

# TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

## SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*

(Rom 8:19-25)

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Deer Isle Maine

Our **Mission** is to **love, praise**, **welcome,** and **serve**:
· to **love** one another as Christ loves us,
· to **praise** God in all things,
· to **welcome** and affirm all persons,
· to **serve** the needs of one another and of those
on the island, the peninsula, and throughout the world.

Pastor Elaine Hewes, Priest in Charge
The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling, Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director

**Pentecost Proper 21**
**September 29, 2024**

*This service of prayers for healing asserts that God's purpose for us all is a life of wholeness, as expressed in the life and teaching of Jesus. The ministry of healing is an integral part of our Christian witness.*

*In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community, nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in times of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.*

***During communion, after receiving the bread and wine, there will be an opportunity for those desiring healing to receive a blessing with the laying on of hands by a member of the healing team.*** *Whether or not you choose to receive such a blessing (indicated by extending your open hands), we know that God's healing purpose, the promise of God's fulfilling and sustaining love, is for every one of us, and is carried in bread and wine as well as in the laying on of hands. We invite you to receive God's healing presence in all the ways that feel right for you.*

## The Gathering of the Community

*Leader:* We honor the Indigenous people everywhere, particularly the Wabanaki Nations, acknowledging that the land we now occupy is their ancestral home. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us, rather, we belong to the Earth.
*Congregation:* **May we learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, and for all creation.**

*The bell is rung three times*

**Prelude:** *Venetianisches Gondellied* Felix Mendelssohn

*Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell*

**Opening Hymn VF 96** *Healing River of the Spirit (in back of bulletin)*

**A Greeting for Creation**
*Leader:* Greetings in the name of our God who is good:
*Congregation:* **whose love endures forever.**

*Leader:* Greetings to you, sun and moon, you stars of the northern sky:
*Congregation:* **give to our God your thanks and praise.**

*Leader:* Sunrise and sunset, night and day:
*Congregation:* **give to our God your thanks and praise.**

*Leader:* Greetings to you, hills and valleys, rivers and ponds, sea and rain:
*Congregation:* **give to our God your thanks and praise.**

*Leader:* Greetings to you, oak and pine, hemlock and birch, tamarack and maple:
*Congregation:* **give to our God your thanks and praise.**

*Leader:* Greetings to you, hawks and sparrows, cardinals and robins, bats and blue jays, ravens and crows:
*Congregation:* **give to our God your thanks and praise.**

*Leader:* Greetings to you, bears and deer, chipmunks and squirrels, and beaver and bobcats:
*Congregation:* **give to our God your thanks and praise.**
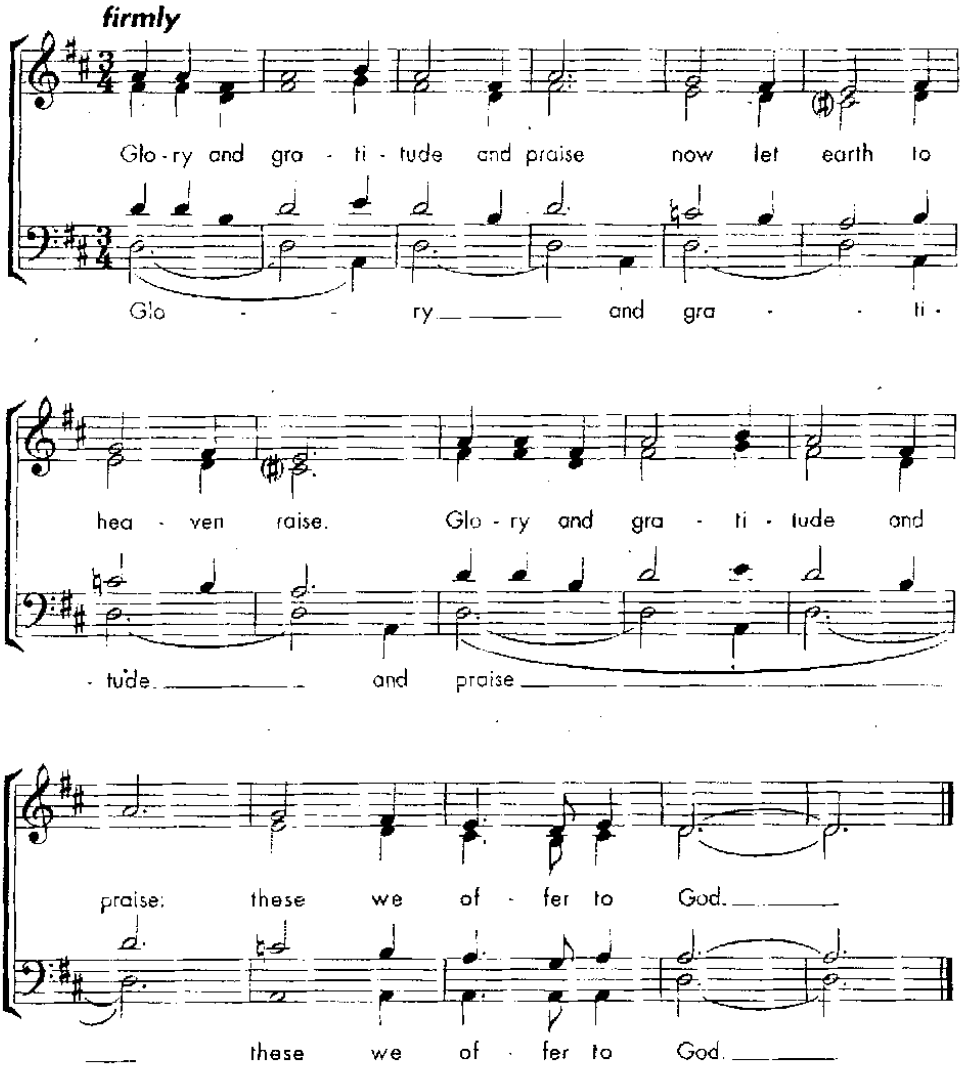
*Leader:* Greetings to you, people of all genders, elders and children, indigenous and colonists,
*Congregation:* **diverse cultures of this rainbow land,**

