



FREDERICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

10:30 am

GATHERING

The people of God come together as the Body of Christ.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE *"Beach Spring"*

Janet Linker

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;

People: make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, sing praises,

People: and speak of all God's marvelous works.

Leader: Glory in God's holy name;

People: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. *(Psalm 105:1-3)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(... now and forever. **Amen.**)

*HYMN 612 *"We Praise You, O God"*

KREMSER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, your generosity surprises us.

*For you do not pour out your grace according to how hard we work,
or how often we worship, or how closely we follow the rules.*

No, you lavish grace upon us according to your own desire.

But we insist on deciding who is deserving and who is not.

We grumble that some receive too little while others have more than they deserve.

Forgive us, we pray.

*Help us to live with humility and gratitude so that our words and deeds
might embody your grace. Amen.*

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: ... believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***SUNG RESPONSE** *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”*

GLORY TO GOD

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end. 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

***THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(The people exchange signs and words of Christ's peace.)

WORD

The people of God share God's Story.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Holta Trandafili

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-15

PSALM 105 *“Go Down, Moses”*

arr. Hopson

(The congregation sings the refrain as directed.)

O Lord, still guide us on our way; be our hope and stay.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

ANTHEM "O Food to Pilgrims Given"

Michael Helman

*O food to pilgrims given, O bread of life from heaven, O Manna from on high!
We hunger; Lord, supply us, nor your delights deny us, whose hearts to you draw nigh.
O stream of love past telling, O purest fountain, welling from out of Savior's side!
We faint with thirst; revive us, of your abundance give us, and all we need provide.
O Jesus, by you bidden, we here adore you hidden in forms of bread and wine.
Grant when the veil is riven, we may behold in heaven, your countenance divine.*

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Eric T. Myers

HYMN 36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

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TABLE

The people of God respond to God's Word.

OFFERTORY "Invocazione"

Mel Bonis

*Because of all that God has done for us and has given to us, we respond by offering our very lives to God out of great thanksgiving.
Other ways to give include [online](#), by Venmo or by mail at FPC, 115 W 2nd St., Frederick, MD 21701.*

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving continues. . .)

Leader: ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People:

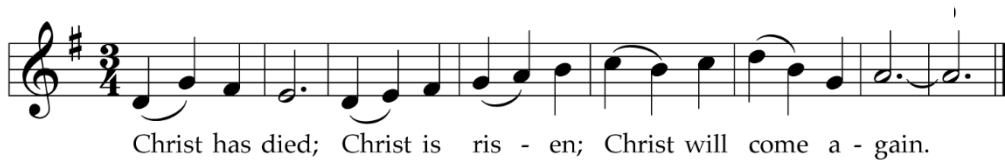


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving continues. . .)

Leader: ... as we proclaim the great mystery of our faith:

People:



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

(The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving continues. . .)

Leader: ... now and forever.

People:



A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As directed, those desiring to receive Communion shall come forward to any available station to receive the bread and the cup of unfermented fruit of the vine. Please receive the elements as you are served or return to your seats and take the bread and the cup once all are served. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament in their seats should inform an usher. The Sacrament will be taken to them by servers.

The elements are given with the words:

“The bread of heaven. . . . The cup of salvation.” . . . to which the people respond “Amen.”

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The congregation sings the following hymns during the receiving of the Sacrament.

HYMN 647

“Give Thanks”

GIVE THANKS

HYMN 654

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

*We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament
you have given us your Son who is the true bread from heaven
and food of eternal life.*

*So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The people of God depart to live as God's People in the world.

***HYMN 716** *“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”*

BEACH SPRING

Leader: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *(Romans 15:13)*
And the blessing of God -
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, go in the name of the Lord - *(2 Tim. 4:2,5; Luke 18:1)*
Proclaim the good news, be persistent in prayer, do the work of the gospel,
and carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE “Verse”

Juan Cabanilles

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God
in honor of our 11th wedding anniversary on September 26th
by
Kelley and Rick Albee*



A Meeting of the Congregation of Frederick Presbyterian Church has been called by the SESSION immediately following morning worship this Sunday for the purposes of receiving and acting on a report from the Nominating Committee. Non members are welcome. Members are encouraged to attend.

A time of fellowship with Apple Cider donuts (provided by the Deacons) will begin after the meeting



Our [RISE AGAINST HUNGER](#) meal packing event will be held on **Sunday, October 4**, following morning worship in Fellowship Hall.

