

# **POLLOCKSVILLE** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**September 20, 2020**

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

September 20, 2020

Prelude

“O Rest in the Lord”

~ Mendelssohn ~

“Variations on Down Ampney”

~ Lovelace ~

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

Give thanks to the Lord.

**We will call on God’s name and make known God’s wonderful works.**

Seek the Lord continually.

**We will watch and listen for signs of God’s grace.**

Together, let us worship God!

**Let us rejoice in God’s presence and praise God’s holy name.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

\*Opening Hymn

“We Praise You, O God”

*See Insert*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

**God, you are the giver of all good gifts, yet we confess that our own generosity is limited. We share what we have, but often reluctantly.**

**We complain about our lot. We compare ourselves to others and see what they have that we lack. We fear running short of things rather than trusting your attention to our needs.**

**Forgive us our worries about tomorrow and give us generous hearts that trust in you.**

*Silence is observed*

Assurance of Pardon (*Responsive*) (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, God’s generous love reaches out to embrace us. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free to begin again.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture

Exodus 16:1-21

(Common English Bible)

**16:1** The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Sin desert, which is located between Elim and Sinai. They set out on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had left the land of Egypt. **2** The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. **3** The Israelites said to them, "Oh, how we wish that the Lord had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you've brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death." **4** Then the Lord said to Moses, "I'm going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I'll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction. **5** On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days." **6** So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "This evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt. **7** And in the morning you will see the Lord's glorious presence, because your complaints against the Lord have been heard. Who are we? Why blame us?" **8** Moses continued, "The Lord will give you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning because the Lord heard the complaints you made against him. Who are we? Your complaints aren't against us but against the Lord." **9** Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole Israelite community, 'Come near to the Lord, because he's heard your complaints.'" **10** As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the Lord appeared in the cloud. **11** The Lord spoke to Moses, **12** "I've heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'" **13** In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. **14** When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground. **15** When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" They didn't know what it was. Moses said to them, "This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. **16** This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Collect as much of it as each of you can eat, one omer per person. You may collect for the number of people in your household.'" **17** The Israelites did as Moses said, some collecting more, some less. **18** But when they measured it out by the omer, the ones who had collected more had nothing left over, and the ones who had collected less had no shortage. Everyone collected just as much as they could eat. **19** Moses said to them, "Don't keep any of it until morning." **20** But they didn't listen to Moses. Some kept part of it until morning, but it became infested with worms and stank. Moses got angry with them. **21** Every morning they gathered it, as much as each person could eat. But when the sun grew hot, it melted away.

## Sermon

*"Wilderness Food"*

~

Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## Morning Prayer and 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.**

\*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

\*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

**"Great God of Every Blessing"**

*See Insert*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

**"Fugue in A Minor"**

*~ Bach ~*

\*Please rise in body or spirit

**Bold:** Congregation Speaks

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*Today following the morning worship service  
There will be a Stewardship Program ~ Questions & Answers*

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**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

**Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16**

**Daily Readings for September 20 – 26 use the following web link:**

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>

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***Prayer List Additions as of 9/20/2020***

*Hazel Ann Atkinson & her medical team, Annette Bell, Jimmy & Hilda Bender, Jim Bell, Brook Stone Living Center & its Residents, Eileen Griswold & Family, Sybil Harriett & the Residents at the Courtyards at Berne Village (tested positive for Covid), Gera Howe, Johnny Johnson (Jean Bender's brother-in-law), LA Sheriff deputies and their families, PPC Childcare Center, Hurricane Season, West Coast Fires*

*Please keep in your prayers those struggling to cope due to this pandemic.*

*Continue to pray for the schools as the students start back for a new and much different year.*

*Remember the administration, teachers, students, and parents during this difficult time.*

*Continue praying for all our brothers and sisters all over the world!*

**Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress. These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks.**

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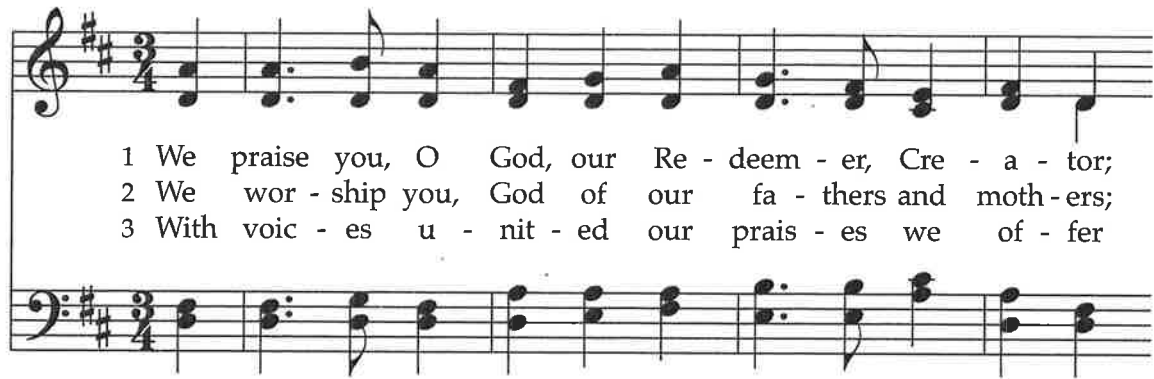
***Congregational Meeting after Sunday Worship Service September 27<sup>th</sup>***

