



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 10, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Dorian Trumpet on the AGINCOURT HYMN
Marty Franklin

John Barr

Words of Welcome

Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the convictions of things not seen.

Many: **Like Abraham, let us follow God,
even when we don't know where we are going.**

One: By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations,
whose architect and builder is God.

All: **Let us worship the God whose promises call us and claim us!**

***Hymn (#739)**

O for a Closer Walk with God

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Amanda Horan

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need,
yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others.

**Forgive us, we pray,
and cleanse us from these and all our offenses through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(Silence)**

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

One: God is merciful and kind.

All: Though our sins are like scarlet, they become white as snow.

One: May we be at peace
and know that our sins are washed clean by the goodness of God.

All: 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

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

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

Anthem

Treasures In Heaven

Allen Pote

Second Scripture Lesson

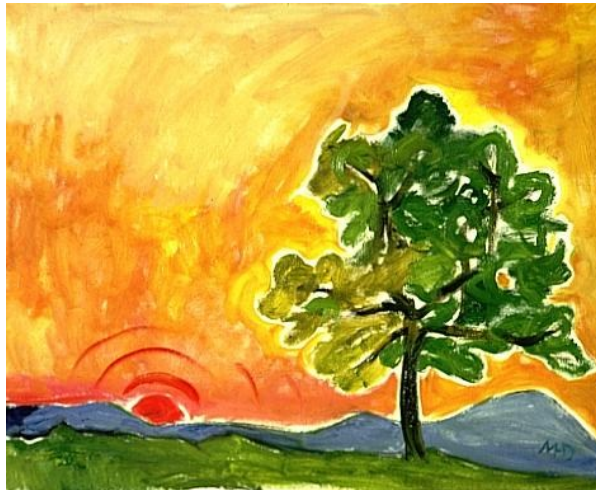
Luke 12:32-40

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

Sermon

Ready?

Rev. R.C. Griffin



WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***Hymn (#771)**

What Is the World Like

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Call to Generosity

Offertory

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Arr. Lloyd Larson

***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: God of abundance, everything we have is on loan from you.

All: Help us be good stewards of all your precious resources.

Bless these gifts we give in return that they might, in turn,
be a blessing to others. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn (#350)**

