



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP IN ELMWOOD PARK

Trinity Sunday ~ June 15, 2025



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*O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens. ~ Psalm 8:1*

~ *GATHERING* ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of the glory of God!

PRELUDE

IN THE MORNING LIGHT

Yanni

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 8 from TOGETHER WE PRAY)*

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Great God of creation,

**we are stunned by the heavens and amazed by the earth—
the moon and the stars glow with majesty;
rivers and seas sparkle with glory;
fields and forest abound with honor.**

We give thank, God of grandeur,

**for by your hand, babies and children are majestic;
by your decree, the young and the old are glorious;
by your grace, our thoughts and our selves abound with honor.**

Holy sovereign how majestic is your name.

Honor our time together with the glory of your creation.

HYMN

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

GTG #14

Text by Folliott Sanford Pierpoint

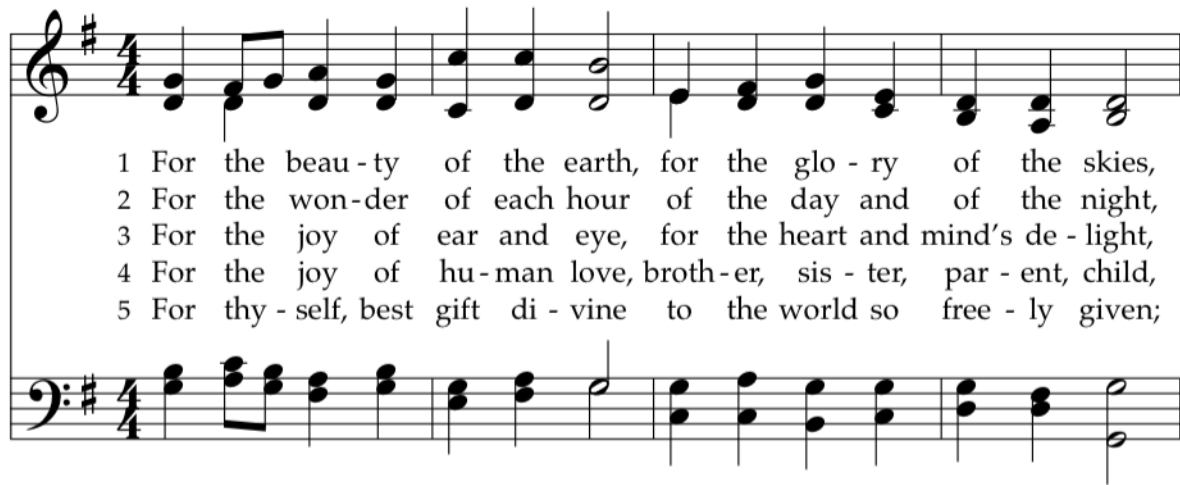
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POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

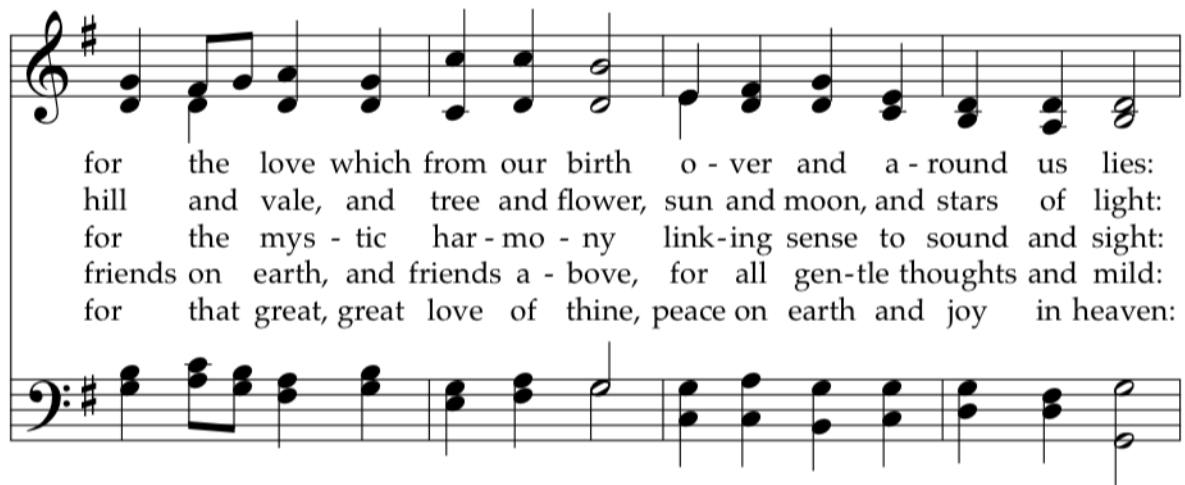
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yours is a perfect relationship, one God in three persons, mutual and whole. We confess that our relationships are not that way. We have been too selfish; we have given too much; we have accepted too little. We have failed to love in the manner of Jesus. We have let sin drive us away from one another and from you. We long for wholeness and peace, but our sin pulls us in other directions. Forgive us and restore us. With mercy and grace, bring us to you. Amen. *[Silent Confession]*

