



# PAXTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## *Member's Choice*

Grace, Grumbling, and God's Great Reversal

*Matthew 20: 1-16*

JUNE 22, 2025  
3500 SHARON ST | 717-561-0510

# WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

June 22, 2025

10:30 a.m.

### WORSHIP PREPARATION

**In preparing for our worship together please quiet yourself  
and allow God's Spirit to ready your heart, mind, and soul.**

During this time, we invite you to sign the **guest book**, pass it down your row and back again and note friends and guests worshipping next to you. Please also complete a **prayer request card** at this time if you have a joy or concern for which you would like special prayers during the service. The ushers will collect them during the first hymn.

### GREETINGS AND NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

Praise the Lord.

***The Lord's name be praised!***

### MUSIC INTERLUDE

## THE WORD GATHERS US

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are weary and burdened.

***We come to the vineyard, not for what we've earned, but for what we need.***

God's grace is not rationed. It is poured out in abundance.

***God's mercy meets us early or late, seasoned or new.***

The last will be first, and the first will be last.

***Let us worship the generous and gracious Lord of all!***

\* HYMN - No. 36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

### \* PRAYER OF PRAISE

***Gracious God, you are more generous than we can imagine, more merciful than we dare to hope, and more patient than we deserve. You surprise us again and again by lifting the lowly, including the outsider, and blessing even those who arrive late. We praise you for your abundance, for your justice rooted in compassion, and for your grace that meets us right where we are. Receive our worship and shape our hearts in your likeness. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.***

### \* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

### \* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

***God of mercy, we confess that we are quick to compare and slow to rejoice in others' blessing. We grumble when your grace extends to those we judge, and we hoard when you call us to share. Forgive our envy, our entitlement, and our small visions. Reform our hearts to see the world through your eyes, where grace is abundant, and love is for all.*** (silent confession)

### \* GOD'S ASSURANCE OF RECONCILIATION

### \* OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE - No. 581

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.***

\* PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

## THE WORD PROCLAIMS TO US

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE PROPHETS      Isaiah 55:1-3a      (OT838)

ANTHEM      “His Eye is on the Sparrow”      -Christopher Bennett

READING FROM THE GOSPELS      Matthew 20:1-16      (NT26)

SERMON      “Grace, Grumbling, and God’s Great Reversal”

HYMN - No. 435      “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      “Apostles’ Creed”      -Traditional (p. 35)

## THE WORD INVITES US

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation for the Offering

\* Response of Praise - No. 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

-Traditional (p. 35)

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TO GIVE  
VIRTUALLY



## THE WORD SENDS US

\* HYMN - No. 754      “Help Us Accept Each Other”

\* INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

\* POSTLUDE

\*The (\*) indicates that those who are able may stand.  
The words printed in *bold face italics type* are said by all.

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**Please use your phone’s camera to scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.**

*Directing our worship today: Preacher, Rev. Dr. Kent Carter;  
Worship Assistant, Janice Hutchison; Conversation with Our Children, Karen Herrold;  
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce; Duet, Janet and Rachel Hitz*

## *Prayer Square*

*Please keep the following church members and friends in  
your prayers.*

### MEMBERS

NANCY BINGAMAN, JIM BRILLINGER, BRENDA BRINKLEY, DAVE FOREMAN, BARB GREENWOOD, SHIRLEY GRUNDEN, THE HOLT FAMILY, DON HOOPES, NANCY HUTCHISON, JO JACOBY, JIM KNIGHT, PENNY KNIGHT, NEDRA MAXWELL, JOANNE MILLER, CHARLIE MORY, THE MORY FAMILY, MARLA AND DAVID MULLINAX, THE NICKUM FAMILY, DONNA POWERS, LOUIS ROBERTSON, ELSIE WILLIAMS, DAVE WION, KATHIE ZIMMERMAN