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Postlude on DUKE STREET

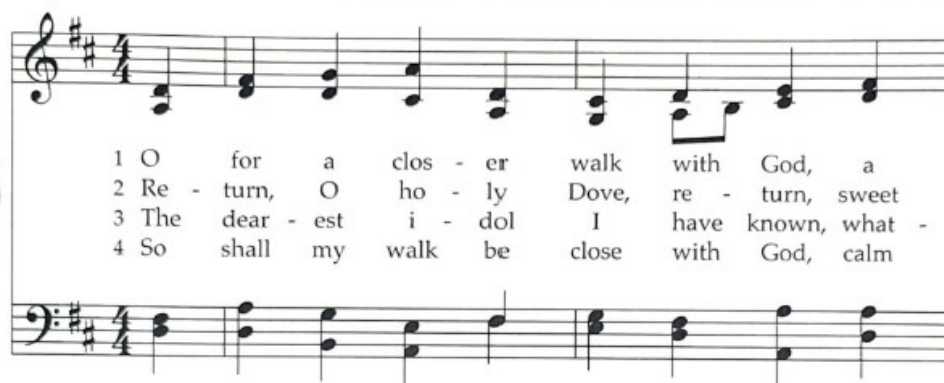
Allan Mahnke

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



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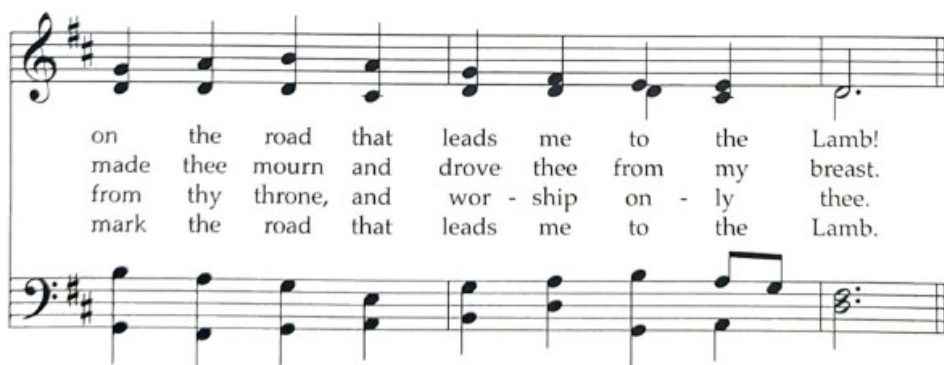
O for a Closer Walk with God 739



1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a
 2 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet
 3 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what -
 4 So shall my walk be close with God, calm



calm and heaven - ly frame, a light to shine up -
 mes - sen - ger of rest! I hate the sins that
 e'er that i - dol be, help me to tear it
 and se - rene my frame; so pur - er light shall



on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
 made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.
 from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
 mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Merely longing for a restored relationship with God is not enough; real repentance requires amendment of life (stanza 3). The similarity of stanzas 1 and 4 suggests both continuity and improvement. This tune was one of the new common tunes in the Scottish Psalter of 1635.

582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) B^b (D) (G) (D) F B^b F (G) B^b (D) F (Em) Gm (D) 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
10.10.11.10

What Is the World Like

771

Capo 1: (G) A^b (Em7) Fm7 (C) D^b (D) E^b

1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,

(Em) Fm (C) D^b (Am) B^bm (B7) C7

Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.

(Em) Fm (Am) B^bm (D) E^b (G) A^b

roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,

(C) D^b (Em7) Fm7 (Am7) B^bm7 (D) E^b (G) A^b

This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text and tune were written to conclude a hymn festival at the 2009 Annual Conference of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. Four parables framed both the festival and the hymn: the Mustard Seed, the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the Ten Bridesmaids.

607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology



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

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988

MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

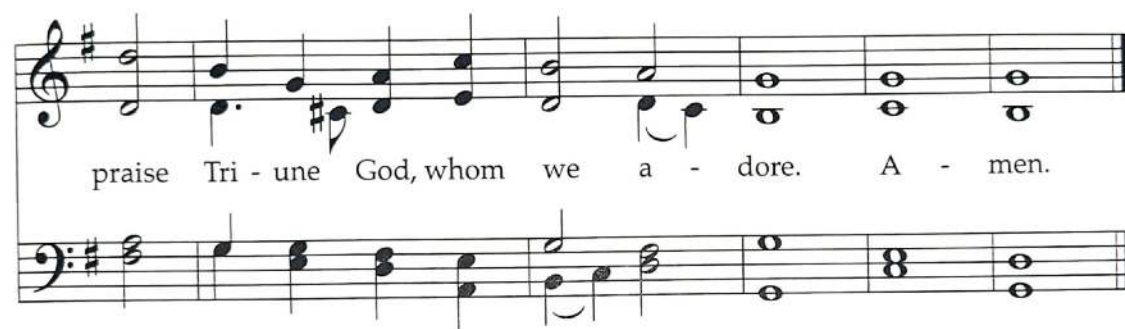
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OLD HUNDREDTH

LM



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



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

350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your
 2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our
 3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are
 4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery



lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your lamps
 faith makes us hap - py; it's our faith
 climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are climb - ing
 round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes



trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

Refrain



Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;

This African American spiritual has a biblical basis in the parable of the ten maidens (Matthew 25:1-13), but the text actually sung could vary greatly. Such variation can be seen here in the annexing of an often freestanding spiritual based on Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:10-17).

chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

This musical score is written for a voice and piano. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw - ing nigh." The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half note. The accompaniment consists of chords and eighth notes.