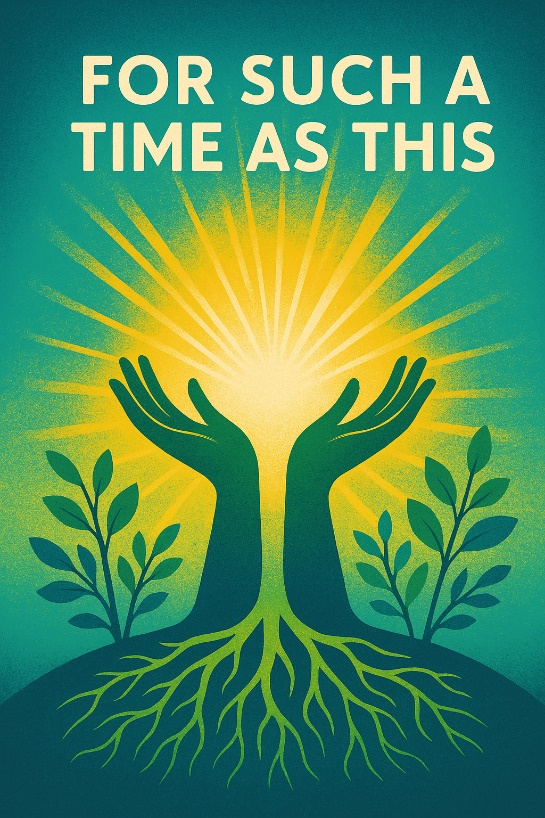
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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost | October 5th, 2025

\*Please stand as you are able

**Welcome and Announcements**

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *The Lord Is My Shepherd* arr. Garlock

Isabel Burgos-DeStefanis, cello;

Kelsey Osburn, violin

\*Call to Worship

One: God speaks: “I am the Lord your God, do not fear, I am with you.”

All: When the waters rise, God carries us through.

One: I am the Lord your God, do not fear, I am with you.

All: When the flames roar and storms rage, we shelter in God’s love.

One: God is with us, in such a time as this,

All: We rejoice and sing out our praise, for God is with us, we are not afraid.

\*Hymn of Praise 578 *God of Love and God of Power*

UNSER HERRSCHER

1. God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.

God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

2. We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee; give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear.

God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

3. All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty; slaves are we whene'er we share that devotion anywhere. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

4. God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour; offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

**Opening Prayer:**

**God of faith and courage, you remind us that the smallest things can make the biggest difference. You remind us that faith can move mountains, and courage can lead us through the storm. Root us in your love, and shape us as the body of Christ. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading Psalm 138**

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
    before the gods I sing your praise;  
**I bow down toward your holy temple  
    and give thanks to your name for your steadfast**

**love and faithfulness;**    for you have exalted your name

and your word  above everything.   
**On the day I called, you answered me,  
    you strengthened my life.**

All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
    for they have heard the words of your mouth;

**And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
    for great is the glory of the Lord.**  
For the Lord is high, but regards the lowly,  
    yet knows the haughty from afar.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
    you preserve my life;**  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies  
    and your right hand delivers me.  
O Lord, fulfill your purpose for me;  
**O Lord, may your steadfast love endure forever.  
    Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**Children’s Moment**

**Music of Preparation**

*Welcome Table* Joel Raney

Isabel Burgos-DeStefanis, cello

Kelsey Osburn, violin

The Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson Luke 17:5-6 CEB and

Scripture Isaiah 43:1-5a, 10-12 NRSVue

Sermon

For Such a Time As This: In God's Hands Rev. Beth Rambikur

\*Passing of the Peace

Stewardship Moment Suzanne Shipley

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Ave Verum Corpus* W.A. Mozart

Kelsey Osburn, violin

\*Doxology 95

*Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below

Praise God, above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offertory Prayer

**\*Holy Communion**

**The Lord be with you.**  
And also with you.

**Lift up your hearts.**  
We lift them up to the Lord.

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth….

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. …

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed and called for such a time as this.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever**.

**Amen!**

**Communion Hymn**

*You Feed Us, Gentle Savior*

MERLE'S TUNE

1. You feed us, gentle Savior,

the bread that makes us whole,

the wine of your compassion

poured out into our soul.

The food of your own presence,

your Spirit, strong, within,

The grace that heals us deeply

and overcomes our sin.

2. You bind us, gentle Savior,

and weave us into one,

One flesh and blood made holy,

the Body of your Son.

We gather here in hunger,

one hunger, all the same;

And with one grace you bless us

together in his name.

3. You call us, gentle Savior,

and send us in your name.

You teach and heal and show us

how we can do the same;

So, strengthened by your Spirit

and nourished by your grace,

We go to be your presence in love,

in every place.

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

**\*Sending Hymn** 630 *Become to Us the Living Bread* GELOBT SEI GOTT

1. Become to us the living bread

by which the Christian life is fed,

renewed and greatly comforted:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Become the never-failing wine,

the spring of joy that shall incline

our hearts to bear the covenant sign:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. May Christians all with one accord

unite around the sacred board

to praise your holy name, O Lord:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Benediction 2130 *The Summons* KELVINGROVE

Will you come and follow me

if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don’t know

and never be the same?

Will you let your love be shown,

will you let my name be known?

Will you let my life be grown

in you and you in me?

Postlude *Toccata No. 2* (LEONI) arr. Joel Raney

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