

**Order of Worship  
September 17, 2023**

**PRELUDE:**    *“To God Be the Glory”*, William Doane       Roy Campbell

**WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE WITH THE CONGREGATION,  
PRESENT AND ONLINE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (all)**

**Leader:** The work of the Creator is visible.

**People:** **Let us respond with praise.**

**Leader:** The example of Jesus is apparent.

**People:** **Let us respond with obedience.**

**Leader:** The wind of the Spirit is blowing.

**People:** **Let us respond with joy.**

**Leader:** The word of God is calling

**People:** **Let us worship in spirit and in truth. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN OF ADORATION #74**

**“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

**1 O for a thousand tongues to sing**

**My great Redeemer's praise,**

**The glories of my God and King,**

**The triumphs of His grace!**

**2 My gracious Master and my God,**

**Assist me to proclaim,**

**To spread through all the earth abroad**

**The honors of Thy name.**

**3 Glory to God and praise and love**

**Be ever, ever giv'n**

**By saints below and saints above,**

**The Church in earth and heav'n. Amen.**

**INVOCATION (all)**

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, cleanse us, we pray, from all of our sins. Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Draw us closer to you as we confess our sins, trusting in your grace. May you be our refuge and strength not only in times of trouble but day by day. Lift us on angels' wings that we may see beyond the problems of the**

moment to times filled with love and marked by great joy. Bless this church that we may be faithful in all that we do. In Christ's name, AMEN.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## SILENT PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

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.

### \*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.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "Just a Closer Walk with God", V. Halberg  
Roy Campbell

### THE WORD OF GOD

Lay Reader Patty Hill

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Pew Bible page 143

New Testament: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Pew Bible page 948

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### \*HYMN OF REFLECTION #436

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

**1 O Master, let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me Thy secret, help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.**

**3 Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong. Amen.**

**SERMON: "Wonderful Words of Life" Rev. Dr. Paul R. Adkins**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY: "This is My Song" Roy Campbell**

**DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #255 "Wonderful Words of Life"**

**1 Sing them over again to me-  
Wonderful words of Life;  
Let me more of their beauty, see-  
Wonderful words of Life.  
Words of life and beauty,  
Teach me faith and duty:**

**Refrain:**

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of Life;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of Life.**

**2 Christ, the blessed One, gives to all  
Wonderful words of Life;  
Listen well to the loving call-  
Wonderful words of Life.  
All the wondrous story,  
Showing us His story: [Refrain]**

**3 Sweetly echo the gospel call-  
Wonderful words of Life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all-**

*Wonderful words of Life.*  
*Jesus, only Savior,*  
*Sanctify forever: [Refrain]*  
**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:**    *"There But For You I Go", Alan J. Lerner*  
Roy Campbell