*Leader:* Nurses and teachers, scientists and artists, cleaners and clerks, students and job-seekers,
*Congregation:* **All who care, who love, and who pray, who laugh and learn, who rest and who play: give to our God your thanks and praise. Amen.**

**Song of Praise:** *Glory and Gratitude (next page)*

# Glory and gratitude

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*Music: John L. Bell*




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**The Collect of the Day**
*Leader:* The Lord be with you.
*Congregation:* **And also with you.**
*Leader:* Let us pray.
O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
*Congregation:* **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

**A Reading from the Letter of James 5:13-20**
*Reader:* Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.
My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.
*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.
*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn MHSO 146** *God to Enfold You (in back of bulletin)*

**A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 12.22-32**
Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Reflections**

Ann van Buren
Patricia Donahue
Readings from Steven Charleston, retired Episcopal Bishop and citizen of the Choctaw Nation

*Silence*

**Profession of Faith**

**We believe in God, who creates all things,**
**who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,**
**who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**
**We believe in God as the source of all life,**
**who baptizes this planet with living water.**
**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,**
**the malnourished one, the climate refugee,**
**who loves and cares for this world**
**and who suffers with it.**
**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,**
**who came to reconcile and renew this world**
**and everything in it.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,**
**who moves with God**
**and who moves among and with us today.**
**We believe in everlasting life in God.**
**And we believe in the hope that one day**
**all of creation will be gathered into the fullness of God's love. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

*Leader:* Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing, grant the power of your grace. We remember those on our prayer list:

Louise Stevens, Bob Temple, Tom Russell, Peter Tarlton, Will Oneil, Victoria, Bill Reardon, Ron Dahlen, Isabelle Valencia, Dan Fowler, Janet, Mimi Maslan, Susan Manne, Semantha and Lee, Emily Gibson, Beth and Tito Kyzer, Judy, Megan, Avery, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Bishop Thomas Brown, Naomi, Robert B. Tobin, Anne Burton, Hewit, Mary Ann and Terry, Nishah, David Morrish, Corbin, Rebecca, Pam B., Susan Wade, Jaxson, Heather Corey, Stephen Gill, Brent Was, Bill Scaife, Stewart and Julie, Gary and Wellesley, Mary Blanco, Max, Mary Lawrence Hicks and family, Bob Budd, Nancy Greene, Peter Brown, Nick, Seth, Linda Shepard and family, Mary Ann Shaw, Lindsay Bowker, Nancy Boothby, Marcia Scott, Tony Stoneburner, Carol Stoneburner, Nancy Stearns, Isabelle H.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled;
**May they be made whole.**

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering;
**Grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin;
**Mend broken relationships in our lives and restore wholeness in our relationship with our Mother Earth.**

Grant to the dying peace; give the departed eternal rest.
**Uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.**

Hear us, O Lord of life:
**Heal us, and make us whole.**

*Leader:* I invite you to add your own prayers and thanksgivings.

*Members of the congregation are invited to add prayers and thanksgivings at this time.*

*Leader:* Do any of you on Zoom wish to add prayers and thanksgivings?

