

The United Church of Christ of Robesonia

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*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here.*



*Welcome to our
10:15am Worship Service
In-Person & Streaming Online*

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**Sunday, September 1, 2024
15th Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,
and may you receive strength and guidance today
That will enable you to handle life's challenges.*



Children's Bulletins

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex.
The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

Biblias en Español

Biblias Bilingües en Español y Inglés están disponible en el vestíbulo narthex en la mesa de visitantes azul.
(*Bilingual Bibles in Spanish & English are available in the narthex hallway on the blue visitors' table.*)

Nursery

Persons of all ages (including children) are welcome to participate in the entire worship service. For an additional option, we have a supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, located on the first floor. Please see Nursery Coordinators, Laurie Ostimchuk, Beth Miller & Geri Gammel if you are in need of the nursery.

Junior Worship

On the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month (from September to June), following the mini message, the option of "Junior Worship" is offered downstairs for elementary age children to learn more about today's scripture lessons with fellow youth.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator. The third toilet stall in each of our four restrooms has a high toilet and handrails.

Changing Tables

All four of our restrooms have changing tables. Each restroom has two "child care protection seats" to keep toddlers safe and secure while their parents use the restroom.

Water Fountains

Water fountains are located on both the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am from the Sunday after Labor Day to the Sunday before Memorial Day.

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group, for those in grades 5-12 (or ages 12-20 years old), meets on the 2nd and last Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:00pm. Members and visitors alike are welcome.

Young Children & Family Ministries

This ministry's focus is on children younger than youth group and their families, and most of the monthly activities are welcoming of children of all ages. Members and visitors alike are welcome.

Prayer and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please call or email the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

Looking for a Church to Call Home

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider United Church of Christ of Robesonia. For more information about our church, we invite you to talk with our pastors, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our church.

More Information....

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the **Blue Visitor Table** in the narthex hallway, or contact us using the contact information on the front page of this bulletin.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

*{Symbols used in this bulletin: * = if able please stand; ♯ = Red Hymnal Page; ♯# = Blue Hymnal Page}*

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP

We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

*{If you have not already done so,
please sign and pass the pew welcome pad
to the person next to you.}*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ^② (Unison)

Our hearts overflow with longings too great for words, gracious God. You have been so good to us, yet we are dissatisfied. We have many things to enjoy, but seldom have we found our home with you. Meet us here to anoint us with the oil of gladness. Awaken us with singing and speak your truth to draw us away from the lure of wickedness. May this time of worship help us to become a wise and understanding people, eager to live as the body of Christ, making a difference in the world as Jesus did so long ago on the Galilean shore. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Oh, Sing to the Lord"

Brazilian Folk Song

{Those who are able, please rise}

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Let All Things Now Living"

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*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

*CALL TO WORSHIP ^②

Leader: Come to listen for all God seeks to teach us.
God has given us birth by the word of truth.

People: **God's grace has been poured into our lives.
Wisdom and understanding are offered to us.**

Leader: Those who walk uprightly and speak the truth.
God's image is a part of each one of us.

People: **We will honor God by honoring our neighbors.
We will act toward them as we wish to be treated.**

We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

***CALL TO CONFESSION** ^② *(Leader)*

How easily we notice the sins of others, finding ways to criticize what they do or do not do. How much harder it is to believe that we are sinners needing to repent of habits that separate us from God and set us against neighbors. Let us seek forgiveness. Let us pray....

***CONFESSION OF SIN** ^② *(Unison)*

O God, we admit that all is not well with us. We are easily angered and slow to forgive. We speak without listening and pretend to listen without really hearing. Our tongues become weapons rather than instruments of healing. We are more critical than helpful toward the poor in our midst. Hidden in our hearts are the attitudes that produce avarice, deceit, and violation of our promises to you and to one another. Turn us around so we can accept your forgiveness and learn to love ourselves as you want us to be, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** ^② *(Unison)*

God frees us from our human bondage to live by commandments that build up rather than destroy. God offers us boundaries that liberate us from licentiousness, greed, and false pride. Our Creator draws us close that our hearts may find their true home. Praise God for the grace that saves us from our self-deceit and lifts us up to bear good fruit. **Amen.**

{please be seated}

We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings. We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God." Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Teaching from the Torah (Book of Law): [Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-10](#)

The New Testament Letter: [James 1:17-27](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson: [Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#)

Leader: This is the gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

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MINI-MESSAGE

{Children may return to their pews}

CHILDREN'S SONG

"I Have the Love of Jesus"

Unknown

**I have the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart,
Down in my heart, down in my heart;**

**I have the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart,
Down in my heart to stay.**

SERMON

We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have learned more
about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by
re-affirming our faith in God,
praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and giving of
ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.*

{Those who are able, please rise}

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) "Apostles' Creed"**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead;
on the third day he rose again,
ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

{Please be seated}

ANNOUNCEMENTS

{Ushers, please assemble at rear of Sanctuary}

OFFERTORY INVITATION ^②

Leader: Let us not forget that the bounty we enjoy is only loaned to us for a little while, to be managed to the glory of God.

