



**Twenty-Second Sunday
after Pentecost
October 25, 2026 – 9:45 AM**

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
Martin Luther, arr. Harold De Cou

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 9:1-2

We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and exult in you;
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

*SONG OF WORSHIP

#31 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God,

we confess our inclination to hide.

We hide from family, from friends, from our faith communities.

**We bury our brokenness, our pain,
our suffering, our struggles.**

**We even hide from ourselves,
unable to be honest about the places we experience shame.
Forgive us, O God. Have mercy.**

Choral Kyrie

"Kyrie"

Music by John Leavitt

Please use this period of silence for personal reflection.

Ever-present Spirit,
**empower us to grow in authenticity,
to bring all we know of ourselves to you,
and to bring all of we know of you to ourselves.
Connect us to people who will
give us space to be brave and courageous and vulnerable.
We pray this in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible
that God cannot forgive,
no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.
God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.
Receive the forgiving love of God and be at peace. **Amen!**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Congregation, bless your children.
You are God's beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.

*SONG OF PREPARATION

"Bind Us Together"

Isaac Wardell | Kate Bluett | Leslie Jordan | Nick Chambers | Paul Zach

**Bind us together within your love
Bind us together within your holy love**

**As we shared in our sorrows
We will share in your joy
Bind us together in love**

**Bind us together and be our peace
Bind us together and be our perfect peace
Though the tempest may rage
We will rest in your joy
Bind us together in peace**

**Bind us together and give us hope
Bind us together and give us endless hope
Though our tears were our bread
We will feast in your joy
Bind us together in hope**

**Bind us together and make us one
Bind us together and make us truly one
In your love in your peace
In your hope in your joy
Bind us together as one**

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

Mark 5:25-34

Choosing Connection: Vulnerability

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from Our World Belongs to God, 34

**In our world,
where many journey alone,
nameless in the bustling crowd,
evil forces seek to scatter and isolate;
but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ,
gathers a new community—
those who by God's gift
put their trust in Christ.
In the new community
all are welcome:
the homeless come home,
the broken find healing,
the sinner makes a new start,
the despised are esteemed,
the least are honored,
and the last are first.
Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.
So let it be. Amen.**

***SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, whose image we all bear;
Praise Christ, whose mercy we all share;
Praise Spirit, making justice grow—
One God from whom all blessings flow! Amen.**

Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary are brought forward as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE #391 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"

*The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward
the center aisle, blessing one another in song.*

**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.**

**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.**

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

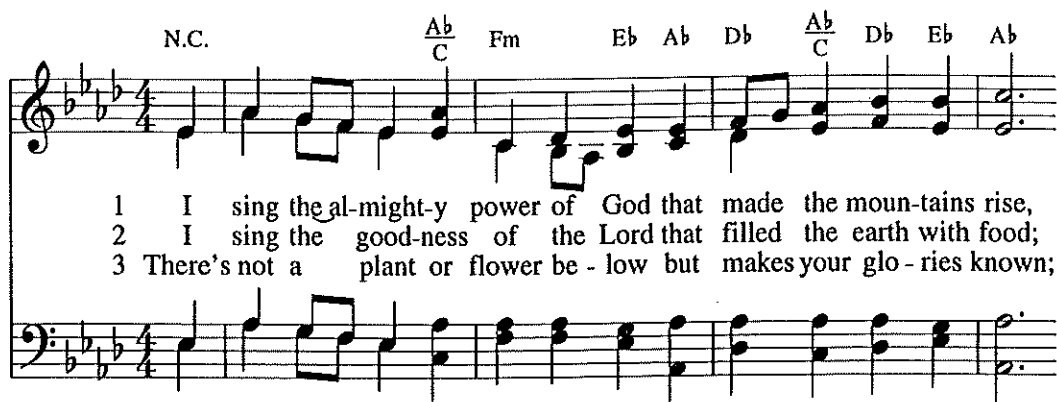
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*POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress"
Vaclav Nelhybel

