



UNITY

Presbyterian Church (USA)

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
8:45 a.m. Worship Service
October 11, 2026**

"United in Christ's love, we glorify God through worship, nurture, and service to all people."

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Forrest

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission – CPR Class

Congregational Gathering Song *Make a Joyful Noise to God!* (stanza 1)

DIX

**Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise!
Great your wonders here displayed, unexcelled throughout our days.
Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.**

* Call to Worship

ONE: God will never leave us or forsake us.

MANY: We seek the presence of the Lord.

ONE: Instead of by the easy road that leads to destruction,

MANY: the presence of the Lord guides us into paths leading to life abundant.

ONE: Even when we turn aside,

MANY: God will never leave us or forsake us.

ONE: Let us worship the living God!

* Hymn No. 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Prayer of Confession - *from Exodus 32*

Many: Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our indifference and forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by an answer to prayer not instantly given. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making. We turn aside so quickly from your way. In your mercy hear our prayer and turn your face to us. Help us to see you and follow you again.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

ONE: The God who knows our every need before we can even ask, hears our prayer and reconciles us to God and to one another. Hear and believe the good news:

MANY: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God. Amen.

Congregational Response *Make a Joyful Noise to God!* (stanza 2)

DIX

**Come and see what God has done, great the blessings to the just:
walked the chosen through the sea, brought their enemies to dust.
Let us lift a thankful voice for God's mercies, and rejoice!**

WELCOME

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a long-time member, we are blessed to have you with us.

As a congregation, we seek to live as people united in Jesus Christ. Our church consists of people of all ages and stages on faith's journey, from those new to faith to those who have honed their faith for decades. We consider this one of Unity's greatest gifts. We see ourselves as an ever-widening family with room for everyone. We tend to worship in some pretty traditional ways. We study the scriptures and seek to understand the teachings and actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yet, in our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world.

We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning - a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper connection with the God who loves you! After the service, stick around for a few minutes. Introduce yourself to one of the pastors. If you cannot stay or are worshipping with us online, please visit our website. See if this is a place and a people that God is calling you to be a part of; a place and a people where you might invest yourself in the amazing work God is doing; a place and a people you just might call home.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

Children's Time

Congregational Blessing

Go Now in Peace

Sleeth

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

Second Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

Sermon

"Quick to Turn Aside"

Dr. Matt Rich

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

MANY: 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.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

MANY: 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.

Offering

As we worship both at home and in the sanctuary, we pause in gratitude to God to prayerfully reflect on the response we make to God's amazing grace in Jesus Christ. Financial gifts can be shared online at <https://onrealm.org/unityfortmill/give/now>, through the mail, as the plates are passed, or in the mailbox in front of the Historic Sanctuary.



Offertory Anthem

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Reep

Jim Lester, soloist

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin: O, the bliss of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.

Leading Worship This Morning:

Dr. Matt Rich
Senior Pastor

Rev. Molly Spangler
Associate Pastor

Rev. Jeannie Bickett
Parish Associate

Patsy Surratt
Guest Pianist

Acolytes:

Michael Anderson

Deacons:

Jim Weller
Jill Grossoehme
Jon Hattaway

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Kathryn McGregor
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* The Doxology No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

* Hymn No. 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Response *Make a Joyful Noise to God!* (stanza 3) DIX
**Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!
By whose justice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt deferred.
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heavenly home.**

* Postlude

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

arr. Ijames

*** As you are able in body or spirit, please stand.**

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TODAY WE WELCOME Patsy Surratt as guest pianist. Patsy is no stranger to Unity, having served as Unity's Music Director for 23 years before her retirement in 2017. Welcome, Patsy!