A light lunch (provided by the Mission Committee) will be served before packing begins.

This is an intergenerational event, all ages are welcome!!



PLEASE NOTE: The online sign-up page includes an opportunity to support RAH financially, which is a wonderful thing but please know that expenses related to FPC's food-packing event on October 4th are covered by your regular offerings and gifts to the work and ministry of FPC.

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Youth Fellowship

Sunday, September 20 at 5:30 PM

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday, September 22 at 10 AM

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 22 at 7 PM

Wednesday Morning Prayer

Wednesday, September 23 at 7 AM

Wednesday Book Study

Wednesday, September 23 at 7 PM

Mission Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 24 at 6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 24 at 7 PM

Youth Fellowship

Sunday, September 27 at 5:30 PM

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE (SHP) Build Day Saturday, October 17 9:00 - Noon

The FPC Mission Committee is partnering with Sleep In Heavenly Peace to provide a bed for every child in Frederick County (and beyond). Sign-up for SHP on the kiosk in Heritage Hall!!

Notes on Today's Music: Mélanie Hélène "Mel" Bonis (1858-1937) was a composer of the late Romantic era. Born with considerable innate talent, she was sadly not encouraged in her musical studies by her parents nor her husband. As such, her compositional career did not begin in earnest until she was in her late thirties, at which point her works won the respect of such luminaries as Camille Saint-Saens.

* Worship led by Pastor Eric, Brian Bartloldus and Holta Trandafilii

* Greeters: Becky Baquet and Jim Morro

* Acolyte: Madeleine Sillers

* Cover: stock photo

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION: CALL TO WORSHIP, Vol. 53.1 (Office of Theology and Worship, PCUSA, 2019)

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Adult Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Come and see...

Joy Unchained: A Study of Paul's Prison Epistles - facilitated by Jessica McGhee

Locked in a Roman cell, the apostle Paul wrote four short letters that changed the world. Join us for a new adult Sunday school class as we walk through Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Together, we'll explore how Paul maintained overflowing joy, bold courage, and deep faith under hard circumstances—and how we can do the same today.

Meets in the Middler's Room downstairs.

The Wired Word: A Discussion on Current Events and Questions of Faith

The Wired Word is an internet-based Bible study curriculum. Each week, participants receive an email with the topic and background material which leads to lively discussion on Sunday mornings while sitting around the table.

Meets in the Manse - next door to Heritage Hall.

Gathering for Young Adults - facilitated by Pastor Eric Meets in the Weaver Room.

WEEKLY STUDY GROUPS BEGIN SOON! WHICH ONE FITS YOUR SCHEDULE??

The **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** (led by Dennis Burkhart) meets at **10:00 AM** in the Weaver Room. They are currently studying the book of Proverbs. **All are welcome!!**

Come be part of the **Wednesday Night Book Group** at **7:00 PM**. Led by Greg Simms, the group is reading ***The Problem of Pain*** by C.S. Lewis. The book tackles faith, philosophy and the intersection of suffering and belief.

Disciple Bible Study: Genesis to Revelation - led by the Rev. Judy Johnson and Lisa Zsiga

Do you want to deepen your understanding of the Bible – its history, people, geography and God's covenant with us? All knowledge levels are welcome.

Can you commit to a weekly meeting (in person or Zoom) for 24 weeks and 5 readings a week prior to each meeting? Readings on your app (text or audio) take about 30 minutes.

The meetings are Sundays beginning at 5 PM - Class begins September 20.

You will download an app and receive a complete Common English Bible, assignments, videos and an imbedded link to Zoom. Cost is \$53 (scholarships available).

Watch a brief video at <https://beadiscipleapp.com/available-studies>.

Contact Lisa Zsiga zsiga@mac.com or Judy Johnson revjudyj@gmail.com with questions.



Pumpkin Carving for ALL October 25th After Worship

Lunch will be served!

***Bring your pumpkin, supplies are provided!
Face painting and activities! Fun for ALL Ages!***

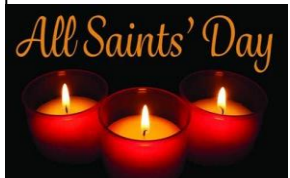


ALL SAINTS' DAY is November 1st

During Worship on **Sunday, November 1st** we will remember with thanksgiving those who have gone on before us.

