

† Please stand as you are able. The congregation may join in by reciting **the words in bold.**

**Prayer and Attendance Cards:** Please help us take attendance by writing your name on the prayer card (in the buckets) that is most appropriate for you. You may also write a prayer concern and hold it for prayers of the people.

**Prelude** Desiree Davis-Omburo  
**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Chiming the Trinity**

**Call to Worship—sections of Psalm 118 (the Message)**

Thank God because he's good, because his love never quits.

**Tell the world, Israel, "His love never quits."**

And you, clan of Aaron, tell the world,

**"His love never quits."**

And you who fear God, join in,

**"His love never quits."**

Pushed to the wall, I called to God;

**from the wide open spaces, he answered.**

God's now at my side and I'm not afraid;

who would dare lay a hand on me?

**God's my strength, he's also my song,  
and now he's my salvation.**

Can you hear the shouts, hear the triumph songs

in the camp of the saved?

**We didn't die. We live! And now I'm telling the world what God did.**

**God tested me, he pushed me hard, but he didn't hand me over to Death.**

**Swing wide the city gates—the righteous gates! I'll walk right through and thank God!**

This is the very day God acted— let's celebrate and be festive!

**Salvation now, Lord. Salvation now!**

**Oh yes, with God—a free and full life!**

Blessed are you who enter in God's name—from God's house we bless you!

**God is God, he has bathed us in light.**

Adorn the shrine with garlands,

hang colored banners above the altar!

**You're my God, and I thank you.**

O my God, I lift high your praise.

**Let us give thanks to God—he's so good. His love never quits!**

† **Opening Song** "Love the Lord Your God" **TFWS 2168**

**Consecration Sunday Invitation** Ann Farmer

*Consecration Sunday will be on Sunday, November 12, and a celebration lunch with catered meal will follow worship. Please reserve your spot(s) today. Ushers may hand out Reservation Cards.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lord, you are love and you invite us to reflect your divine image by calling us to learn how to love like you. Illuminate our hearts and minds through a living Word to lead us deeper in your way of love. Amen.**

**New Testament Reading** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Autumn Boyer

**Gospel Readings** Matthew 22:34-46

Leader: this is the word of God for us the people of God, **thanks be to God!**

**Choir Anthem** "10,000 Reasons" by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman, arranged by Lloyd Larson

**Sermon** Pastor Adam

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord of love, you showed us what love is like by coming in the form of a human to live among us, and you showed us the unfathomable lengths you were willing to go for us on the cross, to be with us always. Yet, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our "muchness," and we have failed to love our neighbor, as well as love ourselves. Please forgive us, as we also extend that grace to others. In receiving your forgiveness and a new start, may we use this newfound freedom and wholeness responsibly to love others, like you taught and showed us. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Nothing will deter God from sharing this good news with us: we are heard, we

are forgiven, we are offered new lives of service and faith.  
Thanks be to God, who offers justice not judgment; who shares grace with us,  
not holds grudges against us. We are forgiven. Amen.

***Peace of Christ***

*At this time, you may stand and greet your neighbor with signs of peace.*

***Tithes and Offerings***

***The Doxology (UMH 94)***

Desiree Davis-Omburo

***Dedicating our gifts to God***

***Prayers of the People***

Pastor Adam

*If you have a prayer concern you would like for us to pray for in this service, you may write it on a prayer card and raise it in the air for an usher to collect.*

***The Lord's Prayer***

†***Closing Song***

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

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†***Benediction***

†***Chiming the Trinity***

†***Postlude***

Desiree Davis-Omburo

**Announcements:**

- The Pastor's book of the month for November is “What is the Bible,” by Rob Bell.
- **“Walk in their Shoes” 5K run/walk is on Saturday, November 4.** This is a fundraiser for Open Table Ministries in Durham, which is a non-profit that offers services to our unsheltered neighbors.
- All youth, children, and families are invited to **Sky Zone on Tuesday, November 7 @ 3 PM.**
- **Marge Potter's Remembrance** gathering will now be on **Saturday, November 11 @ 11 AM-1 PM** in the fellowship hall.
- Please mark your calendars for **Consecration Sunday on November, 12!**
- Mark your calendars **for Sunday, November 26 @ 5-7 PM** for our CCoM Harvest Feast and Fellowship. Please sign up to bring something or to volunteer to set up or clean up: <https://signup.com/go/aUbaDes>
- If you are interested in **Christmas Caroling** with Christus Victor on Tuesday, December 19, please let Pastor Adam know.

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## What Are You Living For?

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