

One: The LORD is my light and my salvation.

All: Whom shall fear?

One: The LORD is the stronghold of my life.

All: Of whom shall I be afraid?

One: Though an army encamp against me,

All: my heart shall not fear.

One: This only will I ask the LORD:

All: To live certain of the LORD's presence all the days of my life.

One: Then I will hold my head high.

All: Then I will sing the LORD's song forever.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, we long for confidence in unsettled times. Aggression, not cooperation, rules the nations. Fear, not trust, prevails among people.

But you entrust us with the gospel of Christ, whose concern is for all, and whose love knows not the boundaries we create.

Inspire us today with a firmer faith and a more robust desire to follow Christ's way. For our world is desperate for a better way. Number us among those called to be faithful to the vision of the prophets of old. Who looked forward to the day when the earth will be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea. Amen

*GLORIA PATRI

"Glory be to the Father"

GREATOR EX

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
World with - out end. A - men. A - men.

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

Rev. Craig Hoffman

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

ANTHEM

"It is Not Death To Die"

Chancel Choir

Brian Buda

PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

UNISON RESPONSE

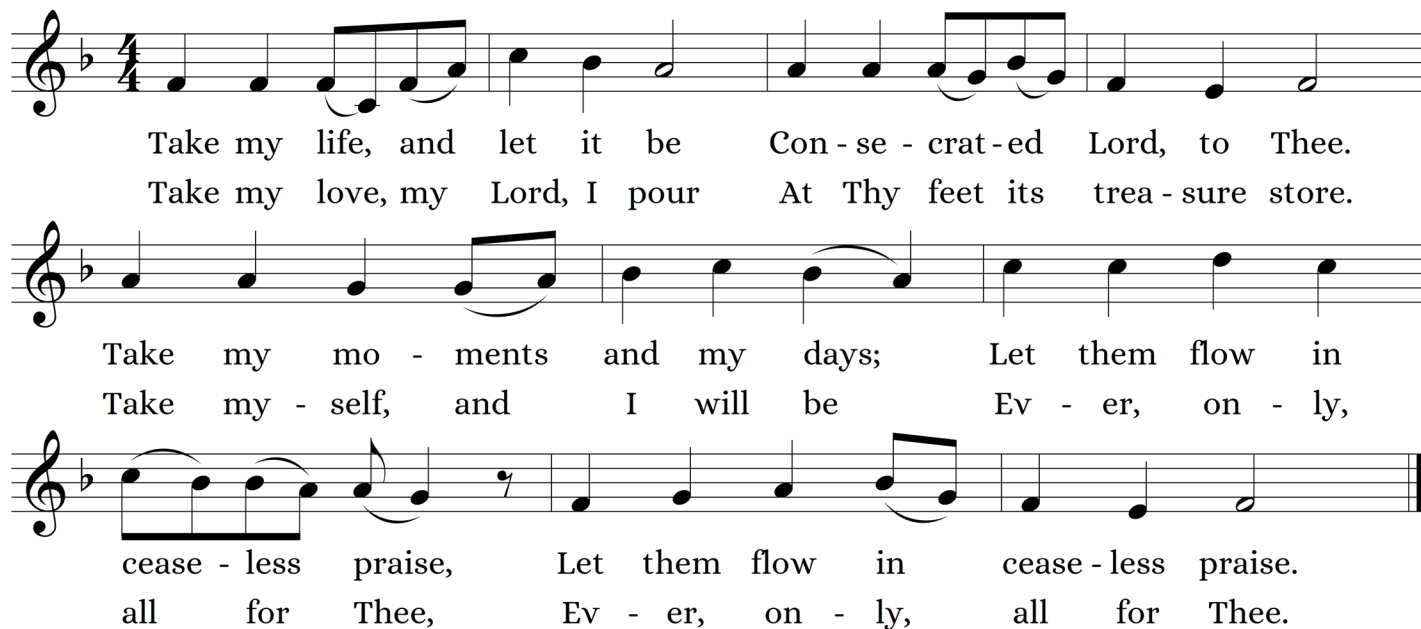
All: By the reading and hearing of these words may our lives be transformed.



