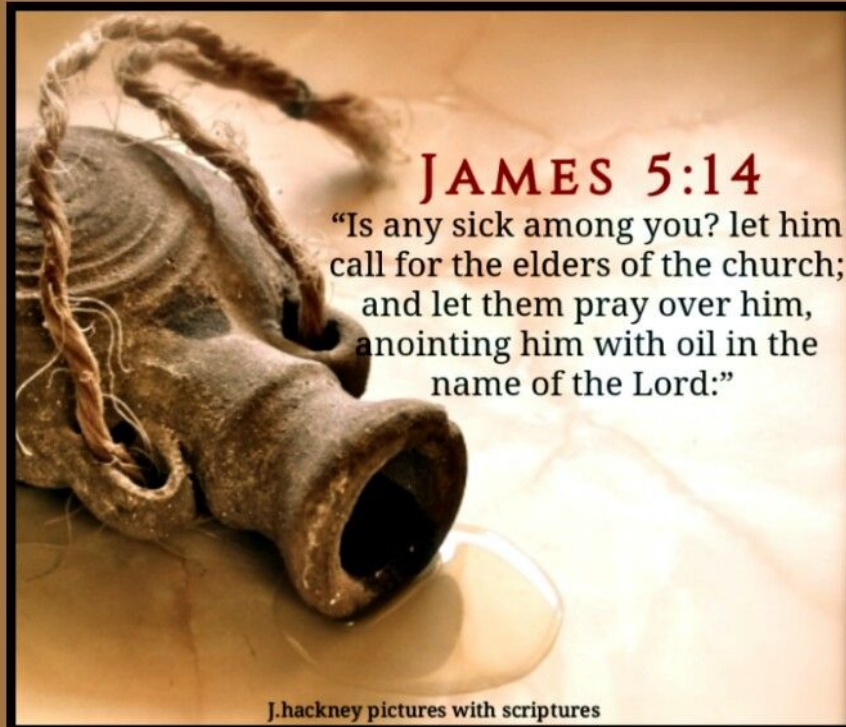


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*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here.*



*Welcome to our
10:15am Worship Service
In-Person & Streaming Online*

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Healing Service
Sunday, September 29, 2024
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,
and may you receive strength and guidance today
That will enable you to handle life's challenges.*



Children's Bulletins

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex.
The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

Biblias en Español

Biblias Bilingües en Español y Inglés están disponible en el vestíbulo narthex en la mesa de visitantes azul.
(*Bilingual Bibles in Spanish & English are available in the narthex hallway on the blue visitors' table.*)

Nursery

Persons of all ages (including children) are welcome to participate in the entire worship service. For an additional option, we have a supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, located on the first floor. Please see Nursery Coordinators, Laurie Ostimchuk, Beth Miller & Geri Gammel if you are in need of the nursery.

Junior Worship

On the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month (from September to May), following the mini message, the option of "Junior Worship" is offered downstairs for elementary age children to learn more about today's scripture lessons with fellow youth.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator. The third toilet stall in each of our four restrooms has a high toilet and handrails.

Changing Tables

All four of our restrooms have changing tables. Each restroom has two "child care protection seats" to keep toddlers safe and secure while their parents use the restroom.

Water Fountains

Water fountains are located on both the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am from the Sunday after Labor Day to the Sunday before Memorial Day.

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group, for those in grades 5-12 (or ages 12-20 years old), meets on the 2nd and last Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:00pm. Members and visitors alike are welcome.

Young Children & Family Ministries

This ministry's focus is on children younger than youth group and their families, and most of the monthly activities are welcoming of children of all ages. Members and visitors alike are welcome.

Prayer and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please call or email the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

Looking for a Church to Call Home

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider United Church of Christ of Robesonia. For more information about our church, we invite you to talk with our pastors, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our church.

More Information....

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the **Blue Visitor Table** in the narthex hallway, or contact us using the contact information on the front page of this bulletin.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

*{Symbols used in this bulletin: * = if able please stand; ♯ = Red Hymnal Page; ♯# = Blue Hymnal Page}*

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP

We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

*{If you have not already done so,
please sign and pass the pew welcome pad
to the person next to you.}*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP [®] *(Unison)*

God, of majesty and power, may all your people find favor with you this day. Turn our sorrow into gladness and our mourning into a holiday, a holy day, in which to praise you and find ways to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Lift us from our daily preoccupations that we may pray with earnest intent, both to thank you and to be challenged by you. Let our prayers be powerful and effective. May our worship be alive and life-changing. May the service we extend find favor in your eyes, blessed God. Amen.

