



Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 19, 2025 | 10:30am

Gathering in the FBCH Sanctuary

Prayer candles are available in the north transept if you would like to light one as part of your prayer this morning.
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*Stand as you are able

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Welcome

Paula Antunes

If joining on Facebook Live or YouTube we invite you to say hello to everyone by posting a comment to the live stream.

Community Connection

Rob Pattison, Bread of Life Ministries

Ringling of the Trinity

We Gather in the presence of God - Creator, Christ, and Spirit

*Call to Worship

From Gathering for Worship, a British Baptist book of prayers

Come Lord Jesus, you blessed the children and dined with outcasts,
spared the sinner and forgave the offender: speak to us again of love.

We long to be sure of your welcome.

Come Lord Jesus, you humbled the proud and exalted the humble,
proclaimed good news to the poor and release to the captives: speak
to us again of justice.

We long for our world to be changed.

Come Lord Jesus, you felt terror at the future, begged your disciples'
prayers and needed another to shoulder your cross: speak to us again
of humility.

We long to know you in our frailty.

Come Lord Jesus, you left the tomb empty, and promised us the Spirit:
speak to us again of new life.

We long to trust you for the future.

Prayer of Approach

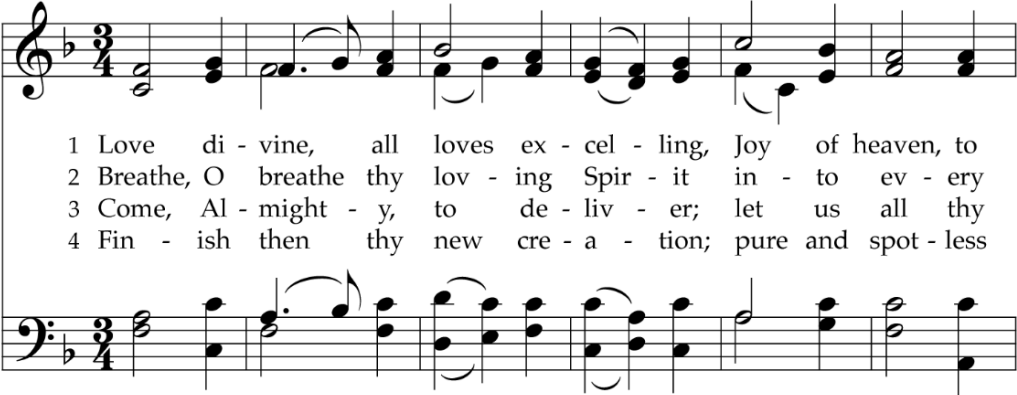
**O God, so deep is the love of Jesus that nowhere are we excluded
from it. Help us to know you in our doubt as well as our faith, our
weakness as well as our strength, that meeting you in our depths
you may lift us to your heights. Amen.**

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*Processional Hymn

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

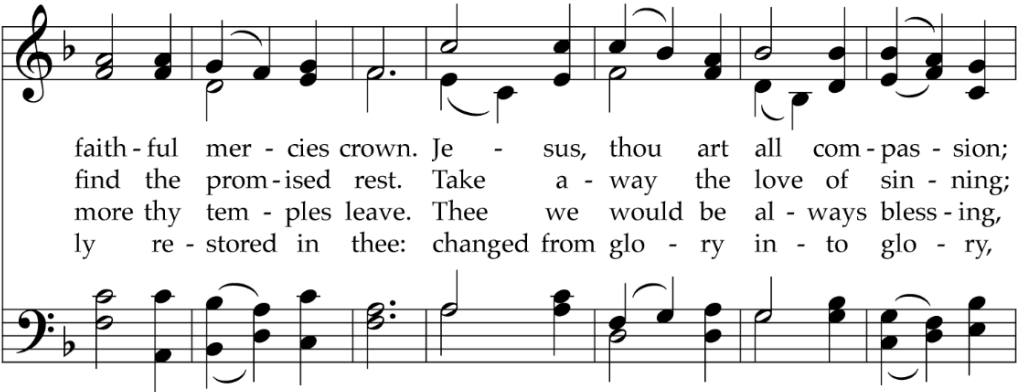
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