People: **Every generous act of giving is prompted by God's own generosity toward us.**

Leader: We are invited to return the first fruits of our labors,

People: **that through the outreach of our church, God may accomplish much good for those who most need to know that someone cares.**

RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

Online Giving

{Today, we will be passing the offering plate in person. You may also offer your tithe and offering to God through our secure [Online Giving](https://sprucc.org) option on our website at sprucc.org ([Click Here](#)), or you may mail your offering to United Church of Christ of Robesonia; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551}.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Joyous Nature Medley"
Sung by Wanda Moore

Garrett, Babcock, Swedish Folk Melody

{Those who are able, please rise}

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Doxology"

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**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.**

*LABOR DAY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER ⁶² (Leader)

Great giver of life, we give you thanks for all who labor in our world. We especially remember those who are not paid enough to eat sufficiently, to sustain a family or to find shelter.

On the day of rest, which you call Sabbath, we think of those who do not rest because they cannot afford this luxury. We are grateful that your own labors with your people have brought us to a place where we can give you thanks for many fruits of labor.

We are ever mindful that your reign on earth still needs to be brought forth; use us as your instruments of labor to create a world of justice and freedom for all.

Gracious God, we give because you have been generous to us. We give because we need to give in order to realize your image within us. We give to feed the hungers of body and soul that are all around us and deep within. May the ministries of this church meet the needs of our members, our community, and our world. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. **Amen.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Bless these gifts, Creator and Sustainer of the world. Guide their use for the good of the church and for the good of the world.

People: **Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion^①

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the central act of Christian worship, bringing us more fully together with one another and the Triune God, through the sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 26:20-30, Mark 14:17-26, Luke 22:14-23, John 13:21-30)

*INVITATION (Leader)

This table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ's way. Come to this sacred table not because you must, but because you may. Come not because you are fulfilled, but because in your emptiness you stand in need of God's mercy and assurance. Come not to express an opinion, but to seek a presence and to pray for a spirit. Come to this table, then, sisters and brothers, as you are. Partake and share. It is spread for you and me that we might again know that God has come to us, shared our common lot, and invited us to join the people of God's new age.

*COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

Leader:

We give thanks to you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy and sing....

*SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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{Sanctus is Latin for "Holy." Seraphic Hymn refers to the song of the Seraphim Angels. Sabaoth is a Hebrew name for God, referring to God as both creator and ruler of the world}.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

{Please be seated}

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader:

Lord, we remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Ordained Minister:

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We offer you these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people.

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine here at this table and at the tables in the homes you join with us in this time of worship, together as one, and bless us that as we receive them, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united in communion with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

ALL: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND RAISING THE CUP

LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

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.

CALL TO THE SUPPER

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, for all things are ready.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

{This morning we will be partaking of communion in the pews.

*The Elders will first distribute the bread,
Gluten free bread is in the **center**,
and **regular bread** is in the **outer ring**.
The Pastor will then instruct the congregation
to eat the bread at the same time.*

*The Elders will distribute the wine and grape juice.
The **wine is red** in the outer rings, and
the **grape juice is white** in the inner ring.
The Pastor will then instruct the congregation
to drink of the cup at the same time.}*

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{We invite all Christians who
profess a belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour
to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion.
You do not need to be a member of this congregation
or of the UCC to participate in Communion.}*

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Youth & Children:*

*Children of Members who have not yet professed their Christian faith through the Rite of Confirmation
are to participate in communion and refresher classes prior to communing,
and follow the "Children & Communion Guide."*

Children of Visitors - if you commune at your home church, you are welcome to commune here.

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{Please hold the bread and the cup until all have received. We will eat and drink together.}
{As you receive the elements, you may say the following...}*

Pastor: The Body of Christ broken for you.

Individual: **Amen.**

Pastor: The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Individual: **Amen. or Thanks be to God.**

{Those who are able, please rise}

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: **Amen.**

We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,
we go out into the world to share God's Good News
through our words and actions.*

*COMMISSION ²

Leader: We are to love righteousness and turn from wickedness.
We are called to become whole people of God.