Let us pray.

*Congregation:* **O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**
**in your compassion forgive us our sins,**
**known and unknown,**
**things done and left undone;**
**and so uphold us by your Spirit**
**that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**
**to the honor and glory of your Name;**
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Creator God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Peace within yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with you who are with us remotely today.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.
*Congregation:* **And also with you.**

*The people are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Eucharist
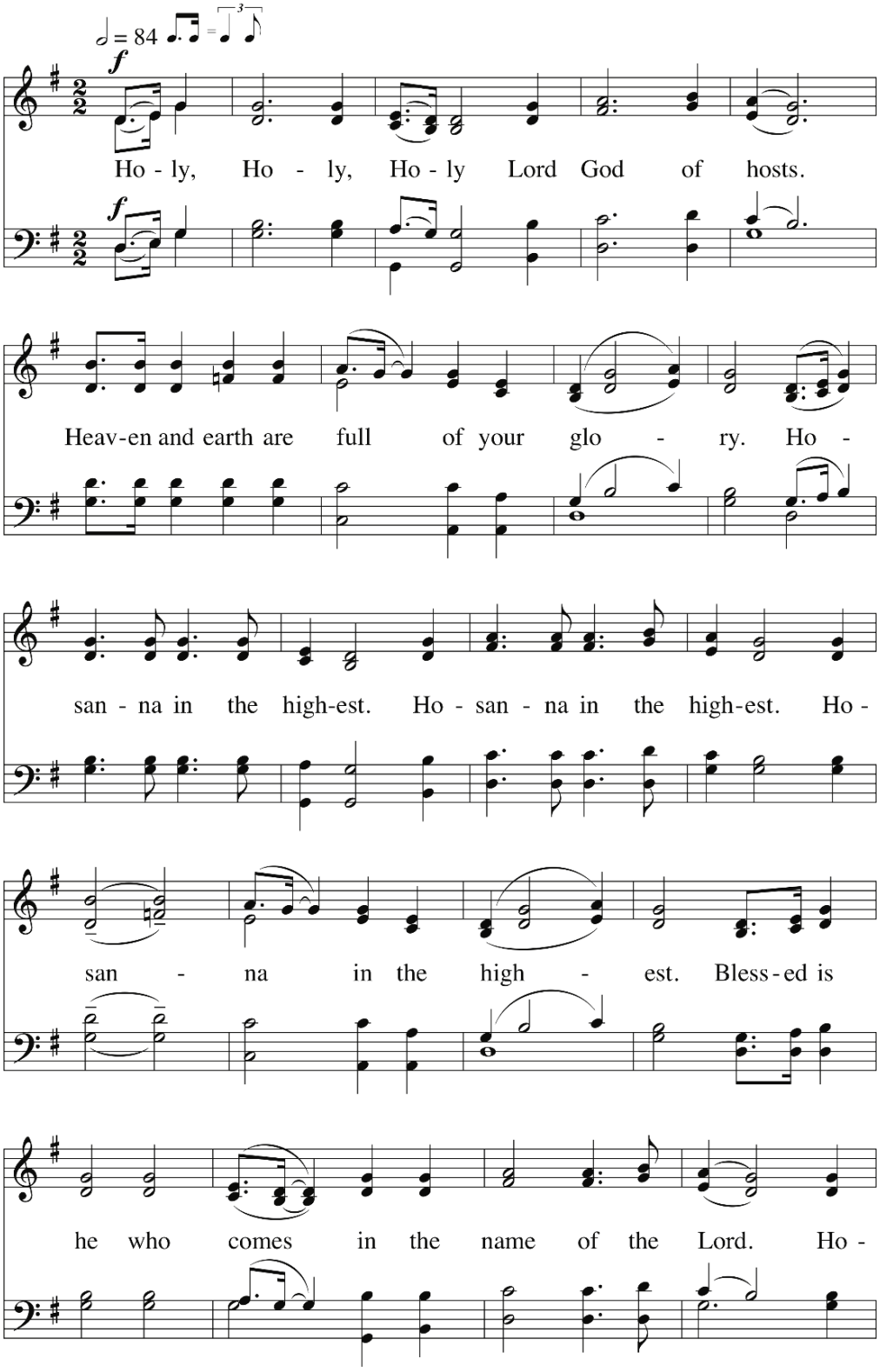
**Offertory Hymn LEVAS 145** *Have Thine Own Way, Lord (verses 1-3, in back of bulletin)*

