**Hymns for October 18, 2020 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**VU #293 “We Praise You, Creator”**

We praise you, Creator, in earth, sea, and sky:

 our Ruler, our Maker, our Sovereign most high.

Each new generation lifts voices in praise;

 how good your creation, how gracious your ways!

Each spring-time the blossoms

 bloom fragrant once more;

 each summer and autumn brings forth its rich store.

With witness compelling our praise and our prayer,

 creation is telling of your faithful care.

Your wondrous works teach us,

 Creator, to trace,

the limitless reaches of your love and grace.

Your grace dwells among us, your love goes before:

 from eldest to youngest we praise and adore.

**VU #522 “Give Thanks, My Soul, for Harvest”**

Give thanks, my soul, for harvest,

for store of fruit and grain;

but know the owner gives so

that we may share again.

Where people suffer hunger,

or little children cry,

with gifts from God’s rich bounty

may thankfulness reply.

Give thanks my soul, for riches

of woodland, mine and hill;

but know that gold and timber

are the Creator’s still.

God lends to us, as stewards,

abundance we might share

and thus provide earth’s children

the blessing of God’s care.

Give thanks, my soul, for labours,

that strength and days employ;

 but know the Maker’s purpose

brings toil as well as joy.

Show forth, O God, your purpose,

direct our will and hand

to share your love and bounty

with all in every land.