*Amended meeting to receive the report from the Officer Nominating Committee & elect Elders  
And to vote on the recommendation on the sale of the Newsome Property*

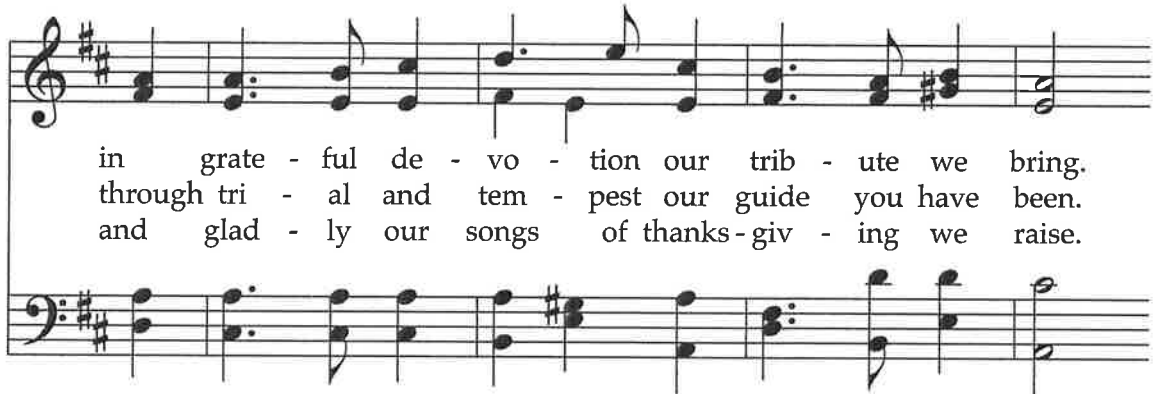
***Communion during morning worship Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>***

## We Praise You, O God

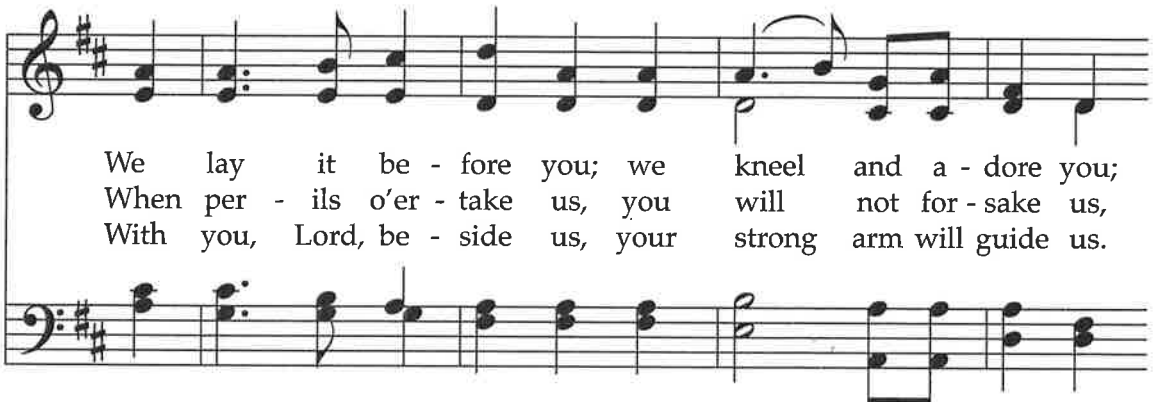
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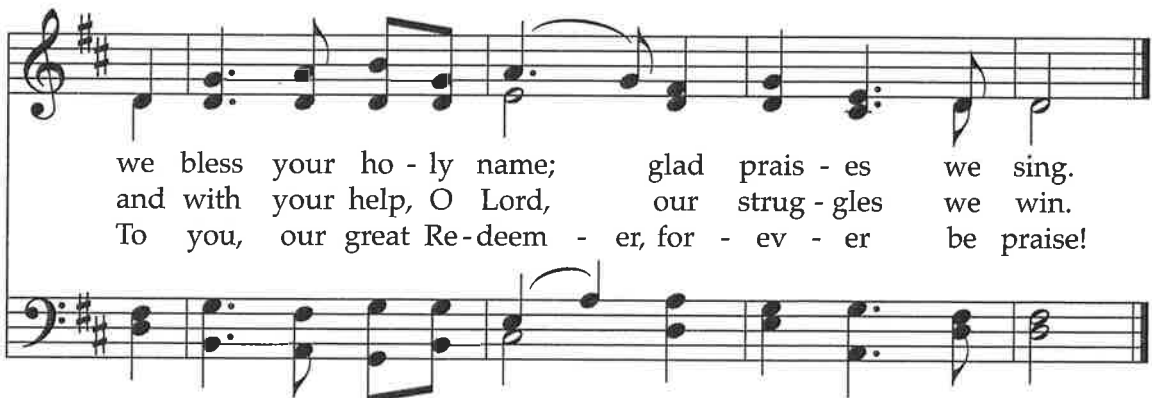
1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



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.