### FRIENDS

BECKI BLAZI, BETTY CONTE, COLLEEN GERBER, DR. KENT GROFF, FRED HECKLER, SHERRY HOWER, LINDA LEEDY, JOANNE MATHIS, ROB, ROBIN RITTERHOFF, DANIELLE SIMS, CHRISTY WEIGLE, DAVID WEISS, THE WIX FAMILY, LYNN BUCK WOODWARD

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER SQUARE  
PLEASE CONTACT JANICE AT 717-418-1526 OR  
MOMJAKH@AOL.COM

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The session of Paxton Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting for June 29, 2025, following worship, for the purpose of receiving a report of the PNC, electing a candidate as the next called and installed pastor of the congregation, and approving the terms of call.

## NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** today are given to the Glory of God in honor of Tom Leaver's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**SPONSOR A GAME FOR VBS** Games needed for VBS. We are still in need of a few games for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. See the bulletin board outside the office to donate.

**REGISTRATION** It's time to sign up for Vacation Bible School. Our Twist & Turns VBS, for children age 3 through 5th grade, is July 14-17 and registration spots are filling up. Be sure to sign up soon!

**VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** If you would like to help in any way for VBS this summer, be sure to fill out the volunteer google form. If you want a very cool VBS T-shirt, you must sign up by June 9th.

**DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD** The Renewed Hope Pantry opened in July 2024 and now serves over 300 families, many who are working but rely on the Pantry to help them bridge the gap between income and daily necessities. Through this food ministry, the pantry serves its neighbors with dignity, compassion, and stability. As the number of families relying on the Pantry increases the DDB is asking for help restocking its Pantry. Please see the sign outside the library for the list of specific items requested.

**SECURITY** PMM Safety/Security requests that doors be locked during all after hours meetings/events within 10 minutes of scheduled start time. Anyone arriving after that time should call someone inside to let them in. The church office can provide a phone directory upon request. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our campus safe for all.

**COINS FOR CARING** May \$53.00 to Brethren Housing Association. The June collection will go to Krislund Presbyterian Camp.

**IN SYMPATHY** The congregation extends its condolences on the death of friend Ron Wix on June 12, 2025, to his family and his friends. Please hold them in your prayers. The Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held yesterday in the Sanctuary. Even as we share our grief, we receive comfort in the sure and certain hope of eternal life through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**IN SYMPATHY** The congregation extends its condolences on the death of Fern Nickum on June 18, 2025, to her family, and her friends. Please hold them in your prayers. The Service of Witness to the Resurrection is pending. Even as we share our grief, we receive comfort in the sure and certain hope of eternal life through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**IN SYMPATHY** The congregation extends its condolences on the death of Sally Holt on June 19, 2025, to her husband, Dave, her family, and her friends. Please hold them in your prayers. The Service of Witness to the Resurrection is pending. Even as we share our grief, we receive comfort in the sure and certain hope of eternal life through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 18, 2025

- Received a report from the PNC who requested Session call a congregational meeting. The Session unanimously approved calling a congregational meeting:  
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- Active membership is currently 265.
- Coins for Caring: May \$53.00 to Brethren Housing Association. The June collection will go to Krislund Presbyterian Camp.
- Approved retrofitting existing light fixtures in Fellowship Hall, Agape Park and adjacent classrooms, and Room 102 to LED bulbs for total cost of \$4025.
- Prayed for members and friends recovering from hospitalizations and illnesses, for those struggling with and the effects of physical, emotional, and spiritual maladies, the pastoral nominating committee and candidate, the mission and ministry of Paxton Presbyterian Church, and individual member contributions.
- Budget (Operational) Howgozit for May: Income \$36,201, Expenses \$47,623, Difference (\$11,422), YTD Difference (\$7,916).

Members of the congregation are encouraged and welcome to attend Session meetings. The next stated meeting is July 16, 2025, at 8:00pm. We hope to see you.