HYMN OF REFLECTION

"Take My Life"
Bradley Ellingboe

HENDON



Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed Lord, to Thee.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store.
Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly,
cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

MESSAGE

"Finding Hope When All Seems Lost"

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Sonata in C Major, W. 62/7
Allegretto
Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach

Jill A. Truax, piano

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

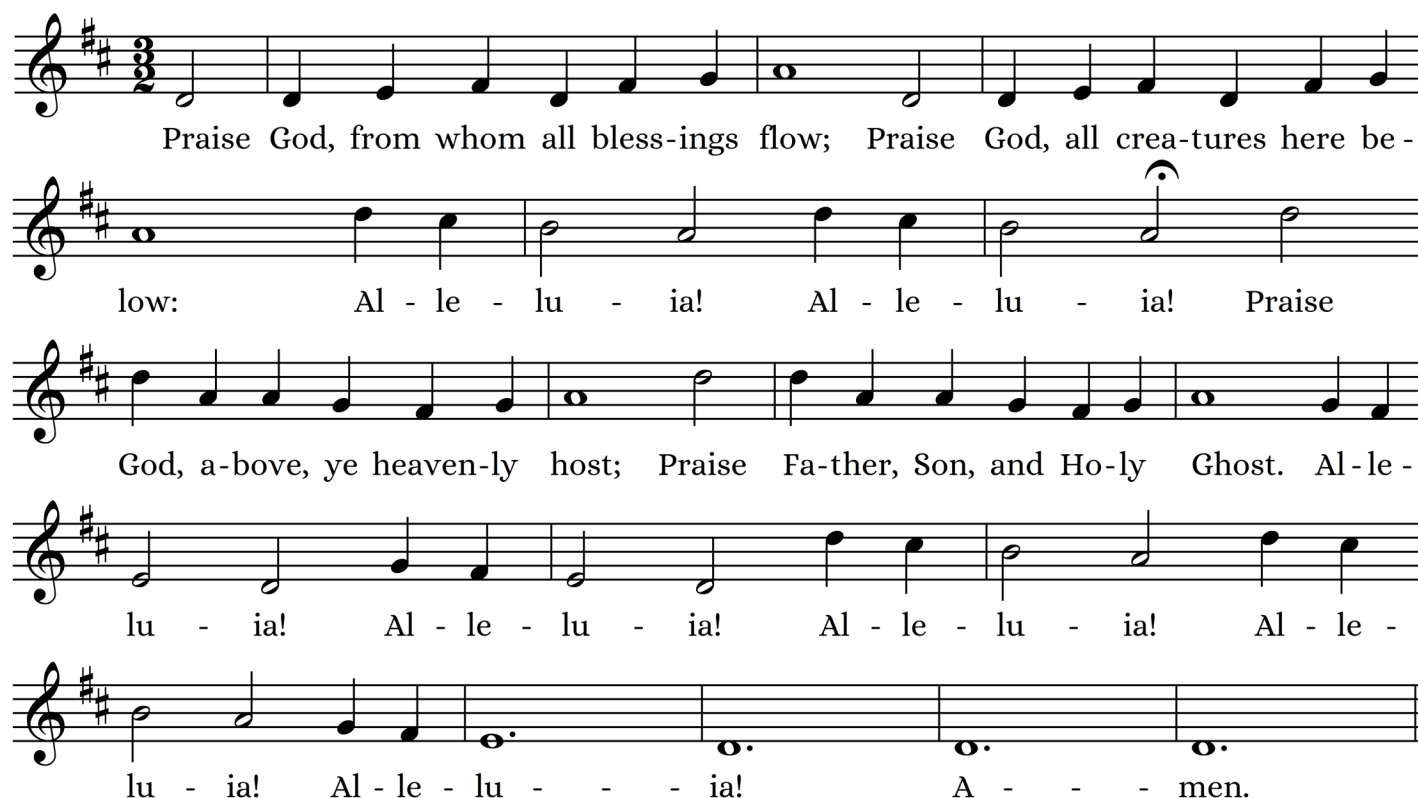
Anthony Furino

MUSICAL OFFERING

"With a Voice of Singing"
Martin Shaw

Chancel Choir





Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be -
low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! A - - - men.

