



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2023

**For God so loved the world he gave his only Son.
John 3:16**

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude

Were You There?

Tambling

Call to Worship

Genesis 12:1-3

Opening Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Welcome and Announcements

Unison Prayer of Confession

Jesus, forgive us for all the times we have ignored your instruction. Forgive us for all the times we have refused to follow your example. Forgive us for all the times we dissuaded others by our skepticism, our anger, and our disbelieving. Holy Spirit, with water and wisdom, repair the brokenness that keeps us separated from one another and from you.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Kyrie Eleison

Musical score for Kyrie Eleison, featuring a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e -" and continues with "le - i - son." followed by a "Hum" section. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

Music: Jacques Berthier
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Passing of the Peace

One: "The Peace of Christ be with you."

All: And also with you!

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Blessing

Sermon "The Work of Faith"

Choir Anthem *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Matthews

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

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, the power, and the glory, Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Take My Life, That I may Be* Langlois

Doxology *Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done.

Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.

Children join us in the Sanctuary

Kindness in Action

Holy Communion

Invitation & Thanksgiving

Communion Hymn: *Let Us Break Bread Together* #288

Remembering the Story

Consecration

Sharing the Elements

Post Communion Prayer

Closing Hymn *Almighty God, Your Word is Cast*

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude *Winchester New* Webber

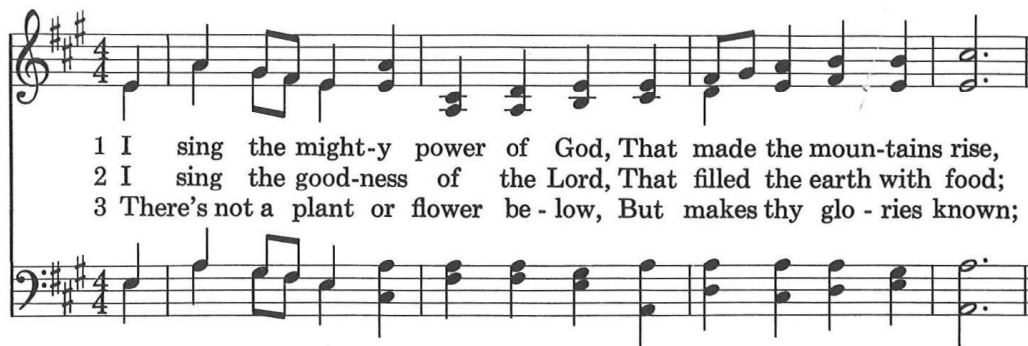
Following the Benediction, the congregation is encouraged to enjoy the entire Postlude.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

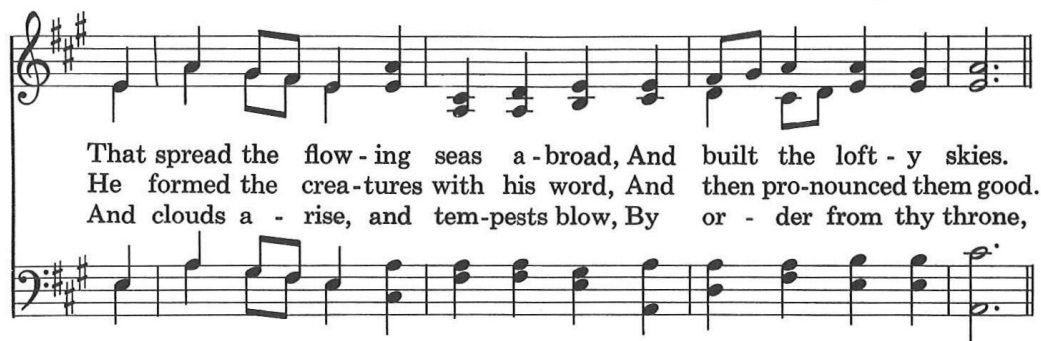
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Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

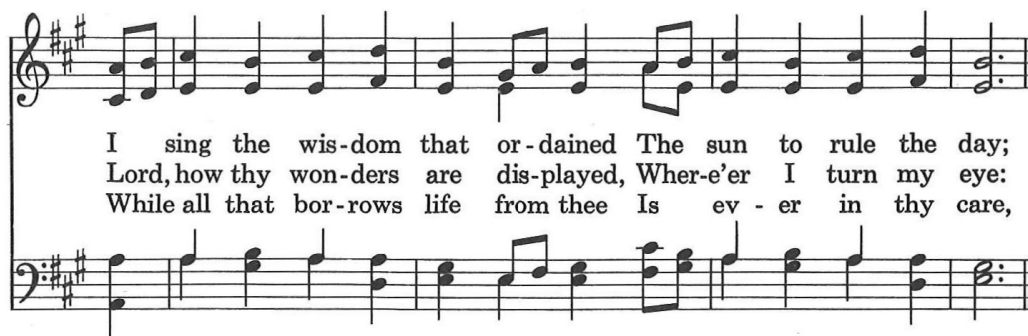
ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
"Gesangbuch," Wirttemberg, 1784