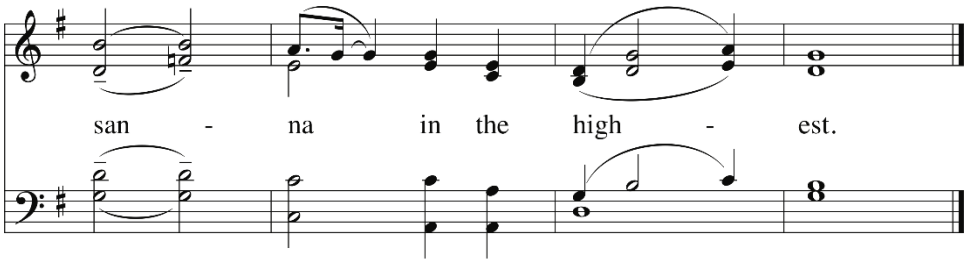
**Eucharistic Prayer**
*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.
*Congregation:* **And also with you.**
*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.
*Congregation:* **We lift them to the Lord.**
*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
*Congregation:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high,
for in the communion of your love
Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.
Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us,
with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you.
With the angels of light who envelop us,
with all the saints before and beside us,
with brothers and sisters, east and west,
we sing to you.
And with our loved ones, separate from us now,
who yet in this mystery are close to us,
we join in the song of your unending greatness:

**Sanctus** *(next page)*

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY






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*Celebrant continues:* Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.
On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying,

This is my body, given to you.

In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,

This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it.

*Congregation:* **Hear us, O Christ,**
**and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine.**
**May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life.**
**May they heal, renew, and make us whole.**
**And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us,**
**may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh,**
**loving and caring in the world. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us all pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,**
**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**
**Give us today our daily bread.**
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**
**For the kingdom, the power,**
**And the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
*Congregation:* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Celebrant:* In recognition of and in solidarity with those who are worshiping with us remotely this morning, we pray:
*Celebrant and Congregation*: **In union with the faithful gathered at every altar of the Church where the bread and wine are offered, and in union with those who are with us today by the internet, we offer praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life. We believe that Jesus is present in the Breaking of the Bread, the Holy Sacrament of Communion**

**and in ways more numerous and mysterious than we can imagine. We embrace you, Jesus, with all our hearts, souls and minds. Nothing can separate us from you, nor are we separated from one another.**

*Those gathered at St. Brendan receive the bread and wine.*
*Those desiring healing should open their palms, and a member of the healing team will come to them for the laying on of hands.*

*Celebrant:* And now may the Presence of Jesus, in whatever form it has come to you this morning, nourish you in grace, comfort you in love, and inspire you to be Christ's presence in the world.
Congregation: **We pray for those who are with us virtually that they experience God's presence and love in any part of their lives that is in need of healing.**

**Post Communion Prayer**
*Celebrant:* Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread.
*Congregation:* **May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Blessing**
*Celebrant:* May the God of hope fill us with every joy in believing.
May the peace of Christ abound in our hearts.
May we be enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
*Congregation:* **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn IONA 138** *We cannot measure how you heal (in back of bulletin)*

**Postlude:** *Waltz* Johannes Brahms

**Announcements**

**Dismissal**

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**CALENDAR**
**All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.**

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| Monday, September 30 | 8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot<br>4:30p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom) |
| Tuesday, October 1 | 11:00 a.m. Worship and Music Ministry meeting (Zoom) |
| Wednesday, October 2 | 10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person)<br>10:30 a.m. Bible Study<br>4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal |
| Sunday, October 6 | 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding |