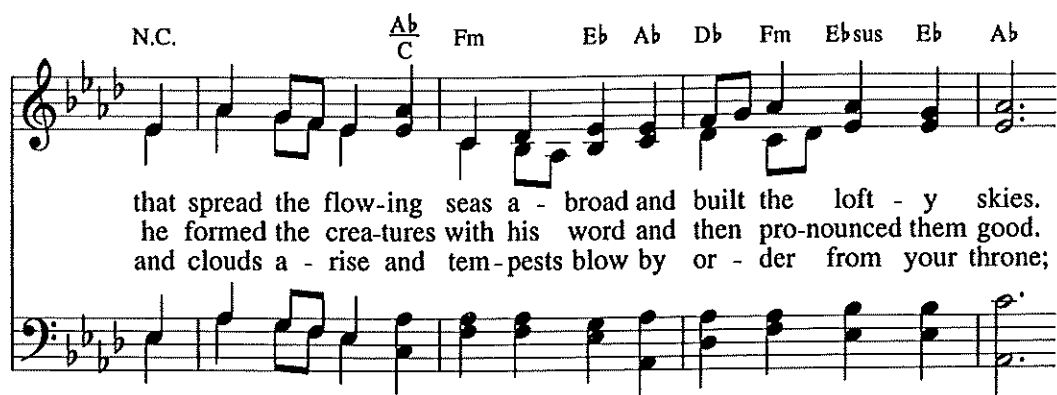
31 I Sing the Almighty Power of God

N.C. Ab / C Fm Eb Ab Db Ab / C Db Eb Ab



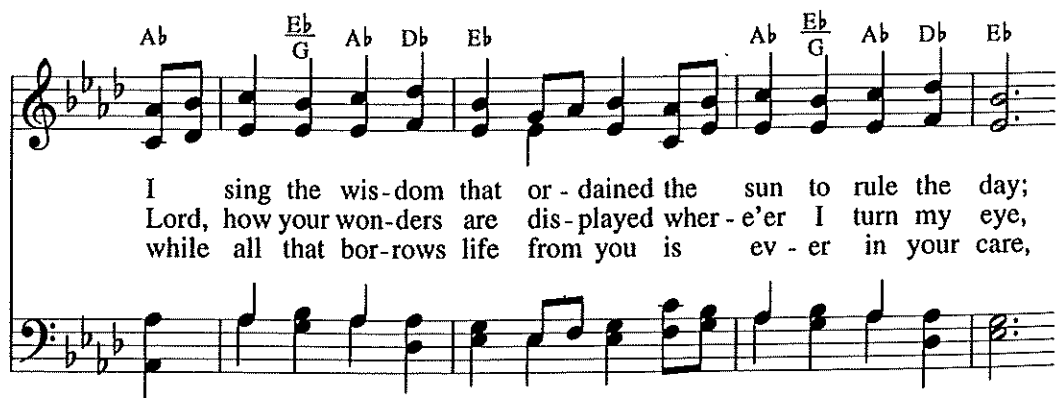
1 I sing the al-might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes your glo - ries known;

N.C. Ab / C Fm Eb Ab Db Fm Eb^{sus} Eb Ab



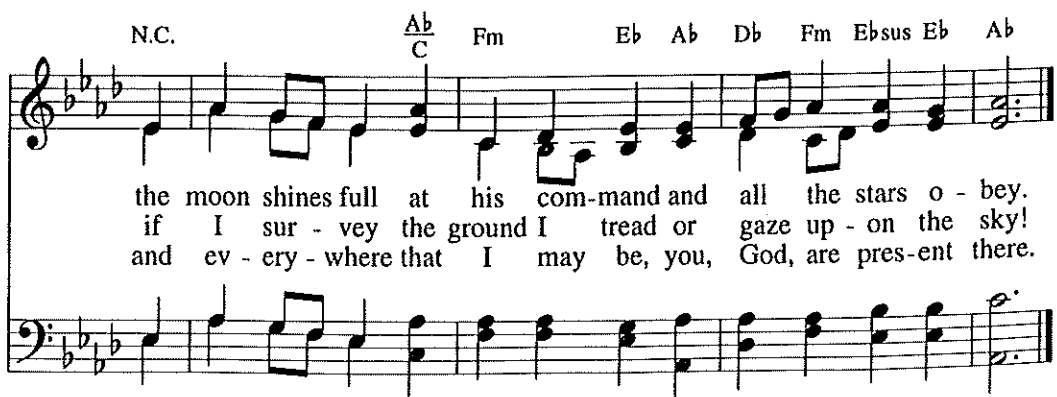
that spread the flow-ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his word and then pro-nounced them good,
 and clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from your throne;

Ab Eb / G Ab Db Eb Ab Eb / G Ab Db Eb



I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor-rows life from you is ev - er in your care,

N.C. Ab / C Fm Eb Ab Db Fm Eb^{sus} Eb Ab



the moon shines full at his com-mand and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery - where that I may be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 391

Unison

D $\frac{Em}{D}$ D $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant,
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney,
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you,
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing,
5 When we sing to God and heav - en,

$\frac{Em}{D}$ D $\frac{G}{D}$ D A G $\frac{D}{F\#}$

let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I might
here to - geth - er on the road; we are here to
in the night - time of your fear; I will hold my
when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your
we shall find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've

Em7 $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 Bm G $\frac{D}{G}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ G $\frac{G}{A}$ A7 D

have the grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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