# Summer Worship Series at Paxton

Members' Choice

July 20 - TBD, could be the Book of Revelation, or "Unanswered" Prayer, or something else

July 6 - The Story of Ruth Part 1  
July 13 - The Story of Ruth Part 2

June 29 - A candidating sermon

August 17 - TBD  
August 24 - "Triennium"  
August 31 - TBD

June 22 - "The Workers in the Vineyard," Matthew 20:1-16

August 10 - Creating Home, Revelation 21:1-4, John 15:12-17, Isaiah 58:6-12

August 3 - "Predestination"

July 27 - Christmas in July

Paxton Presbyterian Church

## This Week at Paxton

Sunday, June 22	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Fellowship Hall
Monday, June 23	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	Library
Tuesday, June 24	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Room 201
	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	Great Room
	6:00 PM	Home Run Derby & All-Star Game	Brightbill Park
Wednesday, June 25	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	Great Room
	6:00 PM	Paxton v. LifePoint- Grey	Bethany Field
Thursday, June 26	7:30 PM	PNC	Seekers' Room
Saturday, June 28		PRIVATE EVENT	
Sunday, June 29	9:15 AM	Summer Bible Study	Seekers' Room
	10:30 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	Lemonade on the Lawn	Lawn
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	Great Room

### Lemonade on the Lawn

June 29  
July 27  
August 24

Join us after church for lemonade and fellowship!  
10:00 AM Coffee Central Sunday Snacks will resume in September.

### Concerts in the Grove

West Shore Symphony Orchestra  
June 21 at 7 pm  
  
Keystone Concert Band  
July 26th at 6 pm  
  
Lower Paxton Variety Band  
August 16 at 5 pm.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office is open to the public

**9:00am – 1:00pm, Monday through Friday**

If you need to visit the office or building at another time, please call the office.

**IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY ON JULY 4 THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.**

## Paxton Presbyterian Church Staff

Interim Pastor	x105	Rev. Dr. Kent Carter (he/him)	<a href="mailto:pastor@paxtonchurch.org">pastor@paxtonchurch.org</a>
Director of Faith Formation	x104	Michelle Sheppard	<a href="mailto:michelle.sheppard@paxtonchurch.org">michelle.sheppard@paxtonchurch.org</a>
Director of Music		Susan Beckley	
Organist		Jeanne Bruce	
Director of Youth Music		Andrew Vinton	
Office Administrator	x101	Abby Spencer	<a href="mailto:office@paxtonchurch.org">office@paxtonchurch.org</a>
Worship Events Coordinator		Susan Shuey	
Financial Office	x102	John Palmer	<a href="mailto:treasurer@paxtonchurch.org">treasurer@paxtonchurch.org</a>
Nursery School Director	x103	Nicole Evenhuis	<a href="mailto:nurseryschooldirector@paxtonchurch.org">nurseryschooldirector@paxtonchurch.org</a>
Custodian		Mary Bowers	

### Board of Deacons

Tara Frank	Moderator
Merideth Staudenmaier	Secretary
Sally Appleby	Rich Lengler
Jim Bruce	Diana Robertson
Linette Burd	Deb Trephan
Judy Frankford	Brenda Vinton
Cheryl Holtzman	Bev Ziebell

### Pastoral Nominating Committee

Bob Frank	Chairman
Nancy Bingaman	Secretary
Jessica Vinton	Communications
	Bill Gough
	Mary Myers
	Don Laughery

### Stephen Ministry

Stephen Leaders	Gary Myers	Jane Sanford
Stephen Ministers	Karen Cirillo	Karen Herrold
	Cheryl Holtzman	Janice Hutchison
	Annette Kilpatrick	Nancy Lengler
	Steve Miller	Kathy Woodbridge