**Looking Ahead**
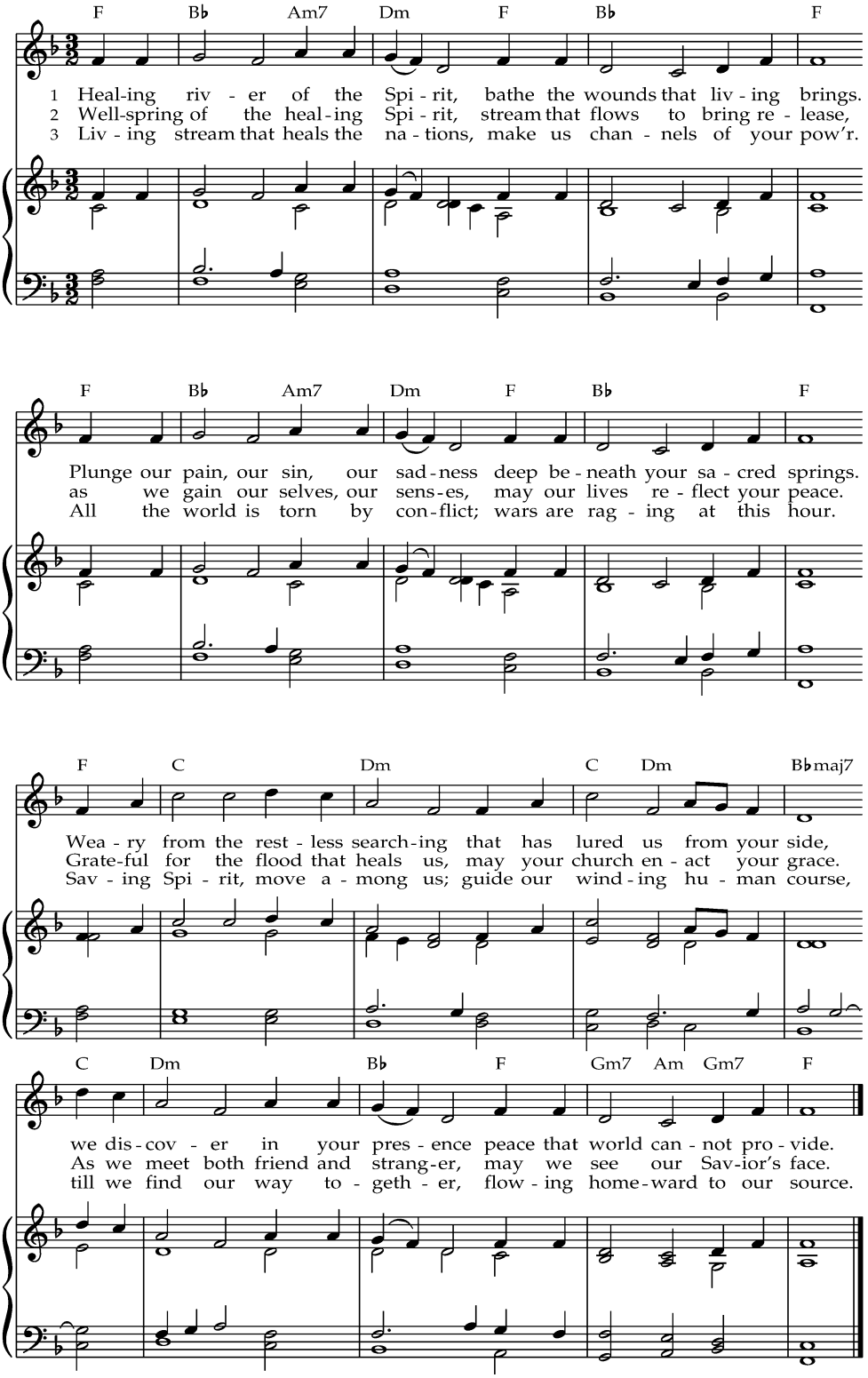
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| Sunday, October 13 | 5:00 p.m. Celtic Eventide |
| Saturday, October 19 | 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Community Blessing of the Animals<br>Hosted by the Congregational Church |