BEING BAPTIZED TODAY at the 11:00 a.m. service is Nathaniel Kenna Kerwood, son of Elizabeth and Tyler Kerwood.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available at the Deacons desk in the Narthex of the Sanctuary.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, WORSHIP, GROW, AND SERVE

ANNUAL VISION OF MINISTRY - 2026-2027:

A Place at the Table - *Luke 24:30-31*

As God invites all to new life through Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection, Unity Presbyterian Church seeks to respond by being and becoming a community that:

- Welcomes and creates belonging for everyone as beloved children of God (*Luke 14:20b-23* and *Hebrews 13:2*)
- Gathers to encounter Christ and grow in faith through word, sacrament, formation, and fellowship (*Luke 13:29-30* and *Hebrews 10:24-25*)
- Witnesses and engages with one another and the world through dialogue, discernment, shalom, and justice (*Isaiah 1:17*, *Matthew 14:16*, and *Luke 4:16-21*)
- Celebrates the goodness of the Lord with generosity and joy (*Psalms 34:8*, *Isaiah 25:9*, and *Luke 24:52-53*)

Worship

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES are welcome in worship. If you find that you need to leave the service to care for your child, Room M201 is open, and is connected to the sanctuary sound system. Ask an usher in the Narthex if you need directions.

NURSERY IS AVAILABLE during today's worship services in Room S104 for infants-18 months and S103 for toddlers/preschoolers up through age 3. Both rooms are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary building. Our nursery is run by trained, paid staff with assistance from trained church volunteers. Age-appropriate Bible stories and activities are offered throughout the morning. Children may be dropped off up to 15 minutes prior to a worship service or may attend worship with you until Children's Time, and then, will be taken to nursery by our volunteers and staff. If your child plans to leave the service following Children's Time, ***please complete a bright yellow Child Identification Sticker, found in the pew rack. Place it on your child's back. Please check "nursery" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency.***

CIW IS AVAILABLE during today's worship services. "Children in Worship" is a Montessori-based worship program for young children (those who turned 4 before September 1, 2026, and those who are in kindergarten and 1st grade). They learn to worship in a way that corresponds to corporate worship yet addresses their needs as young children. ***Please bring your child with you to worship in the sanctuary and complete a Child Identification Sticker, found in the pew rack, and place it on your child's back. Check "CIW" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency.*** After the Children's Time, your child will be escorted to the CIW Room (M206) on the children's ministries hallway.

SANCTUARY WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED - Please note that as you join us for worship in the Sanctuary, there is a possibility that you will be seen on the online livestream. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know by contacting Dr. Matt Rich at the church office at 803.547.5543.

Blessing of the Animals

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL ANIMAL IN YOUR LIFE? On **Saturday, October 31**, you are invited to drop by the front lawn of the church **any time between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.** with your pet for a blessing. All creatures great and small, real or imagined, furry or stuffed, scaly or covered in feathers are welcome. Have a pet who doesn't travel well? We will have blessings for you to take home with you as well. We do ask for the peace of all God's creatures that you bring pets on a leash or in a carrier. Hope to see all God's creatures there!

Children's Ministry

FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT will be held on **Friday, October 16, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Everyone in the church is invited to this All-Church event sponsored by Children's Ministry. Bring your neighbors, bring your grandchildren, join in the fun! **No registration is necessary to attend.** If you can **volunteer to help at a station that evening, please scan the QR Code to sign up.** See the **posters around the campus for another QR code to donate items for our Mission Project that evening.**



GROWING CHRISTIANS (GCs), our 4th and 5th grade fellowship group will meet on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 p.m. October 25 - November 22. Watch for a personal invitation to your parents' email this week.

CUB SCOUT PACK 108 IS SELLING POPCORN - Cub Scout Pack 108, chartered by Unity Presbyterian Church, is selling popcorn to help fund exciting adventures, outdoor activities, and community service projects throughout the year. To support our Cub Scouts, visit <https://www.prpopcornstore.com/?sid=24UMYE> or contact Drew Clarke at fortmillpack108cubmaster@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER 2027:

June 14 – 17: VBS/Mission Camp – ages Rising 4K- Rising 6th grade

July 5-8: Passport Camp @ Montreat – ages Completed 3rd-5th grades

July 20 – 22: Grands Camp for Grandchildren in Rising 4K-Rising 5th grades and their grandparents