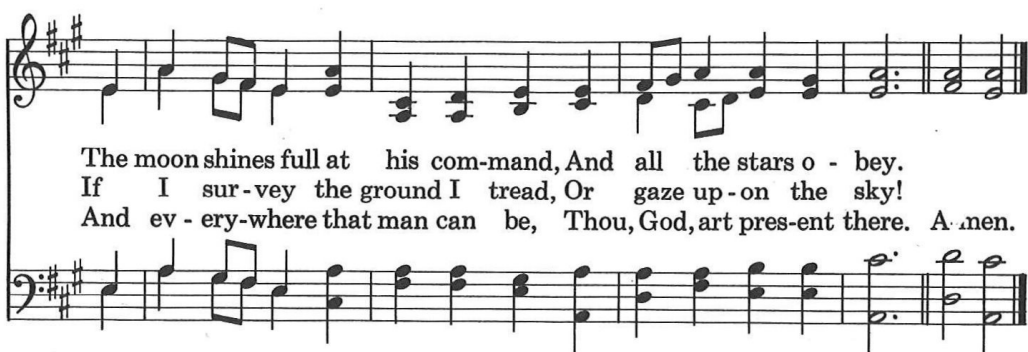
1 I sing the might-y power of God, That made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, But makes thy glo - ries known;



That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, And built the loft - y skies.
He formed the crea-tures with his word, And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from thy throne,



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, Wher-e'er I turn my eye:
While all that bor-rows life from thee Is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at his com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
If I sur-vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up-on the sky!
And ev - ery-where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there. A - men.

A higher setting may be found at No. 459

WORKS IN CREATION

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

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John Cawood, 1815; alt.

Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23



1 Al - might-y God, your Word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, your quick-en-ing grace be - stow,



Now let the dew of heaven de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
But give it root in ev - ery heart to bring forth fruits of love.
But let it yield a hun - dred-fold the fruits of peace and joy.
That all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing power may know.



The parable of the sower from Matthew's Gospel was the basis for this hymn. Growing up on a small farm, John Cawood, a priest of the Church of England, surely had a special understanding of this parable.

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN C.M.
Day, The Whole Booke of Psalms, 1562

Bulletin Reminders for March 5, 2023

KINDNESS IN ACTION CAMPAIGN

Our *Kindness in Action* Campaign is in its third week, and you've all responded in a BIG way! As of Sunday, we had 87 hearts in our *Kindness Garden*! We are working towards a goal of 250 hearts, which we will use to flower the cross in kindness on Easter morning! This is an opportunity to let your love radiate out into the world. *Please bring your completed hearts to church each Sunday for planting.*

SOLAR ENERGY TASK FORCE FORMING

Property Management is looking into having solar panels installed at the church to help defray the cost of electricity. If you are interested in helping us gather and review the information for this project please contact **Don Copson** at dcopson427@gmail.com or **Carole Blackman** at blackmancarole@gmail.com.

THERESA AND BILL MERRIAM BAG GROCERIES AT THE PEARL ST. CAFE

Pearl St. Cafe has an urgent need for volunteers *See your Wednesday Email for details/signup.*



Theresa and Bill Merriam

TRANSFORMATION SURVEY REMINDER

Completed surveys due March 6!

We ask that everyone complete the *Bedrock Beliefs* survey, issued by the Transformation Team, by Monday, **March 6**. *See your Wednesday Email for survey link.*

DEAF AWARENESS AND CULTURE: BRIDGING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE HEARING AND DEAF COMMUNITIES

Framingham Public Library, Costin Room
March 9, 7:00 p.m.

Join us to learn about the unique aspects of Deaf culture, to gain a broader understanding of the different cultural and linguistic abilities within the Deaf community, and to understand how to communicate with Deaf people. *This lecture is also available to stream on YouTube.*

EASTER CASCARONES

We need your help! Save your egg shells, so we can make cascarones for Easter Sunday. Watch this short video on how to crack your eggs. Rinse them and place them back into the carton and drop off at church before Sunday, **March 12**. Have access to a photocopier with a hole punch? Empty out the collection receptacle and give us your hole punches for the confetti.

CWS HYGIENE KITS

After a two-year COVID hiatus, we will again collect items for CWS hygiene kits to be distributed to areas of natural disasters, here in the U.S. and abroad. We seek: **hand towels, washcloths, combs, nail clippers, bath-size soap, toothbrushes, band-aids**. Both the hygiene kits and school kits (donated in September) will be assembled by Faith Workshop kids at the end of March. Stop by our table at Coffee Hour to learn more. Please leave donations in the baskets near the lower elevator.