People: **We want to witness to the power of God's love.
We believe people can change and turn from evil.**

Leader: God's Word transform all who hear and heed it.
God blesses those who are doers of the Word.

People: **God anoints us with the oil of gladness.
Our hearts overflow with God's good gifts.**

ALL: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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*SENDING HYMN

"O, Jesus, I Have Promised"

♪ *Blue #676*
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*{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,
as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}*

POSTLUDE

Join Us For Fellowship and Food in Miller Fellowship Hall

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The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshiping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) We experience greater oneness with God and each another through Holy Communion
- (9) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



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About Today

Church Season: Pentecost -which is the season of the church in mission. It is the time between the ascension of Christ and his second coming, which is the time we are presently living in today, and as such is the longest season of the church year. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church.

Color of the Paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

Green - symbolizing the growth of the Christian church, as we go out into the world and share God's Good News with both our words and actions, and invite others into the church of Jesus Christ.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year B**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Mark.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church). The first four books of the NT are called the "Gospels," which are about the life of Jesus Christ, which Christians consider the most central books of the Bible; the rest of the NT takes place after his ascension into heaven.

This Sunday, September 1, 2024, Lectionary Reading for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 *and* Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 *or* Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 *and* Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Deuteronomy

The book of Deuteronomy (OT) is a part of the Pentateuch (first five books of the OT, or Torah, or one of the five most central books in Judaism). This book is traditionally attributed to the authorship of Moses. Much of the book is another listing of the laws to the Israelites when they arrived at the eastern edge of the Jordan River before entering the promised land, previously given to them on Mt. Sinai (also known as Mt. Horeb). The word Deuteronomy means "second law-giving", and is dated between 721-535 B.C.

Psalm 15

This OT song is attributed to the authorship of King David. It is intended as a liturgy for entering into the sanctuary. It asks and answers the question of who may have admission into worship.

James

This NT Epistle (letter) is commonly attributed to James, the brother of Jesus, who was a leader in the Christian church from 36AD until his martyrdom in 62AD. This letter is written not to one particular church in a particular area but a number of Christian churches in general. James addresses a number of topics in his letter including: being faithful in times of trial, that real faithfulness involves putting words into practice, the importance of helping the poor and not seeking earthly riches, speaking appropriately, choosing God's wisdom over Earthly wisdom, and the importance of actively being in a Christian community of faith in support of one another.

The Gospel According to Mark

Mark's Gospel is the oldest and shortest of the four Gospels, written between 65-75 A.D. Papias, a church leader in the 2nd century, reported that this Gospel's author is Mark, a follower of Peter who wrote this Gospel after Peter's death.

Next Sunday, September 8, 2024, Lectionary Reading for the 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 *and* Psalm 125 *or* Isaiah 35:4-7a *and* Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

22 Let All Things Now Living

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1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 His law he en - forc - es; the stars in their cours - es and

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guides us and leads to the end of our days. His
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 too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing; with

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pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night, till
 glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise, till

F $\frac{C}{E}$ F Dm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ Gm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ C Dm7 $\frac{C}{E}$

shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
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F $\frac{F}{A}$ Bb $\frac{Bb}{D}$ Bb $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 F

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

393 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:22

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1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly Thine,
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,

1 2 3 4 5 6

F B \flat /F Gm \flat 6 F/A F B \flat M \flat 9 Gm/B \flat Gm G \flat m/B \flat F/C C F/C C7 F

That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.
 Un - til with Thee I will one will, To do and to en - dure.
 Un - til this earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.
 But live with Thee the per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

7 8 9 10 11 12 13

TEXT: Edwin Hatch
 MUSIC: Robert Jackson

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676 O Jesus, I Have Promised

Whoever serves Me must follow Me. John 12:26

F F⁴ F F⁴ C C⁷ Dm⁷ C⁷ F

1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;
 2. O let me feel Thee near me, The world is ev - er near;
 3. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,
 4. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee,

Cm⁶ D⁷ Gm D D⁷ Gm G⁴ G F G Em G⁷ C⁷_{sus} C⁷

5 Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my Friend:
 6 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear:
 7 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will.
 8 That where Thou art in glo - ry, There shall Thy ser - vant be;

C⁺ F F⁴ F F⁴ C C⁷ Dm⁷ C⁷ F

9 I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,
 10 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;
 11 O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;
 12 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;

F D D⁷ Gm D G⁴ Gm F C C⁷ B^b C F

13 Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my guide.
 14 But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er, And shield my soul from sin.
 15 O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul.
 16 O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my Friend.

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