Congregational Care

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP THIS FALL - Have you experienced a significant loss? Are you struggling to process and reflect about that loss without getting overwhelmed? If so, you are invited to participate in a grief support group here at Unity this fall. The group will **meet on Tuesdays for six weeks, beginning Tuesday, October 13, through Tuesday, November 17, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room (Room 201).** Rev. Jeannie Bickett, Susan Mobley, and Rev. Molly Spangler will lead the group in conversation each week. There will be space to share, reflect and pray together as we support one another along this grieving journey. **To register or find out more** about this group, please contact Susan Mobley at swmnurse@gmail.com, Molly Spangler at mbspangler@unityfortmill.org, or Jeannie Bickett at pjbickett@unityfortmill.org.

Endowment

AS YOU CONTEMPLATE YOUR LEGACY, please consider including Unity in your estate planning.

Faith Formation

THERE'S A PLACE FOR ALL AGES DURING SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION - Sunday Morning Faith Formation for all ages continues TODAY at 10:00 a.m. A list of all classes and room numbers is below. Scan the QR code to learn more about each adult offering and find the place that is right for you. Find a place to grow in your faith this year. There is a place for everyone!



Children

Birth - 3 years: S103 & S104
4K - Kindergarten: M203
1st - 2nd Grades: M205
3rd - 5th Grades: M208

Youth

6th & 7th Grades: M106
Confirmation (8th): M107
High School: M108

Adults

As a Child: M312
Faith Connections: Historic Sanctuary
Fellowship: M201
The Bereans: M210 (and on Zoom*)
Unity: M102

* Contact Kathryn McGregor at KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org for the Zoom link.

INTERESTED IN A SHORT-TERM STUDY OF THE BOOK OF GENESIS? Join the Fellowship Class on **Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning TODAY in the Hospitality Room**, Room M201, for this 6-week study.

SIGN UP TO WRITE A DEVOTION FOR UNITY'S ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLET. The theme for our devotions this year will be: "A Place for..." and will focus on the words associated with each of the Advent wreath candles: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and Christ. **Scan the QR Code for additional instructions and to sign up for a particular day's scripture.** Then, write a brief (250 word) devotion sharing what that scripture has to say to you as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child. Devotions may be written by individuals, couples, or families of all ages. Artwork by people of all ages is also welcome. Contact Kathryn McGregor at KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org for instructions on submitting artwork. **The deadline for turning in your devotions is November 8.**



MONDAY MUSINGS meets each Monday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. with the pastors in Room M201 for conversation about and study of Sunday's sermon and scripture texts.

Fellowship

UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TARTAN SALE: TODAY - Celebrate our Unity heritage with something special for yourself—or find a unique gift for someone else! A variety of beautiful Unity Tartan items will be available, including: Neck Ties, Bow Ties, Scarves, Brooches, Bandanas, Canvas Bags, Coasters, Bookmarks, and Stickers. Come find your piece of Unity, just in time for Reformation Sunday, October 25! **Stop by the table in the Narthex after either worship service**, to shop the collection. Pay with cash or conveniently pay online by scanning the QR code at the table.

Health Ministry

REGISTER FOR CPR CLASS - Unity's fall class is scheduled for **Saturday, October 24**. Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. and be done by noon. Topics covered will be basic Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation(CPR), use of the AEDs, and choking first aid. The last topic is important for all ages, but especially critical for those around children. The American Heart Association instructors are from Innovative Solutions, an emergency training center located in Charlotte. The class uses video instruction, teacher-led discussion and hands-on practice. Cost is \$50.00 in cash, payable at the door. **Register by calling the church office** at 803.547.5543 or contacting Susan Benfield: 803.984.6100 or sbenfield@comporium.net.

Hospitality and Evangelism

CONNECTIONS CLASS TODAY- If you are curious about membership or have decided this is the time to join Unity, please join us for a Connections Class, **beginning TODAY, Sunday, October 11, and continuing Sunday, October 18**. Members of the H&E team will welcome you to the **Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.** The class will give you a brief overview of the many opportunities to participate in the life of Unity, a little introduction to our history, an opportunity to meet a few staff members, and ask any questions you may have about the church and our beliefs.