***For a confidential referral please contact a Stephen Leader.***

### Session \*Chair

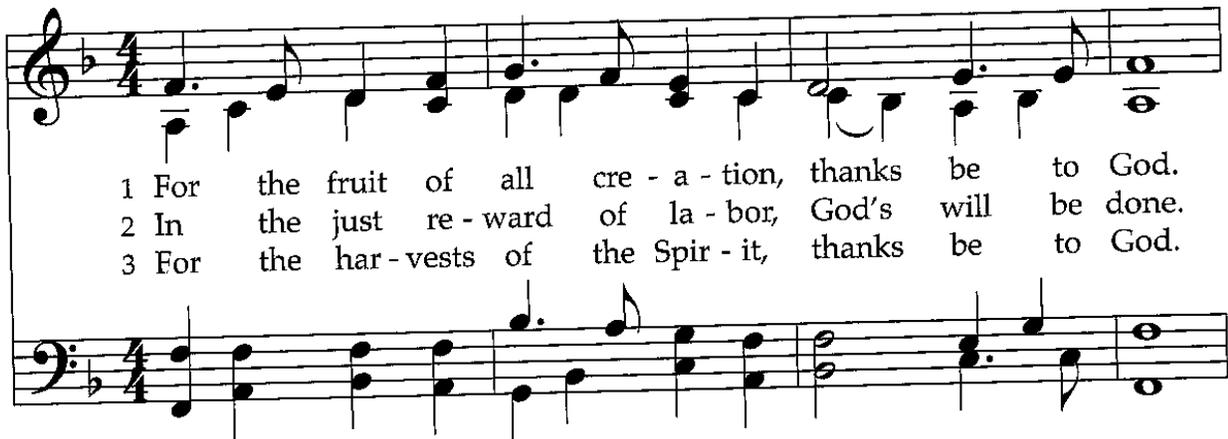
Kent Carter (he/him)		Moderator
Kitti Taylor		Clerk of Session
Karen Herrold*		Christian Education
Janice Hutchison*		Evangelism and Outreach
Nancy Lengler*	Craig Staudenmaier	Budget and Finance
Judy Schmidt*	Jan Gough	Mission
Gary Myers*	Janice Hutchison	Nominating
Jay Kealey*	Gary Myers	Personnel
Nino Giambrone*	Geoffrey Vinton*	Property Management
Craig Staudenmaier*		Stewardship
Sharon Webb*		Technology
Anita Laughery*	Bob Frank	Worship and Music

At Paxton Presbyterian Church, we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, made in God's image and worthy of love, dignity, and belonging. Rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be a welcoming and affirming community for all people - no matter their race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, mental or physical ability, or religious background.