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pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

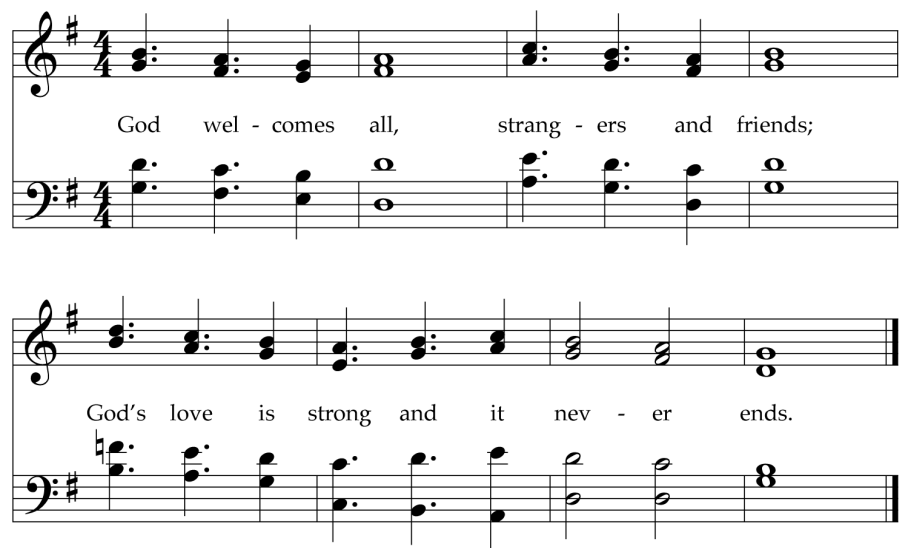
Gospel Reading: John 7:24

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

7:24 [Jesus said], "Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

Children's Hymn

God Welcomes All 399



God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008

MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008

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THEMBA AMEN

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***Blessing of the Children**

Beloved children of our church family: may God's Spirit be with you as you enter into the stories of our faith; may your imaginations be opened to encounter God's love for you and all the world; and may you be formed to care for others as you discover the Way of Jesus. Amen.

*Children going into Primary-Grade 6 are invited to go to Godly Play.
Today's formation activities: Music & Godly Play Story*

***Doxology - OLD HUNDREDTH**

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

Donations

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Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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**In reading the text, YHWH (Yahweh) is retained in place of "the LORD." This is the personal and covenantal name of God given to Moses and used throughout much of the Old Testament. Many newer English translations are returning to the use of YHWH when it is in the Hebrew Text as an important aspect of understanding these sacred stories and being faithful to the text.*

^{16:1}The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him,

for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “the LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Spoken Reflection

Heart Matters

Rusty Edwards

Anthem

The Lord’s Prayer -Leander Mendoza

Senior Choir

Prayers Of the People

Rusty Edwards

Lord’s Prayer

**Our Creator, 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

***Recessional Hymn (next page)**

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.

TEXT: William Cowper, 1769
 MUSIC: Scottish Psalter, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

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Benediction

Rusty Edwards

Postlude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organ
Toccata pour Orgue -Dubois

The Week Ahead at FBCH

Today

10:30am - Sunday Worship; Sanctuary
12:00pm University Student Lunch;
Community Room

Tuesday, October 21

7pm - Deacons Meeting; Community Room

Thursday, October 23

7-9pm - Choir Practice; Sanctuary

Sunday, October 26

10:30am - Sunday Worship; Sanctuary
12:00pm - Youth Group; Sanctuary

**For details go to fbchalifax.ca or read News Notes*



ONLINE HARVEST AUCTION
October 21 -28

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