CAMPUS TOUR - Regardless of how long you've been attending Unity, members of the H&E team will be guiding a tour of the church buildings, on **Sunday, October 25**. The tour will **start in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.**

Men's Ministry

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST will be on **October 13, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. The theme for October is Fall sports, so come wearing your favorite team's colors! The coffee will be ready by 7:30 a.m. if you want an extra cup before breakfast.

MEN'S MINISTRY: VETERANS APPRECIATION - Unity's Men's Ministry is preparing an appreciation breakfast, on November 10, 2026, at 8:00 a.m., for all veterans that are members of Unity or attend Unity regularly. We need everyone's help in identifying all women and men who attend Unity that have served or are serving in the armed forces. If you are a veteran, or know a veteran, **please provide contact information to Steve Chase at stephenkchase@gmail.com by Sunday, October 18**, so we can build a service profile and extend a personal invitation to the event. Thank you in advance for your help. We do not want to miss a single service member.

Outreach

SHARING GOD'S BOUNTY - During October, your support is needed for our annual nonperishable food drive, Sharing God's Bounty, benefiting the Fort Mill Care Center. The Fort Mill Care Center will use our donated items to provide Thanksgiving meals for Fort Mill families. The items requested by the Care Center include the following: frozen turkey/chicken (these need to be dropped off at the Care Center), stuffing mix, boxed potatoes, fried onions, stuffing, canned tomatoes (not sauce), applesauce, canned yams, evaporated milk, flavored grits, cooking oil, toilet paper, paper towels, and aluminum foil. Please bring an item or two any time you are on campus during October. Your donations can be added to the display down the hall from the Narthex or drop them off in the donation boxes in the Fellowship Hall, Church Office, and Preschool Lobby. **The last day to bring items is Sunday, October 25**. Thanks in advance for your support of this outreach ministry.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WOMEN'S BUILD HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED for Saturday, November 7 - Unity will join Habitat for Humanity of York County Women's Build **from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** building a home for the Wilkins family in Clover. Lunch will be provided by the Men's Ministry. There is a job for all skills and abilities, 16 and older. While a Women's Build encourages women to join the Habitat mission, men are also welcome. Habitat homeowners take classes on financial literacy and home ownership, complete 250 hours of "sweat equity" by working on their own home and repay a 0% interest rate loan for the price of their home. **Please contact Steve Hardy at stevehardy59@yahoo.com or 803.579.7341 to sign up.**

Stephen Ministry

UNITY PRESBYTERIAN IS A STEPHEN MINISTER CHURCH - Stephen Ministers are members of Unity Presbyterian Church who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care to people who are facing a crisis or simply going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister meets with his or her care receiver once a week for around an hour to listen, care, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. To find out more about how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, please contact Susan Mobley or Dave Johnson via email at Stephenministryreferrals@unityfortmill.org or call Rev. Molly Spangler at 803.547.5543.

Stewardship

TO REDUCE PRINTING COSTS, UNITY IS OFFERING A PAPERLESS OPTION for receipt of Stewardship Materials for the 2027-2028 campaign. If you would like to opt-in to receive your 2027-2028 Stewardship Materials via this paperless option, **please register your preference by using the QR Code**. Those who register to go paperless will receive an email in April 2027 with links to all Stewardship Materials and instructions on how to submit pledge and time & talent interests online. Traditional Stewardship Packets will be prepared for all members who do not register for the paperless option by February 1, 2027.



Unity Preschool

UNITY PRESCHOOL BOOK FAIRY CAMPAIGN - Unity Preschool recognizes that reading together is a simple yet powerful way to help young children develop literacy skills. We are raising funds to provide our students with one book a month. We hope these books will inspire our families to read with their children and help our students develop a love of reading. When you become a Book Fairy by contributing to our campaign, you will help us raise funds to purchase books for our students. Any extra funds will go toward building our preschool library and will benefit our students for years to come. Will you become a Book Fairy for our students and donate to our campaign? You may donate online using Unity's website or **by scanning the QR code**. If you give money via Unity's website, please choose "Preschool" as the fund and include "Book Fairy" in the notes. Thank you in advance for your support!