# For the Fruit of All Creation

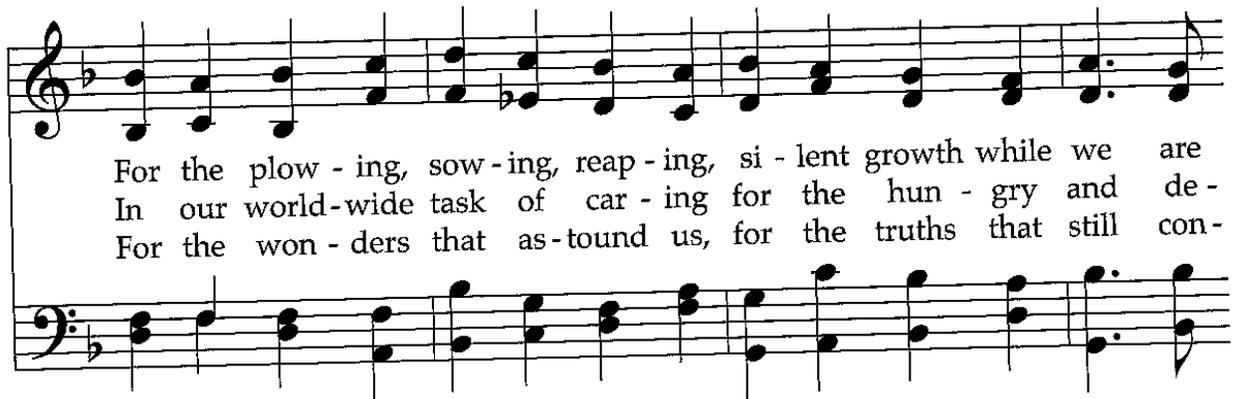
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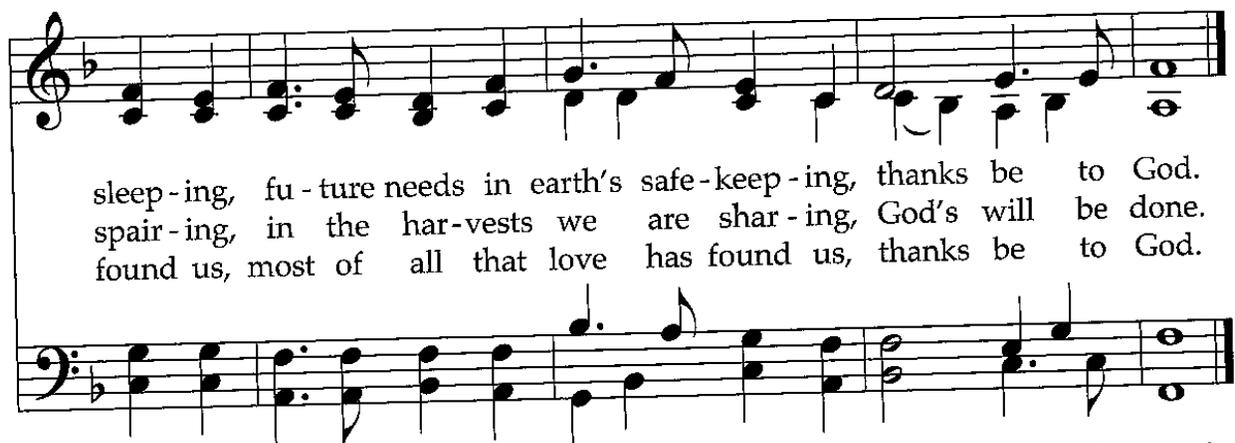
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

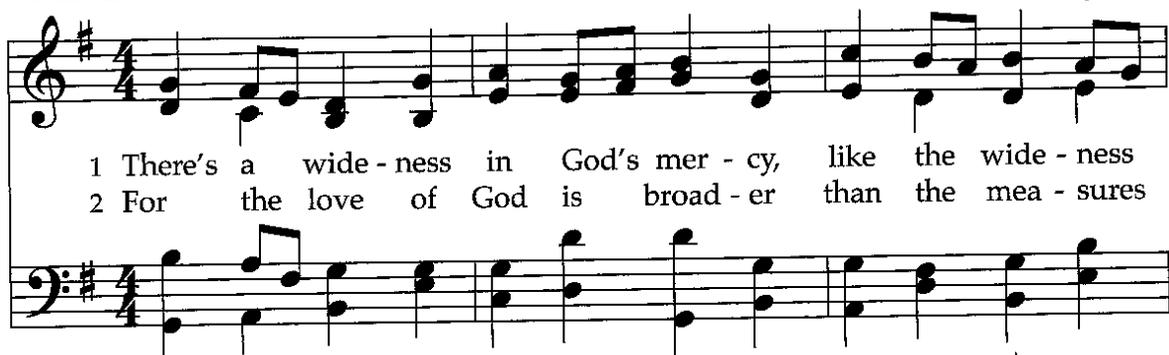


For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.  
found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

