



*An Open and Affirming Congregation
of The United Church of Christ*



Order of Worship for

October 12, 2025

10:30 am

*Welcome to Center Church!
We are delighted that you are with us today.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP – OCTOBER 12, 2025
A SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP – WEEK 1: REMEMBER

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

ORGAN PRELUDE We Thank Thee

D. Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*†

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: May we remember

All: That God created.

One: May we remember

All: That God liberated.

One: May we remember

All: That God fed.

One: May we remember

**All: That God is still creating,
God is still liberating,
And God is still feeding us.**

One: Let this be our story.

All: Let this be where we begin.

One: Let us worship holy God.

*OPENING HYMN NCH 558 Oh How Glorious, Full of Wonder

IN BABILONE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Andrea Phillips

Children are dismissed to Classrooms as the congregation sings...

***Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah,
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah,
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Exodus 16:1-18 - *Manna in the Desert*
Luke 22:1-23 - *The Last Supper & Judas's Betrayal*

SERMON Our Money Story: Remember

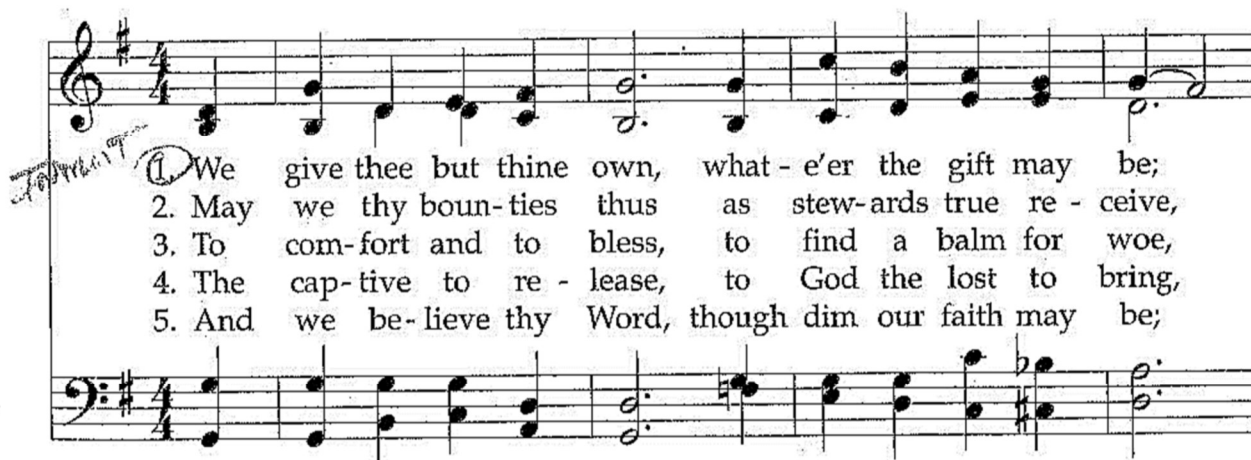
The Rev. Liza Arulampalam

HYMN OF RESPONSE We Give Thee but Thine Own

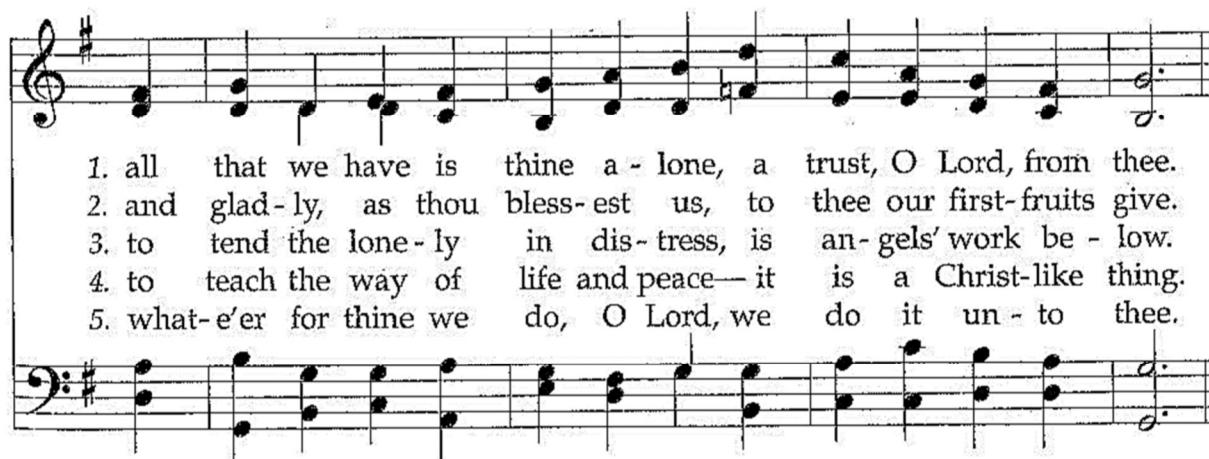
(Chalice Hymnal, Insert)