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

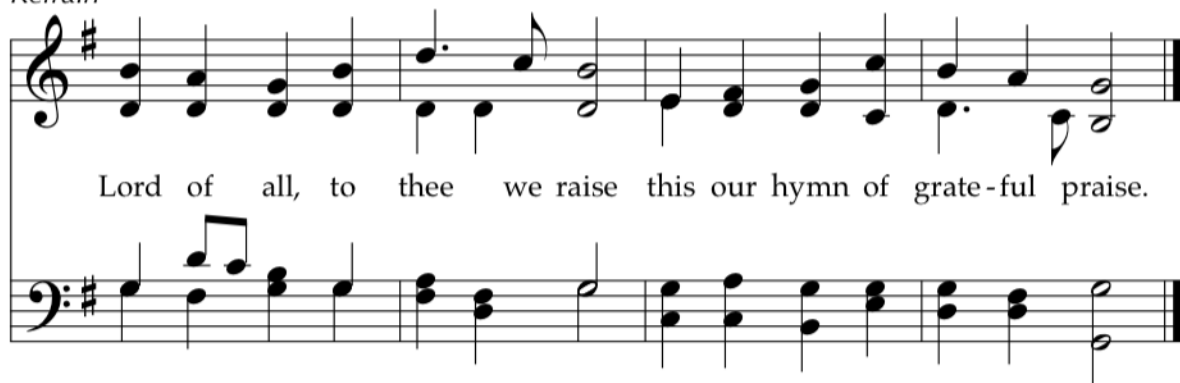


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

SPREAD THE WORD

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING REVELATION TO JOHN 21:1-7 (NRSV)

GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 16:12-15 (NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

HEBREW BIBLE EZEKIEL 1 (SELECT VERSES)

HYMN EZEKIEL SAW THE WHEEL [SEE INSERT]
African American Spiritual

Ezekiel Saw the Wheel

African American spiritual

Refrain

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E - ze-kiel saw the wheel 'Way up in the mid-dle of the air, E -

- ze - kiel saw the wheel 'Way in the mid - dle of the air. The

big wheel ran by faith, and the lit - tle wheel ran by the

grace of God. E - ze-kiel saw the wheel 'Way in the mid - dle of the

air. 1. E - ze - kiel heard a bell a - ring - ing

2. E - ze - kiel saw a light a - shin - ing

3. E - ze - kiel saw a fire a - burn - ing

'Way in the mid - dle of the air, E - ze - kiel heard a

E - ze - kiel saw a

E - ze - kiel saw a

bell a - ring-ing 'Way in the mid-dle of the air.

light a - shin - ing

fire a - burn-ing

BLESSING OF THE BICYCLES

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Confession of Belhar 10.1*)

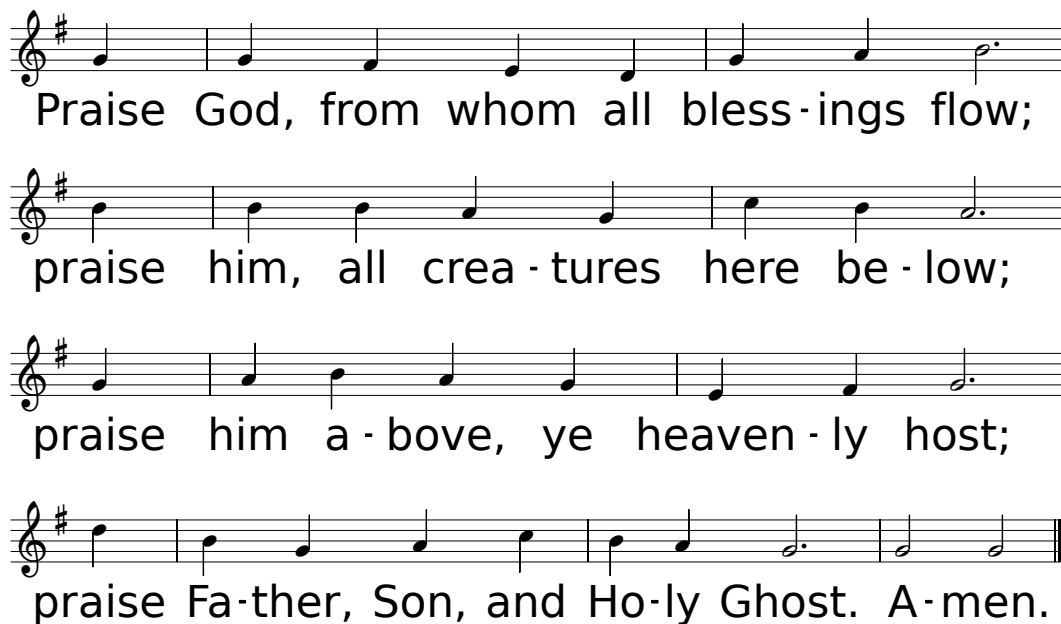
We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;
praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;
praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