Since last year's All Saints' Day, we have suffered the loss of many saints who have died in the faith.

Contact Niki at office@frederickpresbyterian.org with the names of those dear to you who have died since last year.

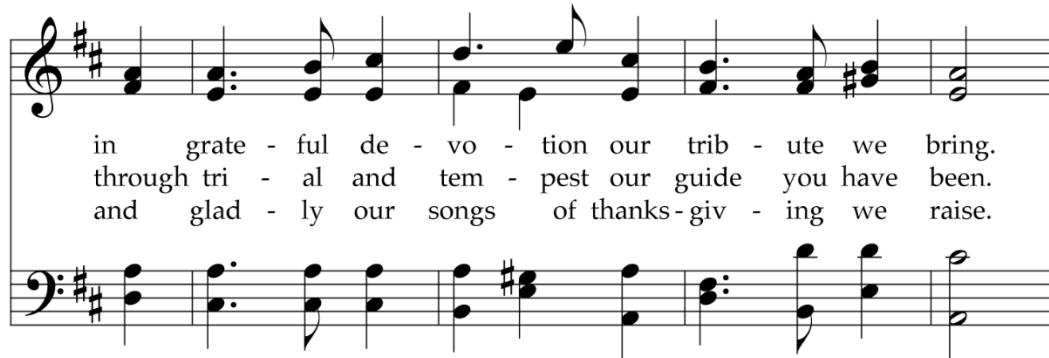


We Praise You, O God

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1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

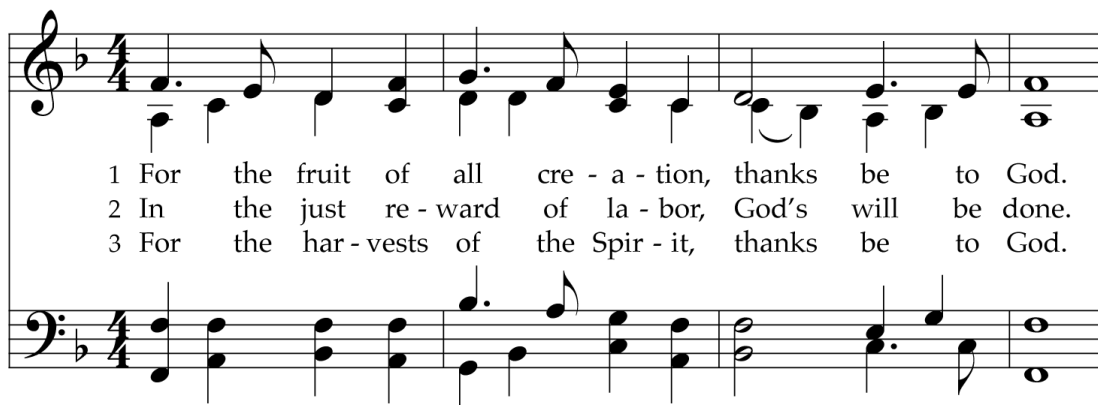
The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

TEXT: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt.
 MUSIC: *Neder-landsch Gedenck-Clanck*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

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 (this tune in a lower key, 336)