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Craig Hoffman

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

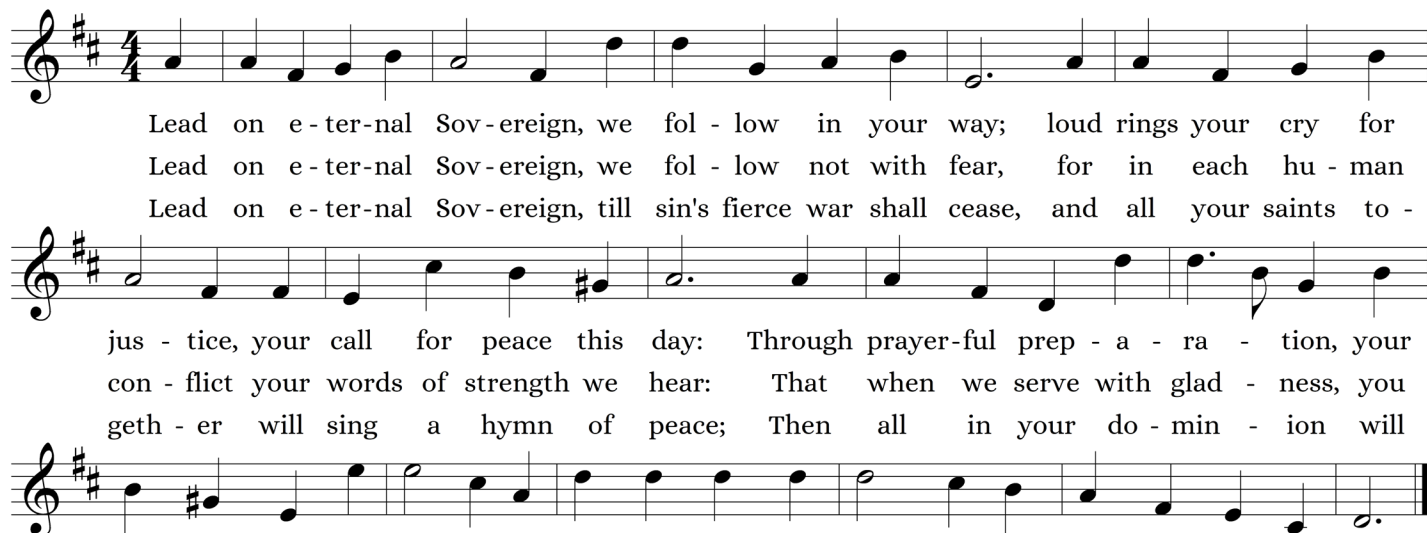


THE SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

"Lead On Eternal Sovereign"

LANCASHIRE



Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low in your way; loud rings your cry for
Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low not with fear, for in each hu - man
Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and all your saints to -
jus - tice, your call for peace this day: Through prayer - ful prep - a - ra - tion, your
con - flict your words of strength we hear: That when we serve with glad - ness, you
geth - er will sing a hymn of peace; Then all in your do - min - ion will
grace will make us strong, to car - ry on the strug - gle to tri - umph o - ver wrong.
will not let us fall, our trust is in your prom - ise that love will con - quer all.
live with hearts set free, to love and serve each oth - er for all e - ter - ni - ty.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

CHORAL AMEN

"Amen"
John Carter

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur Op. 52, No. 2
Alexandre Guilmant

Logan Koller, organ

TODAY IN WORSHIP

DEACON: Anthony Furino

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN...

by Judy Gallagher in loving memory of her husband, Jim.

