

September 5, 2021 ~ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Presbyterian Church ~ 142 N. Fourth Street ~ Coshocton, Ohio

God's love is here for you!

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GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL - Calling us to prepare with prayer during the prelude.

PRELUDE

As the Deer

setting, Douglas E. Wagner

Alice Hoover, organ

As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you...

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Karen

*Flowers are given in loving memory of Fred Bullens
by Connie, Sally, & Ed Bullens and Jamie Hoy.*

OPENING SENTENCES

Liturgist

The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

The lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

The burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

GATHERING PRAYER

Liturgist

***HYMN 610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Women

Stanza 3: Men

Stanza 4: Debbie Clark, solo

Stanza 5: All

*All who are able please stand.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor Karen

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You love us with open arms, O God. Forgive us when we do not put your love into practice: when we do not challenge the injustice around us; when we are not generous with the gifts we have to share; when we are slow to compassion and quick to judgment; when we contribute to the brokenness of the world instead of helping to make it whole. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Ron Geese

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 35:4-7

Liturgist

James 2:1-17

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:24-37

Pastor Karen

MESSAGE

Ask for Help

Pastor Karen

***HYMN 766**

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

Stanzas 1-4

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

Liturgist

Let us say what we believe.

**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.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional, "Debts and Debtors")

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

setting, Michael Burkhardt

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

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.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION

Generous God, thank you for these gifts we bring from your abundance. Bless gifts and givers to show your love to all those in need through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, healer of the sick, advocate of the afflicted, provider for the poor. Amen.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SONG OF RESPONSE

Blessing

Natalie Sleeth

Debbie Clark, vocalist; Malik Khalfani, violin; Alice Hoover, organ

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

George Frideric Handel

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK:

MONDAY (9/6):		Pastor's Sabbath
TUESDAY (9/7):	11 a.m.	Nominating Committee in the parlor
WEDNESDAY (9/8)	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
THURSDAY (9/9):	10 a.m.	Prayer Fellowship in the parlor
SUNDAY (9/11):	10 a.m.	Worship in the chapel



O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

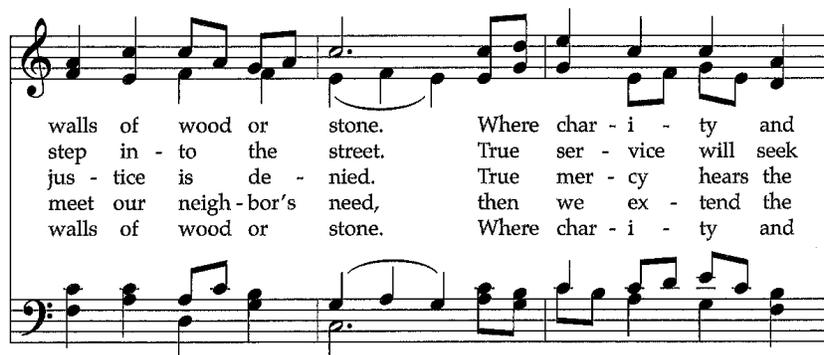
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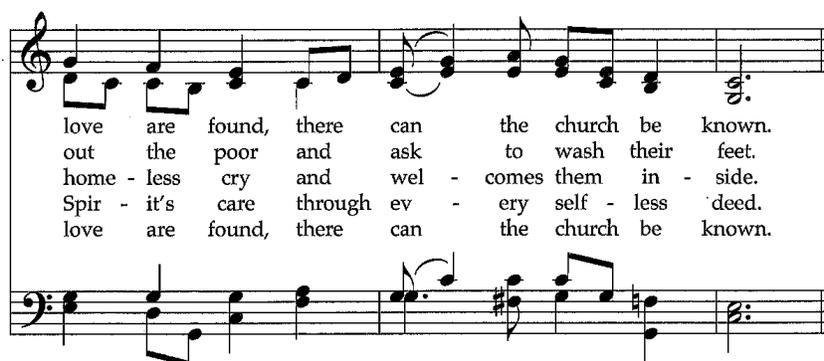
766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by



walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and



love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.