

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

## Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved children of God,  
in supplication and prayer,  
with intercessions and with thanksgiving,

**People: we come to worship God.**

Leader: In hope and in humility,  
with joy and with concerns,

**People: we come to worship God.**

Leader: In faith and in uncertainty,  
with questions and with conviction,

**People: let us worship God.**

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#### \*Hymn # 756 – O God of Every Nation

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we are too concerned with our own peace. We seek the comfort of silence, and ignore the cries of the oppressed. We are inwardly focused, missing your call to serve the world in justice and love. Forgive us, O God. Equip us to fulfill your will for a world in which all know dignity and all are treated with equity, as your beloved children. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

#### \*Passing of the Peace

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

**People: And also with you.**

### Time with Children

*After the Time with Children, we invite children to return to their seats and participate in the service. Activity bags may be found on the welcome table.*

### Choral Anthem

### Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture:** Amos 8:4-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** Exploiting the Marginalized

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**Affirmation of Faith:** The Confession of Belhar

**We believe that God has revealed God's self  
as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;  
that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity,  
is in a special way the God of the destitute,  
the poor and the wronged;  
that God calls the church to follow God in this;  
for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;  
that God supports the downtrodden,  
protects the stranger,  
helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;  
that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good  
and to seek the right;  
that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need,  
which implies, among other things,  
that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice,  
so that justice may roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;  
that in following Christ  
the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged  
who selfishly seek their own interests  
and thus control and harm others. 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 # 749 – Come! Live in the Light!**

**\*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**

# O God of Every Nation 756

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,  
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,  
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

# 749 Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain* G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"