HANDBELL PRELUDE

"Worship and Praise"

Arr. S. Rogers

The handbell prelude this morning includes two very familiar hymn tunes. See if you can hear each of these melodies - "O Worship the King" (the hymn tune is called Hanover) and "Come Thou Almighty King" (the hymn tune is called Italian Hymn). Every hymn tune can be used for different texts.

{Those who are able, please rise}

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*♪ Red #287
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***INVOCATION**

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** [®]

Leader: Come one and all to meet God here.
Let all who are suffering find hope in this place.

**People: We have come that God might raise us up.
Our only hope is the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Come, all who are weary and oppressed.
God offers relief and enlists our mutual helpfulness.

**People: God hears our prayers and answers us.
God equips us to be helpful to one another.**

We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

*CALL TO CONFESSION [®] (Leader)

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so you may be healed. Prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective. We seek that right relationship with God that empowers our prayers and our service.

*CONFESSION OF SIN [®] (Unison)

All-powerful God, we confess our devious ways. Even when prayers for others are on our lips, we seek ways to secure our own advantages. We put our trust in things we can accumulate rather than aligning ourselves with your will and way. Our behavior creates enemies and multiplies divisions among your people. Then we want you on our side against those who are different from us. We confuse our preferences with your intentions. O God, we need healing, but we are afraid to lose the illusions of control that are so much a part of us. We fear the very changes that would give us integrity. Help us, gracious God. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

*SUNG PRAYER FOR MERCY

"Kyrie"

*NCH #750
Traditional 6th Century*

Leader (*spoken*): Lord, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): Lord, have mercy upon us.
Leader (*spoken*): Christ, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): Christ, have mercy upon us.
Leader (*spoken*): Lord, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON [®] (Leader)

The snares that entrap us are broken. Our help is in the name of God, who made heaven and earth. Prayers of faith make a difference. They are powerful and effective. We are changed in the hands of a loving God. We have much to give, beginning with the simplest of gifts, like a cup of cold water offered to one who is thirsty. Praise God, who is transforming us. **Amen.**

*CALL TO PRAISE

Leader: Let us sing praise to God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit!
People: We praise you, Triune God!

*SONG OF PRAISE

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*W&R #136
Heber & Dykes*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

{Please be seated}

Order for Reception of Member: Affirmation of Baptism[®]
for
Melani Anne Sanders

INVITATION

WELCOME

SENTENCES

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

ADDRESS

QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

{Those who are able please rise}

***WELCOME AND RECEPTION**

Pastor: Let us, the members of the United Church of Christ of Robesonia, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

Members: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

{Please be seated}

PRAYER

Pastor: Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

Eternal God, we praise you for calling us to be your servant people and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for sending to us this believer that we may work together in serving the needs of others.

Confirm in us the power of your covenant that we may live in your Spirit, share regularly in worship, and so love each other that we may have among us the same mind which was in Christ Jesus, to whom be all honor and glory.

ALL: Amen.

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

Pastor and Elder:

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of this local congregation of the United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in the peace of Christ

People: Thanks be to God.

{Those who have participated in the Order for Reception of Member may return to their places in the congregation}.

We Hear the Word of God

*We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings.
We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God."
Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.*

PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson from the Torah: [Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29](#)

The New Testament Letter: [James 5:13-20](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading: [Mark 9:38-50](#)

Leader: This is the gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MINI-MESSAGE

*{Children may return to their pews and remain for the rest of worship,
or on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month, elementary age children may go downstairs at this time
for the additional option of "Junior Worship"}*

CHILDREN'S SONG

"The B-I-B-L-E"

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**The B-I-B-L-E, Yes, that's the book for me;
I stand alone on the Word of God: The B-I-B-L-E.**

SERMON

We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have learned more
about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by
re-affirming our faith in God,
praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and giving of
ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.*

{Those who are able, please rise}

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) "Apostles' Creed"**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead;
on the third day he rose again,
ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

{Please be seated for the Healing Rite}

ORDER FOR HEALING

{The Rite of Healing is a time when we as a Christian family of faith gather to be in love, support, and care for one another, as a prayerful community. We seek healing and wholeness in body, mind, spirit, and relationship. Our prayers may be for ourselves, someone we know, or someone we heard about in the news media, for we desire healing and wholeness for all in our world. We trust in God's will and wisdom in answering our prayers.

"Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." (James 5:17).}

Leader: Christ promises to reach out to all people with healing grace and, through the Holy Spirit, endows the church with many gifts to become instruments of healing to all who hurt in body, in mind, in spirit, and in relationships. Upon this promise and commission, the church is entrusted with the ministry of laying on of hands, that through this sign those who suffer may be in touch with the power that brings wholeness.