We extend Christ's welcome to all people, regardless of creed, age, race, sexual orientation and gender identity. The invitation to join our congregation in worship and membership is always open as we receive and extend the loving outreach of Christ.



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF VERO BEACH



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Community Life

This Week at Community

September 20, 2026

Welcome Families!

Community Kidz at 10:30am

Middle & High School in the Youth Center

Sunday School in room 206

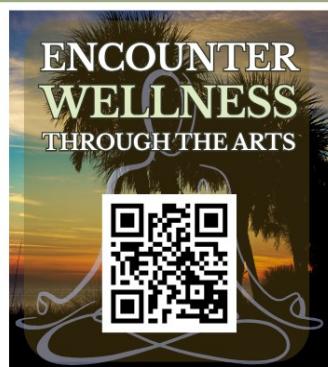
Nursery Care in room 222

Our Sunday School is Growing and We Need You!

Pick a week to share the love of Christ with our children.

Lead a lesson, become a helper, and more!

To help, contact Char.Higgins@ccovb.org or visit the Church Office to volunteer.



Registration Now Open! Encounter Wellness Through the Arts Nov. 13-14 Connect | Create | Refresh

Register yourself or a loved one as a gift!

Cost is \$75 per person. Registration is Online Only and will remain open until October 31 or capacity is reached. Scan the code to get started.

Meet your classmates and clinicians November 13 at 6:00pm

Classes begin Saturday, November 14 at 9:00am

October 18 | One Service at 10 am | Special Music | Lunch | Kona Ice | Cornhole

Lunch Reservations Are Open Until October 9 | \$10 Adult (12 and under eat free)



Name (Please Print): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

How Many? Adult: _____ Under 12: _____

Pork: _____ Chicken: _____

Will You Bring Dessert? Yes ☐ No ☐

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

September-At-A-Glance

September 26 Sip "n" Sew in Room 113/114: Join us for the last Sip 'n' Sew for 2026! We'll meet on Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in room 113/114. Bring your current project, your crafting coffee or tea of choice, a snack to share, and let's make some progress before the holiday season hits! We'll resume this time of creative fellowship in January. Contact Rachel.Carter@ccovb.org.

September 27 "Last Sunday Brunch": Supporting Our 2027 Youth Pilgrims: On the last Sunday of each month, Youth Group will offer a special brunch following morning worship. Lori Ferrell is organizing the food and volunteers for the morning. If you would like to help, email her at lorielisferrell@icloud.com or call 772-696-4452.

SUNDAY USHERS NEEDED

- Be the friendly face that welcomes all to worship
- Hand out bulletins and guide folks to open seats
- Gather in our Sunday offerings

Contact Arthur "Archie" Fox at 772-532-0002

Ongoing Weekly Offerings

Sunday

5:00 pm Middle & High School Youth Group in The Youth Center: Email Michele.Wahle@ccovb.org or visit the Church Office to sponsor dinner and fellowship with our youth!

Monday

8:30 am Sacred Pause on Zoom: Email jlhoffman1950@gmail.com to get the link and learn more.

9:30 am Life-Long Fitness in Community Hall: Email Char.Higgins@ccovb.org to learn more.

2:00 pm Mahjong in 204 "The Loft": Email JoyALam@comcast.net for more information

5:00 pm Knitting Ministry in the Garden Room: Email jeannies1771@yahoo.com to join the group.

Tuesday

5:00 pm Handbell Headstart in the Choir Room: Email Rachel.Carter@ccovb.org to learn more.

Wednesday

7:30 am Men's Bible Study in Rm. 113/114: Email Michele.Wahle@ccovb.org for Zoom link and materials.

9:30 am Life-Long Fitness in Community Hall: Email Char.Higgins@ccovb.org to learn more.

10:30 am Women's Bible Study in Rm. 113/114: Email Michele.Wahle@ccovb.org for Zoom link and materials.

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room: Email Jill.Truax@ccovb.org for more information.



Church Office Hours: Sun.: 8 - 11:30am | Mon.-Thu.: 9am - 4pm

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