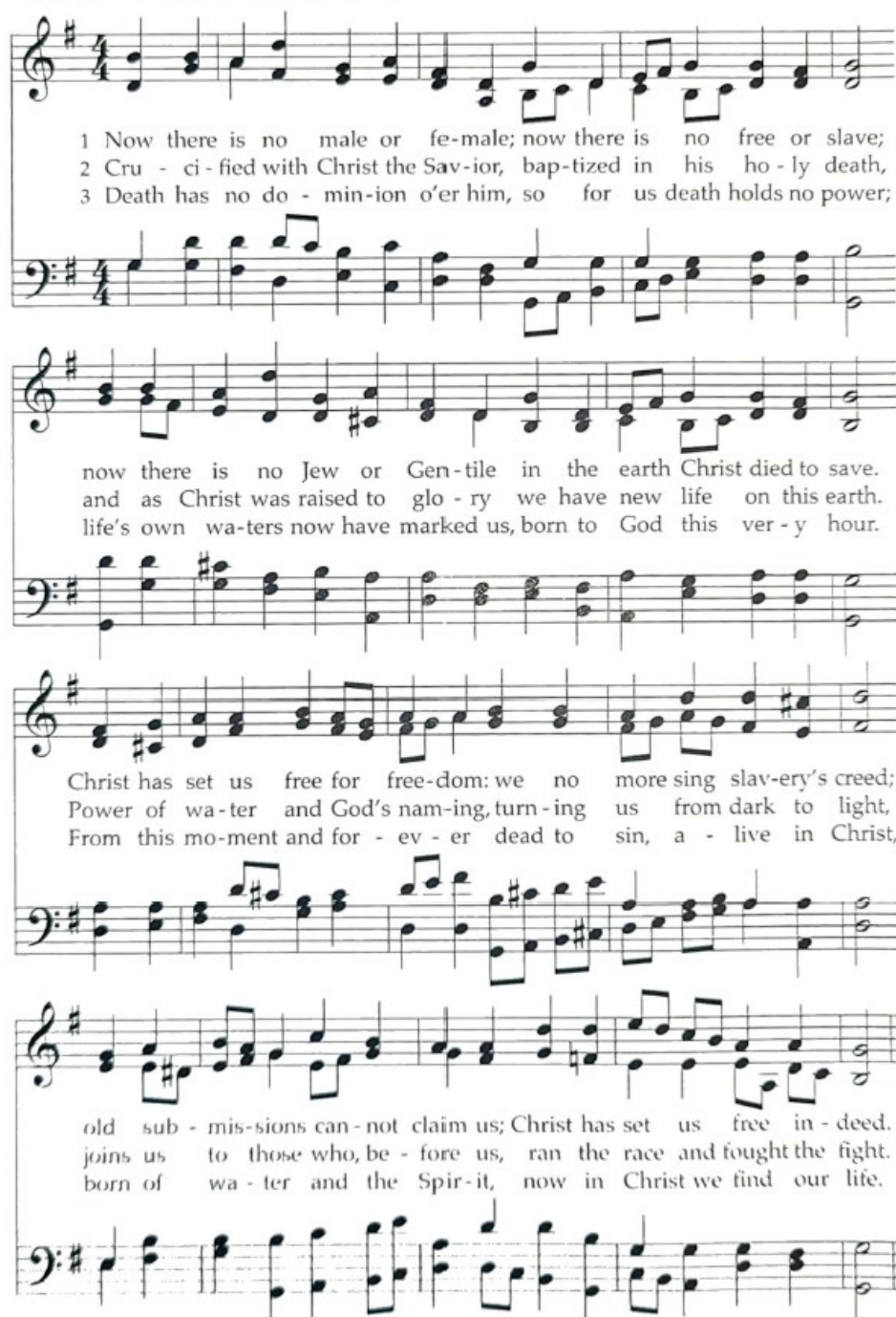
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

The second line continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff shows a mix of eighth and quarter notes, and the bass staff continues with harmonic support.

praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

The third line concludes the doxology. The treble staff features a final cadence with a whole note chord, and the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment.

493 Now There Is No Male or Female



1 Now there is no male or fe-male; now there is no free or slave;
 2 Cru - ci - fied with Christ the Sav-ior, bap-tized in his ho - ly death,
 3 Death has no do - min-ion o'er him, so for us death holds no power;

now there is no Jew or Gen-tile in the earth Christ died to save.
 and as Christ was raised to glo - ry we have new life on this earth.
 life's own wa-ters now have marked us, born to God this ver - y hour.

Christ has set us free for free-dom: we no more sing slav-ery's creed;
 Power of wa-ter and God's nam-ing, turn-ing us from dark to light,
 From this mo-moment and for - ev - er dead to sin, a - live in Christ,

old sub - mis-sions can - not claim us; Christ has set us free in - deed.
 joins us to those who, be - fore us, ran the race and fought the fight.
 born of wa - ter and the Spir-it, now in Christ we find our life.

Opening with an allusion to Galatians 3:28 and closing with one to John 3:5, this text is filled with specific scriptural phrases related to baptism. It also includes larger themes like the parallels with the deliverance of Israel from slavery through the waters of the Red Sea.