For the Fruit of All Creation

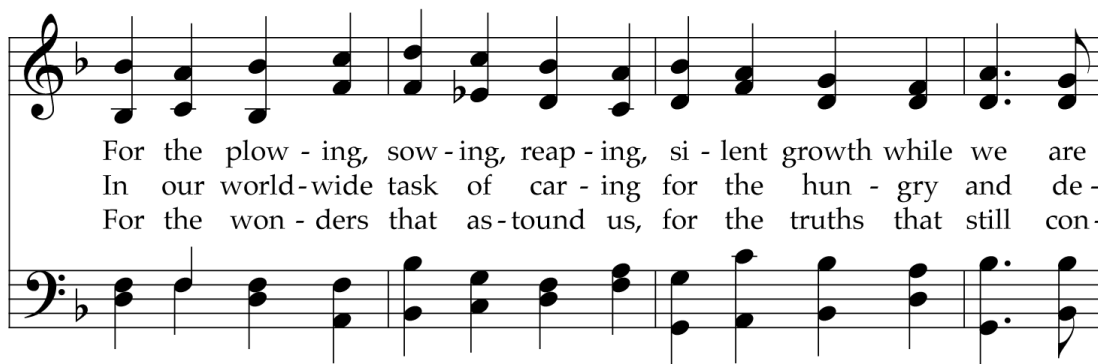
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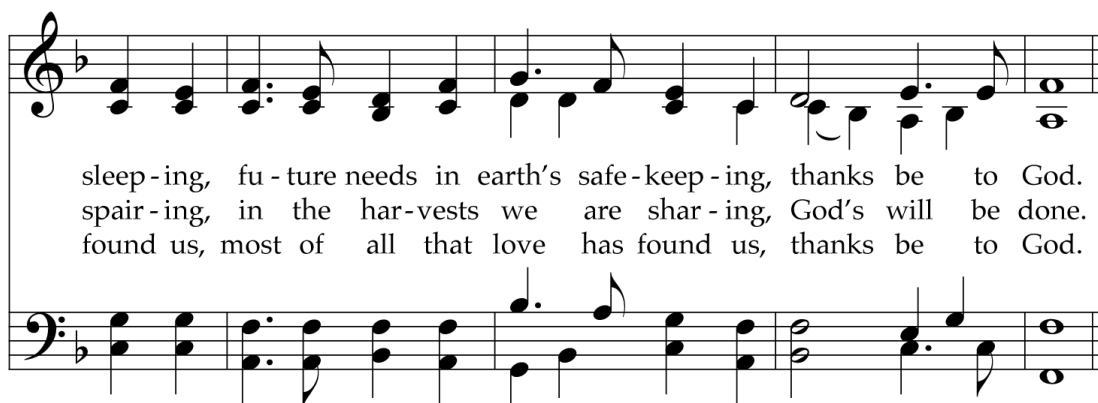
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song can be easily memorized. The simple vocabulary makes it suitable for multigenerational use, reminding all ages how gratitude for God's goodness changes our perspective.

TEXT: Henry Smith, 1978, alt.

MUSIC: Henry Smith, 1978

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GIVE THANKS

Irregular

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 654

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -

joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

This refrain from the ecumenical monastic community at Taizé, France, is meant for repeated singing. A wonderful quilt of psalm-like phrases, it would be appropriate at any time but the concluding emphasis on the nearness of the Lord makes it especially fitting for use in Advent.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1986

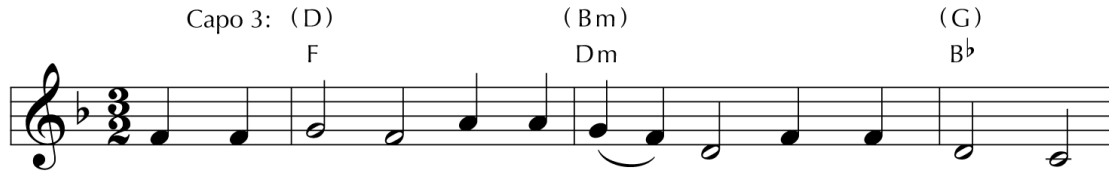
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1986

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IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

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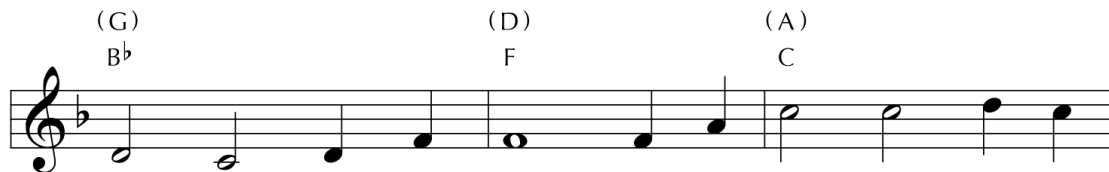
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



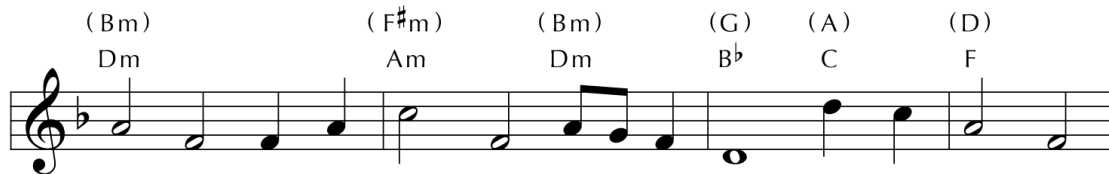
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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BEACH SPRING

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