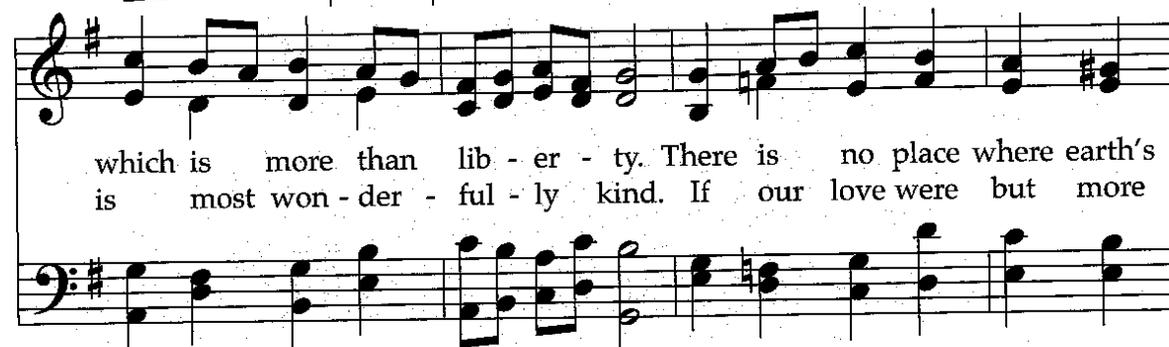
# 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



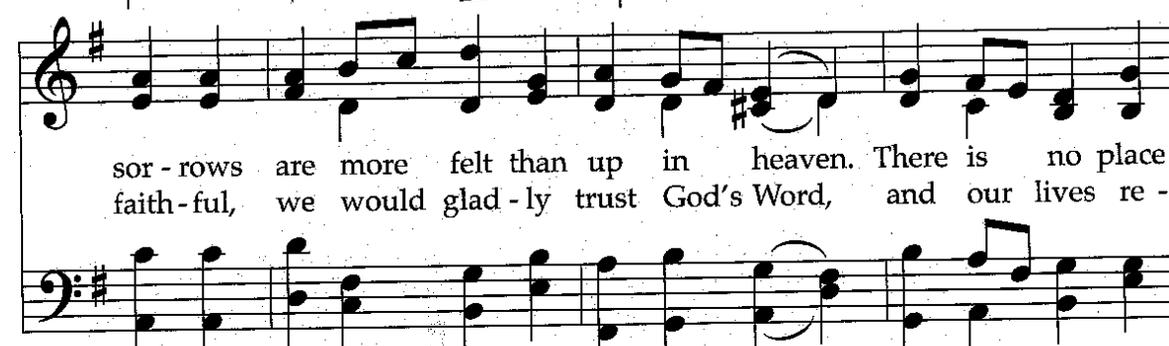
1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness  
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures



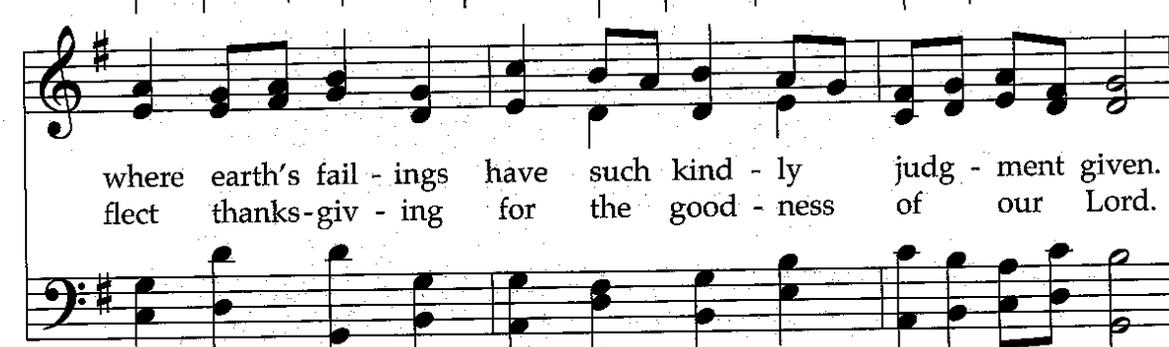
of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,  
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal



which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's  
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more



sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -



where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

# Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!