PRAYER FOR ANOINTING

{A prayer offered over the oil used for anointing during the rite of healing}.

Leader: O God, as the apostles anointed many who were sick and you healed them, so may your Holy Spirit come on us and on this oil, that those who receive this anointing in repentance and faith may be made well in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

ALL: Amen.

INVITATION TO A TIME OF PRAYER

Leader: Let us focus our minds and hearts on the healing love and power of the living Christ.

HEALING PRAYERS (Four Options)

{There is no one way to come to God in prayer. We offer more than one way to participate in prayers of healing in order to better meet the spiritual diversity of those gathered for worship, and our preferences and needs change throughout our spiritual lives. You may participate in more than one of the following}.

ORDER FOR LAYING ON OF HANDS (Option 1)

{“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them....” (James 4:14).}

For those preferring this option, we invite you to come forward and sit in the first pew. One of our healing team pairs will pray for persons one at a time (or you may come forward as a couple or as a family). Let them know your name and if you have a particular healing prayer request or would just like a general prayer for healing. The prayer team will then place their hands on you (i.e. head/shoulders/back), pray for you, and then anoint your head with oil. After which you may depart.

If you are not able to come forward, allow an usher to know, as prayer teams are more than happy to come to you.

CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER (Option 2)

We invite you to use the ritual of lighting a candle for your prayer. Simply come forward and use one of the match sticks to light a candle for healing and wholeness. If there are multiple persons for whom you are lifting up in prayer, you are certainly welcome to use additional candles for each person. You may wish to softly speak their name as you light the candle. You may also wish to pause and offer a silent prayer to God for them, for yourself, or for whomever you are praying.

KNEELING PRAYER (Option 3)

You are invited to come forward and kneel at the chancel rail to offer prayers of healing for yourself and/or for others.

REMAINING IN YOUR PEW (Option 4)

For those who do not come forward for any of the other three options, we invite you to pray for yourself and/or pray for those who come forward for healing and wholeness in your life and in theirs.

Picture those you bring to Jesus in prayer, with Him, whole not broken. May you know that what God sees in you first is not your illness, your mortal limitation, or your sin; God sees you first as His holy and precious child, created in His image, and He longs for you to be healed and whole - body, mind, spirit, and relationship - through this rite of healing, may you too see yourself through the eyes of the Divine.

{Congregation, please remain seated; the choir may rise for the singing of this hymn.}

HYMN

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

**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.**

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear our Prayer, O Lord"

♪ *Red #501*
George Whelpton

**Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

{Ushers, please assemble at rear of Sanctuary}

OFFERTORY INVITATION ®

Leader: We come now before the altar of the Lord our God.

People: We have received an inheritance from our Lord, which we did not earn.

Leader: Our Lord God is a jealous god.

**People: We will put away all the false gods that have divided our time, resources,
and fidelity, that we might fully and faithfully serve the Lord as disciples of
Christ.**

Leader: What will you bring?

People: What will we bring?

Leader: What will you bring to the altar of the Lord your God?

**People: We will bring our best and first to the Lord God, holding nothing back,
seeking to love and serve God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength;
and giving of ourselves in self-sacrificing Christ-like love, to love and
minister to our fellow humankind in word and in deed, especially those in
the greatest need.**

RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

Online Giving

*{Today, we will be passing the offering plate in person. You may also offer your tithe and offering to God
through our secure [Online Giving](#) option on our website at sprucc.org ([Click Here](#)), or you may
mail your offering to United Church of Christ of Robesonia; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551}.*

CHOIR ANTHEM

"How Long Has It Been?"

Mosie Lister

{Those who are able, please rise}

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

"Doxology"

♪ *Red #551*
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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** ^② *(Leader)*

O Lord, we dedicate ourselves, our tithes, and our offerings to the work of your church. For those who are sick, who are suffering, who are grieving, who are lost, we have words of hope and acts of caring. We stand with all who face discrimination, oppression, and confusion, seeking to work with them for justice and a meaningful existence. As you have accepted us, we reach out to include all your children in the family of mutuality, self-revelation, and growing in love. **Amen.**

We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,
we go out into the world to share God's Good News
through our words and actions.*

***COMMISSION** ^②

Leader: God sends us out with courage to face life's evils.
We have insight to name the enemies we encounter.

People: **Sometimes we are our own worst enemies.
Sometimes perceived enemies can become friends.**

Leader: We are called to care in an uncaring world.
Our prayers and our efforts will make a difference.

