

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 6, 2023

The LORD is gracious
merciful
good
just in all his ways
and near.

Psalm 145

Sunday, August 6, 2023
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Prelude	<i>Sacrament Medley</i>	<i>L. Hartmann</i>
Call to Worship		<i>Art Hague</i>
*Opening Hymn	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	
Welcome and Announcements		<i>Robert Clark</i>
Responsive Prayer of Invocation		<i>Leslie Clark</i>

One: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
God is good to all, and his compassion broods over all Creation.

All: We give you thanks, O Holy One.

We give word to your glory and tell the stories of your power.

One: God is faithful in all her words and gracious in all her deeds.
God upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

**All: We make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingless kingdom.**

One: God is just at all times, and kind in all seasons.
God is near to all who call on him, to all who search in truth.

**All: Your love is an everlasting realm,
and your territory endures throughout all generations.**

One: God answers the cry of those in distress and saves them.
God watches over all those who love her, gathering them into her house.

**All: Praise of the Most High,
and let all people bless God's holy name. Amen.**

(Psalm 145)

*The Peace of Christ *Leslie Clark*

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

All: And also with you!

*Hymn *What a Covenant*

Matthew 14:13-21 *Leslie Clark*

Blessing

Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Robert Clark

Offertory

Prelude #6

M. Bailey

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.

*Hymn

Here I Am Lord

Invitation to the Table

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we proudly say we are welcoming, then only shyly and conditionally open our hearts to the wonderful, wild complexity of your people. We boldly state our desire for justice, then shrink when the moment calls for action, for solidarity. We come to this table, publicly saying we are ready, but we are not. We want to step into your transforming fire, but we are hesitant about change. Collect us up, again, Holy Shepherd, that we might know how deeply and joyfully you love us at your table.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Remembering the Story

A Deacon will signal your pew when to come forward to receive the bread and cup. If you would prefer not to come forward, they can serve you directly in your pews. This morning, the bread is allergen free, and the cup contains grape juice. Bring both back to the pew with you, and wait until all have been served, so that we may eat together.

For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.

St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 4 For the good that love in - spires, for a world where none ex - clude,

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,
 Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 For a faith that nev - er tires, and for ev - ery heart re - newed,

Refrain

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Folliot S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7. with refrain
 Conrad Kocher, 1838
 Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

Deut. 33:27

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.

1 What a *cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing
 last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing

Refrain

on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Or, "fellowship"

In a letter to two grieving friends, A. J. Showalter quoted Deuteronomy 33:27, "... underneath are the everlasting arms." Showalter then wrote this music and the refrain and sent them to E. A. Hoffman to provide the stanzas.

Tune: LEANING 5.5.9.D. with refrain
 Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

HOLY COMMUNION

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time *p*, second time *f*)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

This hymn came into being when composer Doreen Potter asked poet Fred Kaan to write a text for her adaptation of a Jamaican folk melody. It was first used at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi (1975), and in Vancouver (1983).

Tune: LINSTEAD L.M. with refrain
 Jamaican folk song
 Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

THE WORD

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)
E^b

(G)
A^b

(D/F#)
E^b/G

(A7) (D)
B^b7 E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A)
B^b

(D)
E^b

(G)
A^b

(A)
B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G)
A^b

(D)
E^b

(F#m7)
Gm7

(G) (A)
A^b B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm)
Cm

(D/F#)
E^b/G

(G)
A^b

(D)
E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.



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SUMMER

Worship 2023

JULY to RALLY DAY in the PARISH HALL

HOME

JULY 9

JULY 16

We host Edwards Church

JULY 23

JULY 30

AUGUST 6

AUGUST 13

We host Edwards Church

AUGUST 27

SEPTEMBER 3

AWAY

JULY 2

at Edwards Church

AUGUST 20

at Edwards Church

RALLY DAY

September 10!

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