**GPS (Giving our Priorities Shape) Action**

**Creation Care**
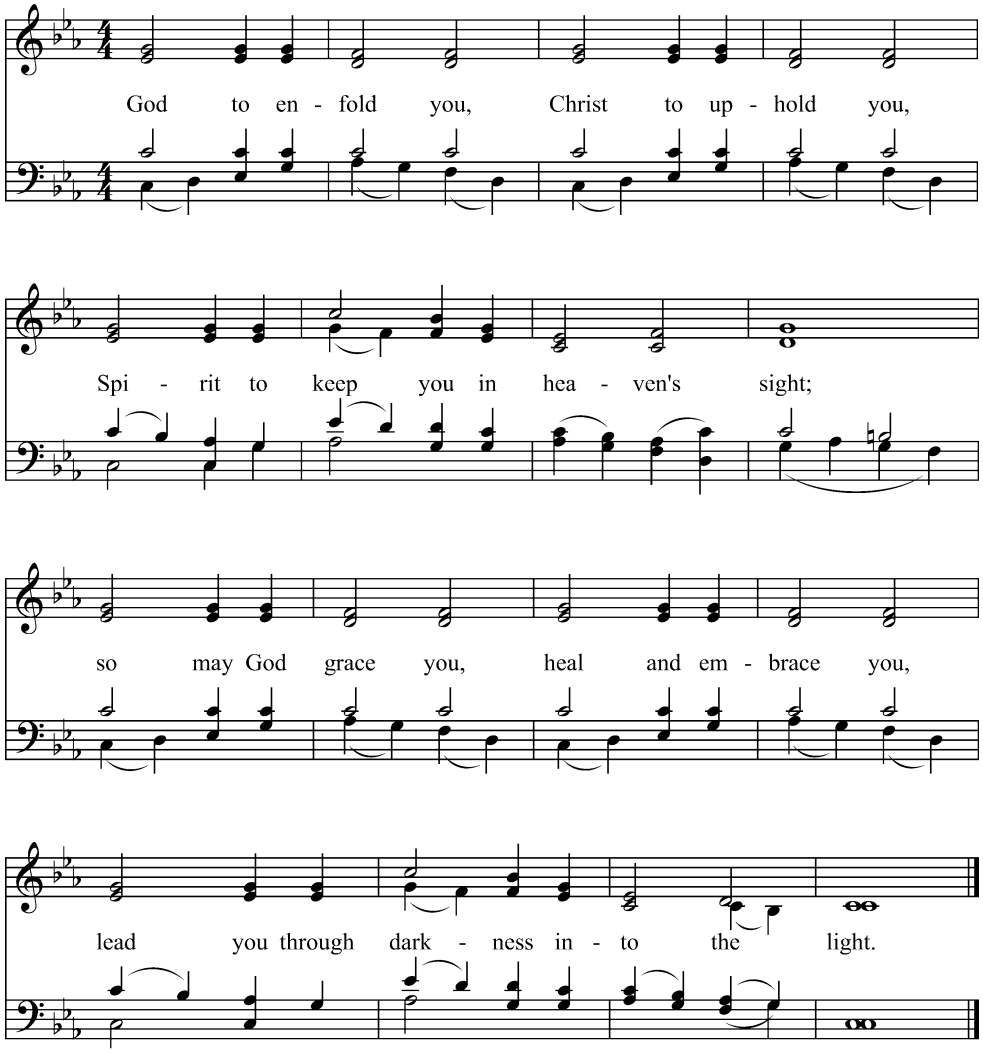
Our invitation this week is to SAVE THE DATES! And SIGN UP NOW! The annual **WindowDressers Build will take place from November 2-8.** Already, 200 window kits are on order. This annual project provides energy-saving window inserts that we build right in the parish hall with plenty of training for volunteers. There are many opportunities to help in this effort. We need greeters, snacks, lunch, and dinner for volunteers and many helpers to assemble the inserts. The sign-up list for food preparations is available in the parish hall. The sign-up for the assembly of the windows is at https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/4912474079/false#/invitation. More details are in the Navigator. Many hands make light work. Please join us!

