#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**



## \*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather here in anticipation,

**People: seeking an encounter with our Holy God,** Leader: who comes among us when we least expect it,

People: who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,

Leader: who richly blesses us,

**People: and calls us each by name.** Leader: Let us worship God together!

### \*Hymn # 2 – Come, Thou Almighty King

#### **Call to Confession**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Grace-filled God,
we confess that we pursue our own needs,
neglecting the needs of others.
We pursue our own desires,
while slowly destroying the gifts of your creation.
We deflect the call to ministry,
ignoring the cries of those in need.
We are drawn to proclaim the gospel,
yet live it out only at our convenience.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel
that, whatever the time or wherever we are,
we may fully embody your love and justice for
all the world. Amen.

# **Assurance of Pardon**

## \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

#### **Choral Anthem**

## **Prayer of Illumination**

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sunday, October 23rd

**Sermon:** Wrestling with God

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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**

### The Lord's Prayer

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 Offering** 

**Offertory** 

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** 

\*Hymn # 543 – God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response: Hymn # 606 – Doxology

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.

**Postlude** 

THE TRIUNE GOD



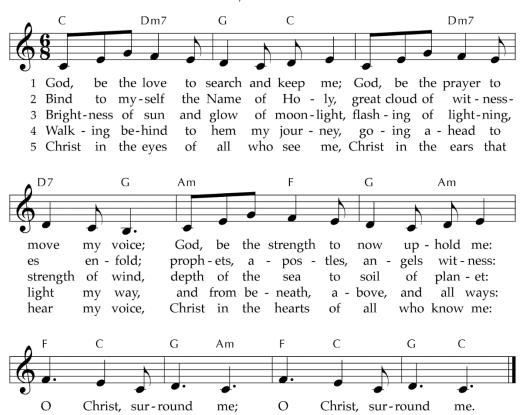
The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

**SENDING** 

# God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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O Christ, Surround Me



This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.