People: **God is with us wherever we go.
The maker of heaven and earth cares for us and calls upon us to care for others.**

ALL: **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

***THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN**

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***SENDING HYMN**

"You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"

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*{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,
as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}*

POSTLUDE

"It is Well With My Soul"
Sung by Sandi Patty

Horatio G. Spafford

Join Us For Fellowship and Food in Miller Fellowship Hall

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The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshiping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



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About Today

Church Season: Pentecost -which is the season of the church in mission. It is the time between the ascension of Christ and his second coming, which is the time we are presently living in today, and as such is the longest season of the church year. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church.

Color of the Paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

Green - symbolizing the growth of the Christian church, as we go out into the world and share God's Good News with both our words and actions, and invite others into the church of Jesus Christ.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year B**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Mark.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church). The first four books of the NT are called the "Gospels," which are about the life of Jesus Christ, which Christians consider the most central books of the Bible; the rest of the NT takes place after his ascension into heaven.

This Sunday, September 29, 2024, Lectionary Reading for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 *and* Psalm 124 *or* Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 *and* Psalm 19:7-14;
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Numbers

The book of Numbers (OT) is the fourth book in the Pentateuch (first five books of the OT, or Torah, or one of the five most central books in Judaism). The title of the book in Greek is Arithmoi, referring to the many census "numbers" found in chapters 1 and 2. The book's title in Hebrew is Bemidbar, which means "in the wilderness", as this book begins with the Israelite nation in the wilderness of Sinai after fleeing Egyptian slavery, spans the 40 years of wanderings in the wilderness - struggling with a lack of faith, and ends as they are about to enter the land of Canaan.

Psalm 19

In this OT song, we sing proclaim that we and the heavens give praise and glory to God for creation and the perfect law of the LORD.

James

This NT Epistle (letter) is commonly attributed to James, the brother of Jesus, who was a leader in the Christian church from 36AD until his martyrdom in 62AD. This letter is written not to one particular church in a particular area but a number of Christian churches in general. James addresses a number of topics in his letter including: being faithful in times of trial, that real faithfulness involves putting words into practice, the importance of helping the poor and not seeking earthly riches, speaking appropriately, choosing God's wisdom over Earthly wisdom, and the importance of actively being in a Christian community of faith in support of one another.

The Gospel According to Mark

Mark's Gospel is the oldest and shortest of the four Gospels, written between 65-75 A.D. Papias, a church leader in the 2nd century, reported that this Gospel's author is Mark, a follower of Peter who wrote this Gospel after Peter's death.

Next Sunday, October 6, 2024, Lectionary Reading for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 *and* Psalm 26 *or* Genesis 2:18-24 *and* Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

In moderate time, with dignity

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple pour Thy power;
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as - sail His ways!
3. Cure Thy chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness, Bend our pride to Thy con - trol;
4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that they may be



Crown Thine an - cient church's sto - ry; Bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise:
 Shame our wan - ton, sel - fish glad-ness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
 Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces In the fight to set men free.



Grant us wis-dom, Grant us cour-age, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 Grant us wis-dom, Grant us cour-age, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Grant us wis-dom, Grant us cour-age, Lest we miss Thy king-dom's goal.
 Grant us wis-dom, Grant us cour-age, That we fail not man nor Thee! A-MEN.



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The Church of Christ

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PICARDY

French Traditional Carol

Slowly and with reverence

1. Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence, And with fear and trem-bling stand;
2. King of kings, yet born of Ma-ry, As of old on earth He stood,
3. Rank on rank the host of heav-en Spreads its van-guard on the way,
4. At His feet the six-winged ser-aph; Cher-u-bim, with sleep-less eye,



Pon-der noth-ing earth-ly-mind-ed, For with bless-ing in His hand,
Lord of lords, in hu-man ves-ture—In the bod-y and the blood—
As the Light of Light de-scend-eth From the realms of end-less day,
Veil their fa-ces to the pres-ence, As with cease-less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de-scend-eth, Our full hom-age to de-mand.
He will give to all the faith-ful His own self for heavenly food.
That the powers of hell may van-ish As the dark-ness clears a-way.
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High! A-MEN.



You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison
D (allow to ring off)

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

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Share the fla- vor of life, O peo- ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
Shine so ho- ly and bright, O peo- ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
Seeds of mer- cy and seeds of jus- tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

Refrain
G D/F# A7 D G D/F# A7 D

Bring forth the reign of mer- cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

G D/F# A7 D G D/F# A7 D

Bring forth the reign of jus- tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain
Marty Haugen, 1986