TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 6, 2023

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

Psalm 145

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Sunday, August 6, 2023 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude		Sacrament Medley	L. Hartmann		
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Call to Worship		For the Positive of the Forth	Annague		
*Opening Hymn		For the Beauty of the Earth			
Welcome c	and Announceme	nts	Robert Clark		
Responsive	e Prayer of Invoco	ition	Leslie Clark		
	-	ous and merciful, slow to anger and abounding and his compassion broods over all Creation.	in steadfast love.		
	All: We give you t	hanks, O Holy One.			
We give word to your glory and tell the stories of your power.					
	<i>One</i> : 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.				
	•	[.] all times, and kind in all seasons. who call on him, to all who search in truth.			
All: Your love is an everlasting realm,					
	and your territory endures throughout all generations.				
	<i>One</i> : 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 I	Most High,			
	and let all people	bless God's holy name. Amen.			
			(Psalm 145)		
*The Peace of Christ			Leslie Clark		
	The Peace of Chr I d also with you!				
*Hymn		What a Covenant			
, Matthew 14:13-21			Leslie Clark		
Blessing					

* As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

Hymn	Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ	Ý				
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 Dox	ology (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.

Sharing the Elements		
Communion Anthem	Were You There?	R. Kingsmore
Post Communion Prayer		
*Closing Hymn	Be Thou My Vision	
Benediction		Emily Lynch
Postlude	Cleansing Wave	A. Johnson

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Sandy Clarke, in honor of Climate Change Activists: individuals taking steps to preserve and to sustain our natural resources.

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Welcome and Thank-you to **Donna Chaff**, our accompanist this summer while Elissa is on vacation.

Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Postlude in quiet contemplation.

Our Core Values

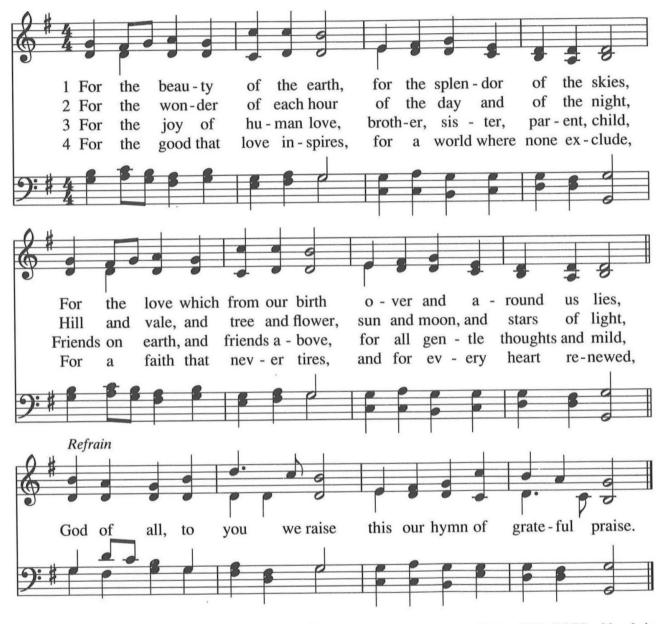
- Community
- Intergenerational Life
- Service and Social Action
- Worship and Spiritual Life
- Welcome and Hospitality

Our Bedrock Beliefs

- We believe we are called to be kind, love justice, and walk humbly with God.
- We believe that God is present with us always in times of trial and rejoicing.
- We embrace Jesus' call to love and serve one another.
- We believe that God hears and answers our prayers.
- We believe in the fullness of God's grace (unmerited favor).

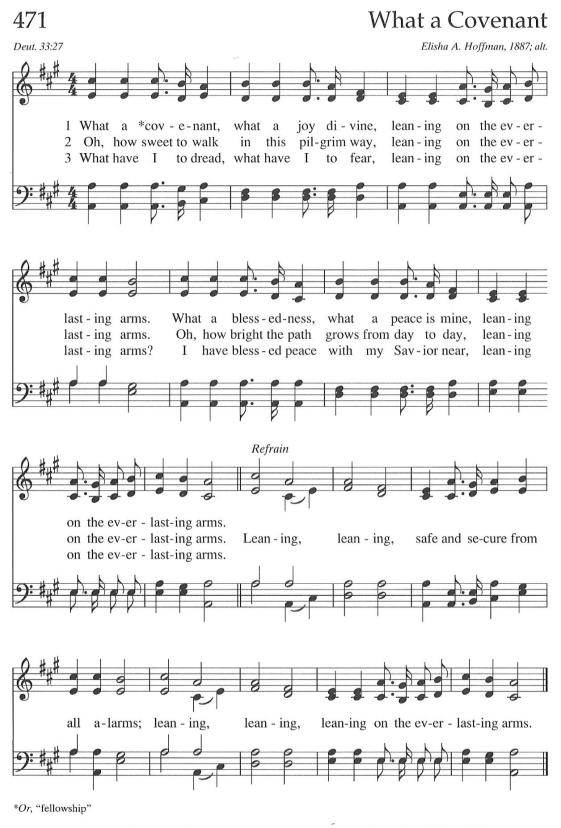
For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1–3, Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt. St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

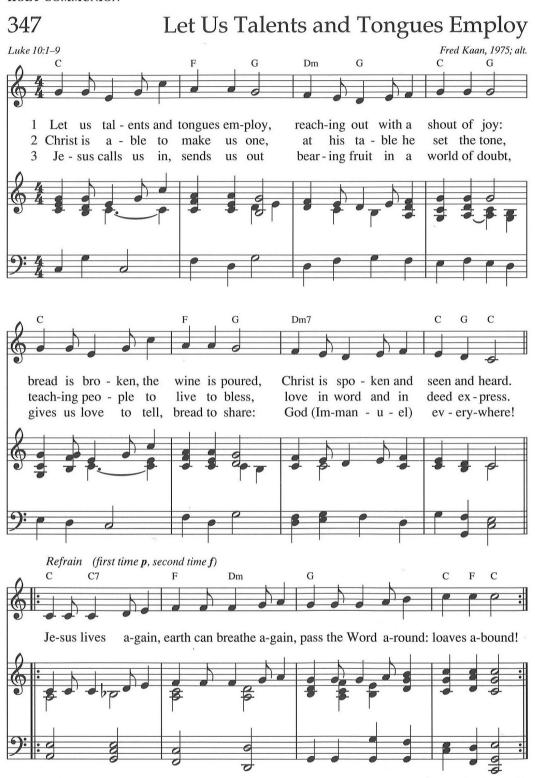


Folliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

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



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



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

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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.



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.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt. MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927 Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press SLANE 10.10.10.10

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JULY 2 at Edwards Church

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