# Healing river of the Spirit *Voices Found*, #96
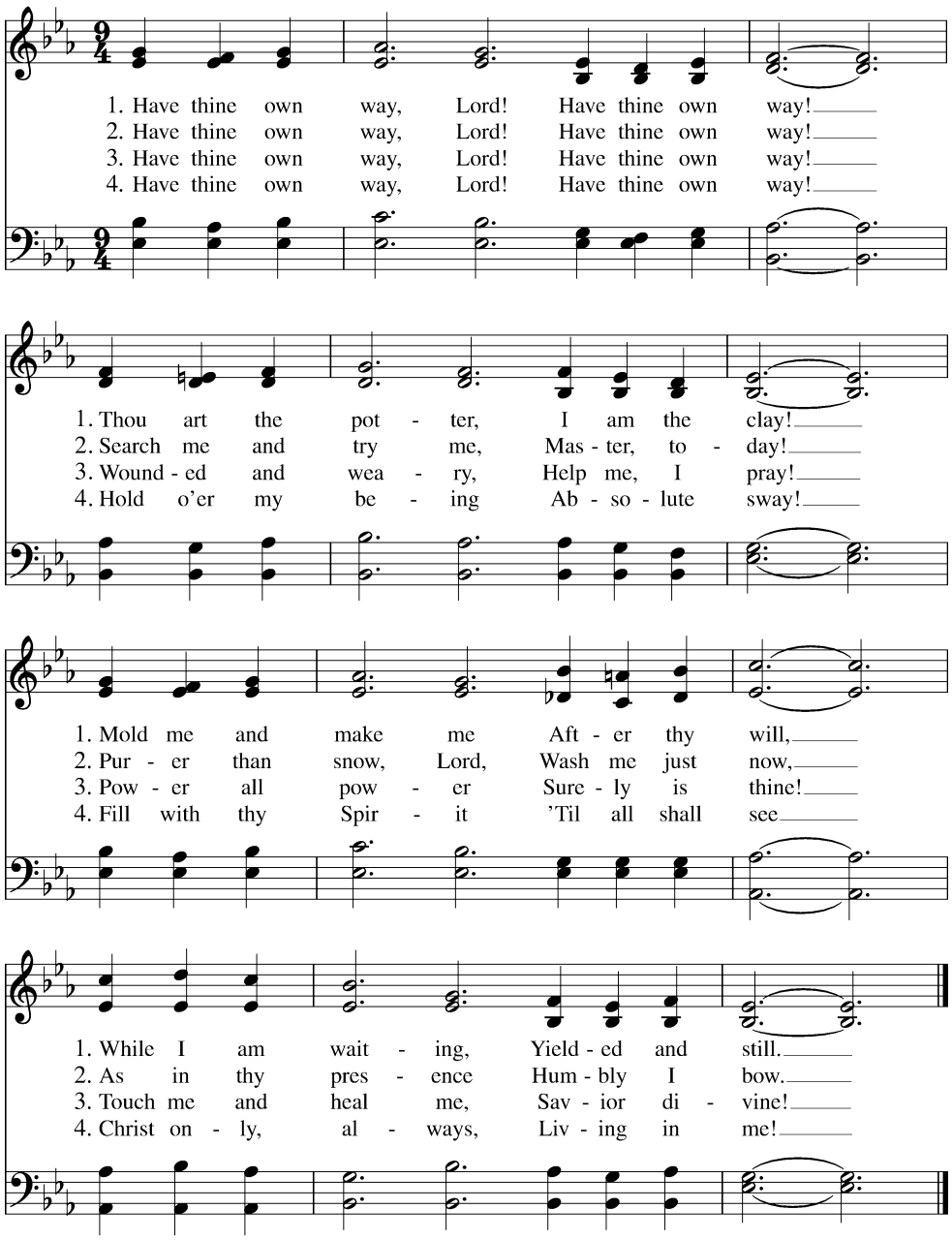



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# God to enfold you *My Heart Sings Out,* #146