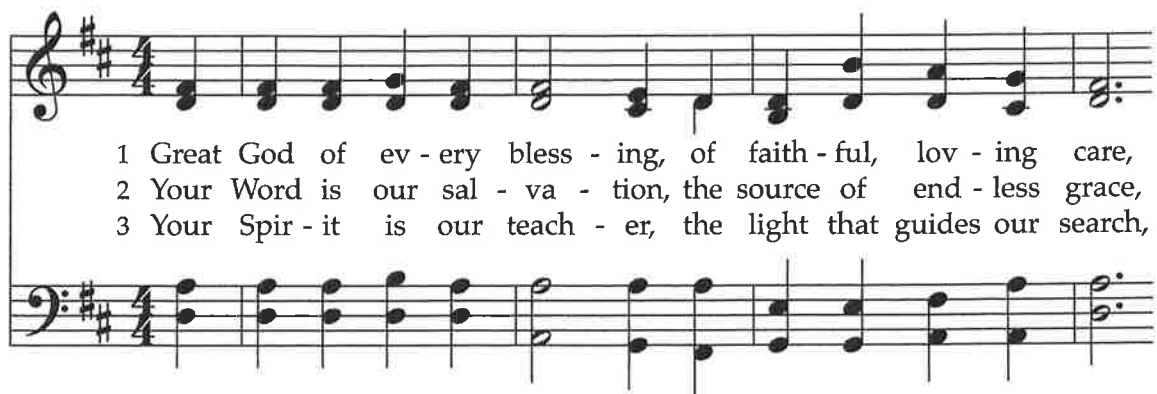
We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



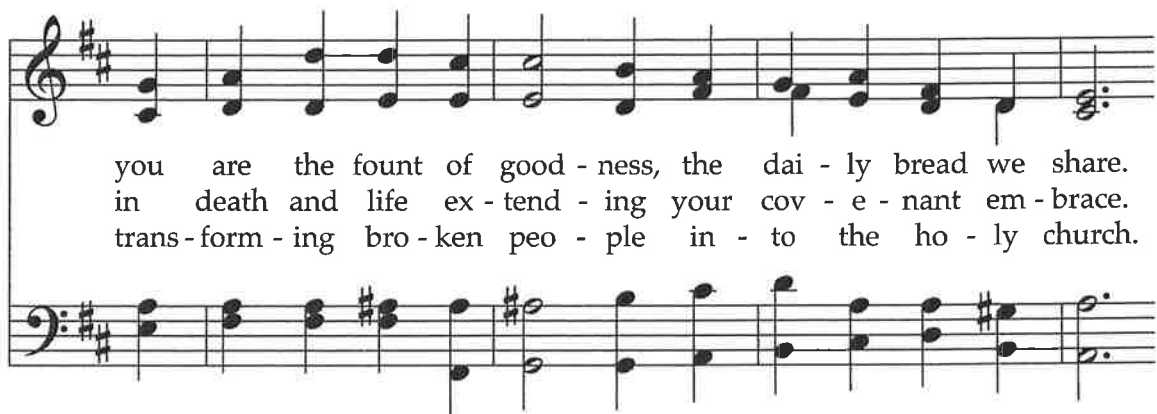
we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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.

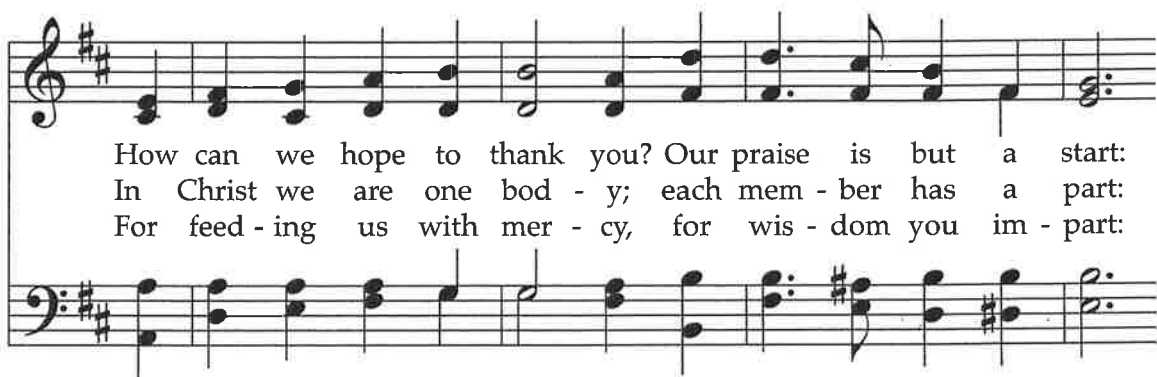
# 694 Great God of Every Blessing



1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,  
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,  
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.  
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.  
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:  
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.