GTG #4

Text attr. Ignaz Franz (GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH)

4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

BENEDICTION

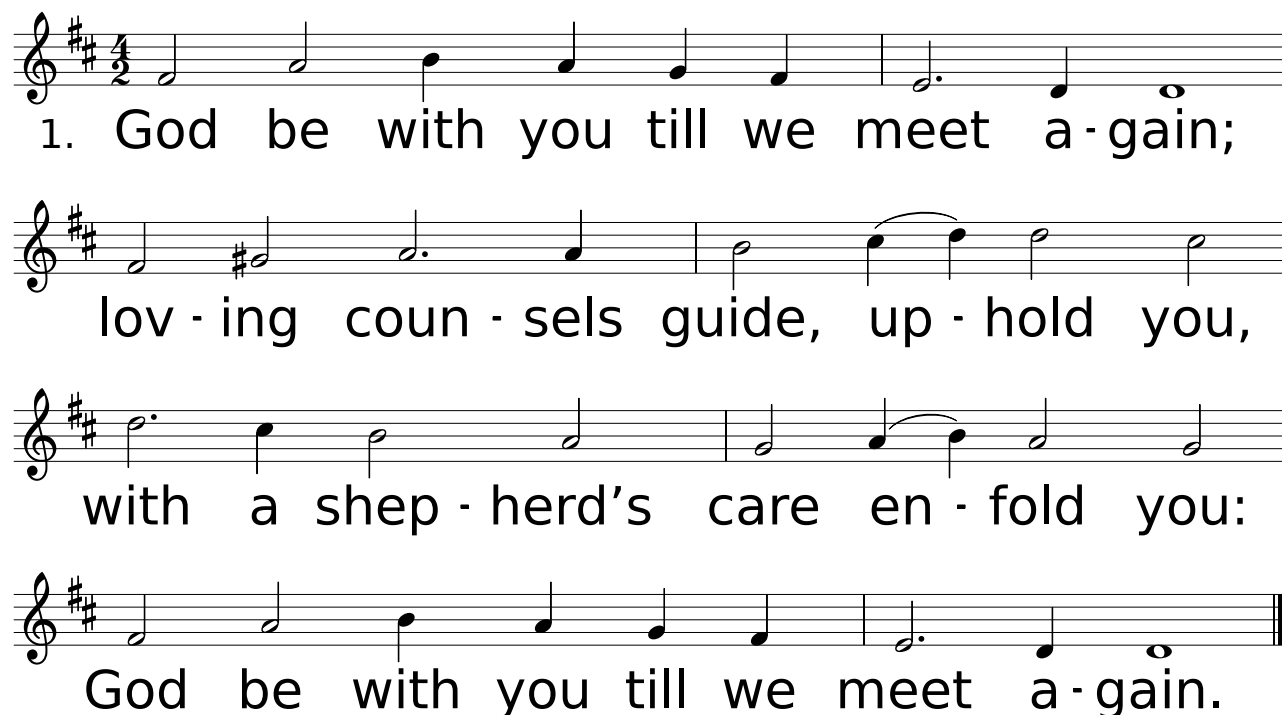
SENDING

GOD BE WITH YOU 'TILL WE MEET AGAIN

GTG #541

by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH)

Verse 1



1. God be with you till we meet a-gain;
lov-ing coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
with a shep-herd's care en-fold you:
God be with you till we meet a-gain.

POSTLUDE

ALLEGRO FROM SONATA NO. 16, K. 545

Wolfgang A. Mozart

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