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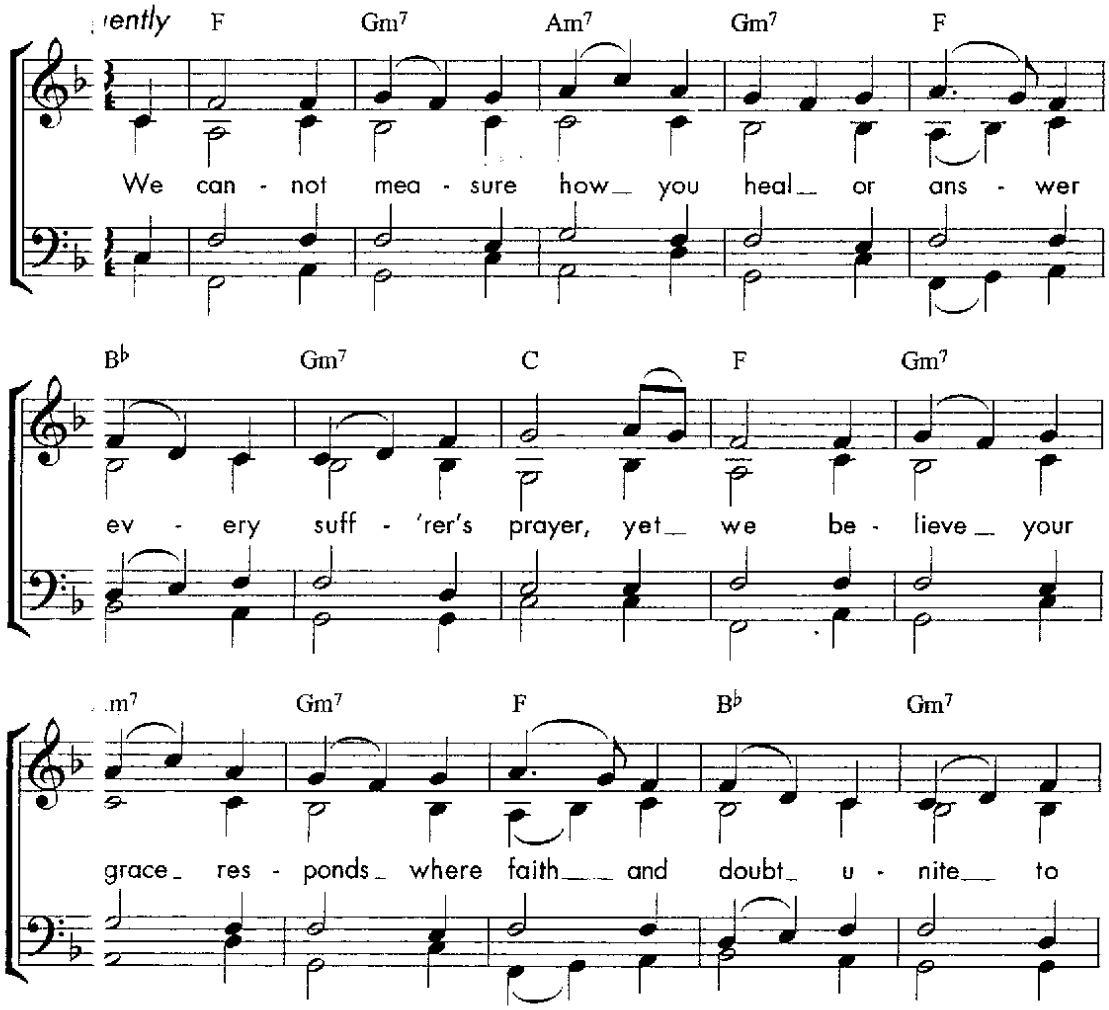
## **Have Thine Own Way, Lord!** *Lift Every Voice and Sing II,* #145
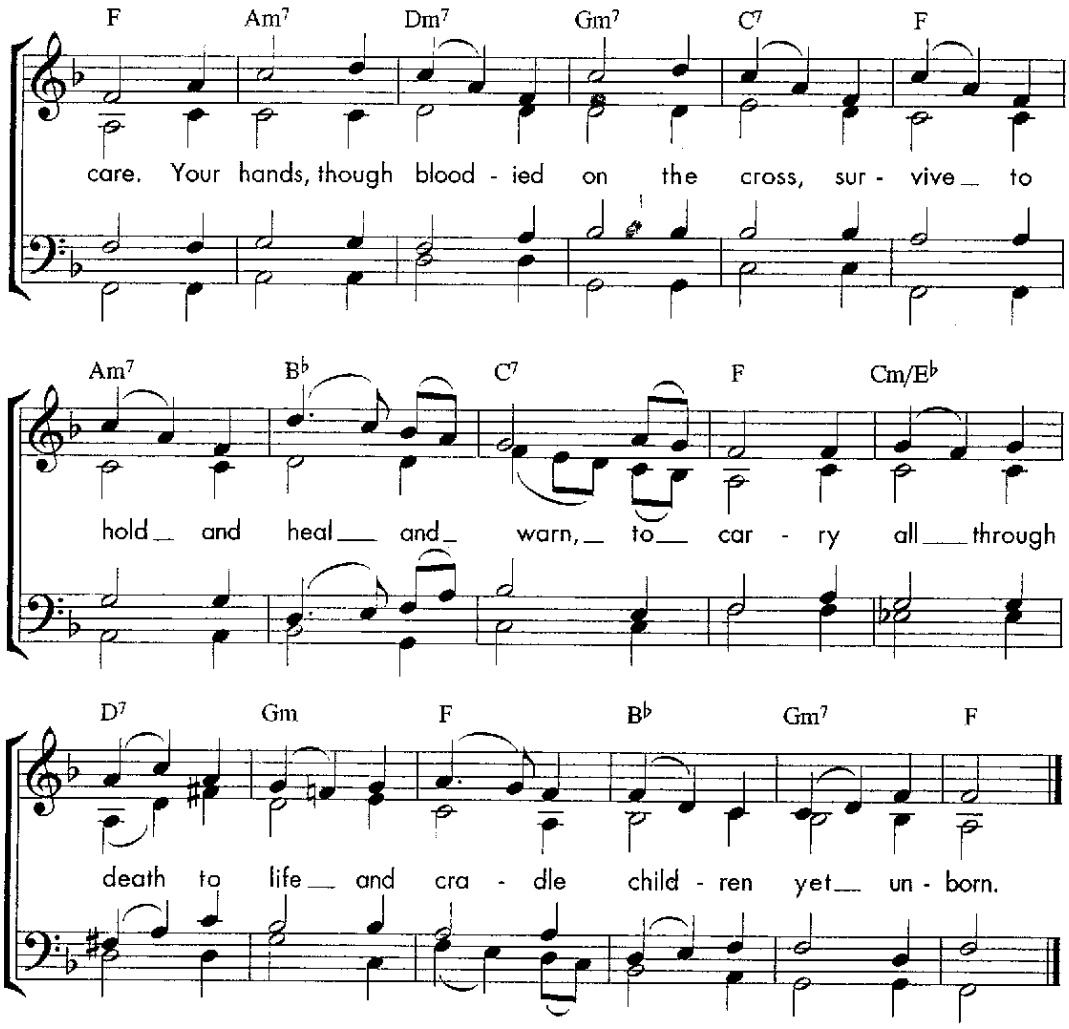



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# We cannot measure how you heal

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*Music: YE BANKS AND BRAES, Scottish traditional*




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3. So some have come who need your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.