Wedding Celebration for Pastor Liz and Jack Finegan

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN ALL CHURCH CELEBRATION FOR THE NEWLYWEDS with some delicious cake in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, November 1, at 12:15 p.m.** The only gifts that are requested are treasured family recipes. You can submit a recipe early or bring one with you when you come. You may submit your recipes via email to Lynn Ringley at Lringley@icloud.com or Michelle Hoffman at michellekhoffman@gmail.com. **Or you may pick up a recipe card in the narthex and return it to the narthex or the church office by Sunday, October 25.** (You can also bring your own recipe card with you as long as it is size 4x6). We hope you will come celebrate with our Unity family as Liz and Jack start this part of their journey together.

Women of Unity

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH with all things happening with the Women of Unity by sending an email to wouministry@gmail.com. We would love to add you to our communications! Follow us on Instagram: [@woufortmill](https://www.instagram.com/woufortmill).

Worship and Music

MUSIC CAMP - Registration is now open! Use the QR code to register on Realm. Registration closes on November 30, or when registration is full. Music Camp is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. 4K children who attend Cherub Choir in the fall may also register with Music Director's approval. Campers will rehearse and perform the musical "In the Image" by Mark Burrows, which will teach us that being created in the image of God is about creativity, faithfulness, responsibility, community, and the ability to find the good in things. **Camp runs February 15-19, 2027**, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., with the performance on Friday, February 19th at noon. Registration is free, but space is limited to the first 40 registrants. Have questions? Reach out to Margaret Monroe, Director of Music, at mmonroe@UnityFortMill.org or 803.547.5543.



YOUTH HANDBELLS - Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join our Youth Handbell Choir. We'll learn some handbell basics, make music together, and prepare to play in worship. We will rehearse on October 18, October 25, and November 1, at 4:00 p.m. and play in worship on November 8. No previous handbell experience is needed. Just come ready to learn and have fun! **Use the QR code to sign up on Realm.** We hope you'll join us!

Young Adults

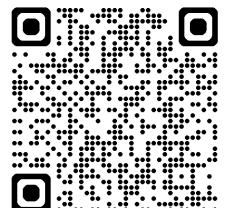
REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW for a college student & young adult Honduras mission trip! Join us for a week of mission, relationship-building, and learning with our longtime mission partners in the Copan region of Honduras, May 24-31, 2027! **Scan the code for more details and to register.**



Youth Ministry

NO YOUTH GROUP TODAY due to fall break for many schools. Our next youth group is Sunday, October 18, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH UNITY YOUTH BBQ FUNDRAISER prep, pick-up, and desserts! Youth will assist with BBQ prep on Friday, October 30, and BBQ pick-up on Saturday, October 31. **Scan the code to sign-up!**



HIGH SCHOOL SKI WEEKEND REGISTRATION CLOSES ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30! All 9th-12th graders are invited to join us for a weekend of skiing and/or snow tubing in Winterplace, WV, January 29-31, 2027. **Scan the code for more details and to register.**



SAVE THE DATE AND REGISTER NOW on Realm for Unity Youth trips and retreats!
Middle School Charleston Youth Mission Weekend: January 15-18, 2027
High School Ski Weekend: January 29-31, 2027
High School Alabama Mission Trip: February 14-21, 2027
High School Montreat Youth Conference: June 13-19, 2027
Middle School Massanetta Conference: July 13-16, 2027

**Hymns for October 11, 2026
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.**

Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

**REFRAIN: Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(REFRAIN)**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(REFRAIN)**

Hymn

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

**How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call
to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.**

**But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.**

**We marvel how your saints became in hindrances more sure:
whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.**

**In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you:
the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored, done.**

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