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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① We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2. May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,
3. To com-fort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,
4. The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
5. And we be-lieve thy Word, though dim our faith may be;



1. all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
2. and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first-fruits give.
3. to tend the lone - ly in dis - tress, is an - gels' work be - low.
4. to teach the way of life and peace— it is a Christ-like thing.
5. what - e'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

WORDS: William W. How, c. 1858
MUSIC: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Clap Your Hands

N. Roberts

*Center Church Choir
Stewart Battle, Soloist*

*DOXOLOGY NCH 780

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

*RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Gracious God,
As we come to you today in prayer, we admit that giving is complicated.
At times it is easier to remember our shame or guilt around giving,
as opposed to your joy or generosity.
We all have our money narratives, and they affect us in different ways.
So today as we offer our gifts to you,
we pray that you would re-center our narrative.
Remind us that we do not give out of shame or guilt.

All: We do not give out of obligation.

One: We do not give to feel worthy.

All: And we do not give to buy your grace.

One: We give out of a desire to participate.

All: We give as a sign of gratitude.

One: We give because we belong to one another.

All: We give to build a more just and equitable world.

One: We give because we love, and that's what love does.

So take these gifts and remind us that we belong to one another.

Remind us that all money narratives are welcome here.

Remind us that whatever shame or guilt we bring with us
will be washed away with your empathy and love.

All: Remind us, and then help us to build that more beautiful world.

In hope we pray,

Amen.

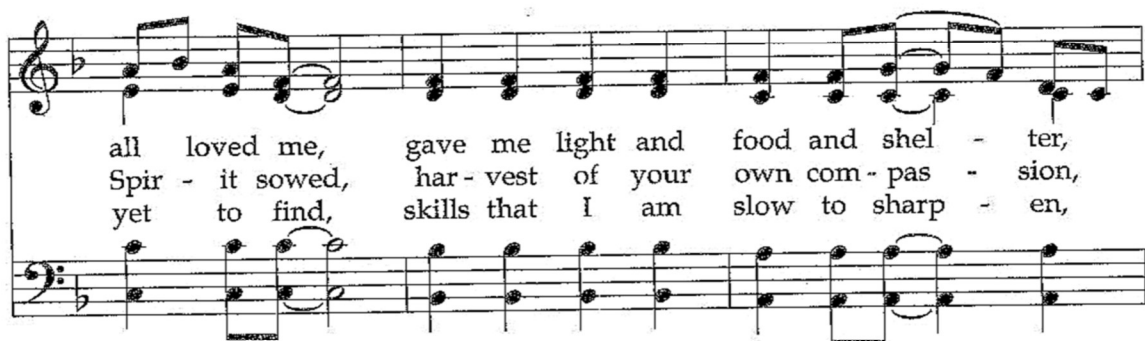
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Take My Gifts



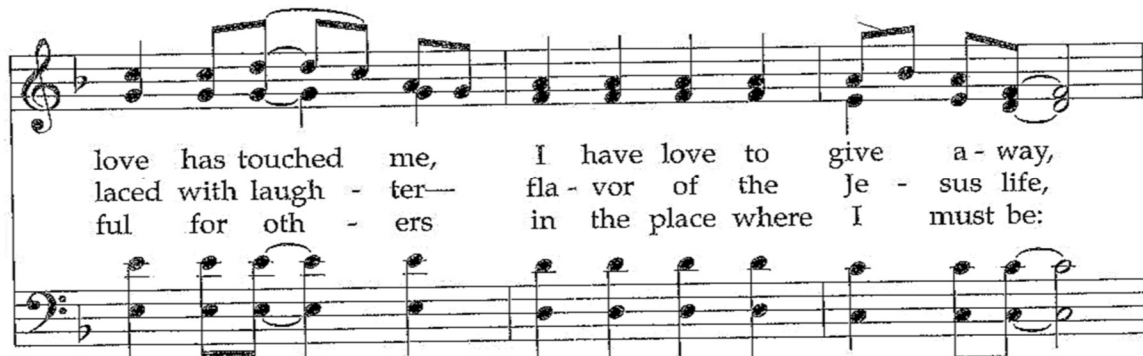
1. Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of
2. Take the fruit that I have gath - ered from the tree your
3. Take what - ev - er I can of - fer— gifts that I have



all loved me, gave me light and food and shel - ter,
Spir - it sowed, har - vest of your own com - pas - sion,
yet to find, skills that I am slow to sharp - en,



gave me life and set me free, now be - cause your
juice that makes the wine of God, spiced with hu - mor,
tal - ents of the hand and mind, things made beau - ti -



love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,
laced with laugh - ter— fla - vor of the Je - sus life,
ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:

OFFERING

now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to
tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be -
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of

mul - ti - ply!
yond be - lief.

all loved me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE Fugue in F Major (*from Eight Little Preludes & Fugues*)
Norman McFarlane, organist

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Thank you to everyone who participated in worship. Go in Peace!