



ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

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.

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A Service of Healing

Pentecost Proper 17

August 30, 2026

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 acknowledge that the land we now occupy is the ancestral home of the Wabanaki People. We grieve the history of greed and violence that led to their loss of life, land, language and culture.

Congregation: We pray for the courage to find ways to support our indigenous neighbors who still face injustice and prejudice. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us; rather, we belong to the Earth.

The bell is rung three times

Opening Hymn 686: *Come, thou fount of every blessing (in back of bulletin)*

Leader: We gather in Your presence, God,

Congregation: **in our need,
and bringing with us the needs of the world.**

We come to You, for You come to us in Jesus,
and You know by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and with our doubts;
we come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are because You have invited us;
and You have promised never to turn us away.

God our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire: by the lovingkindness of Jesus, heal us and those for whom we pray; that being renewed by You, we may witness Your wholeness to our broken world; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit.

Amen.

The Collects of the Day

Celebrant: May God be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Loving God, you call us into a community of mutual support and health. Bring your healing touch to all who are sick, strengthen medical professionals who minister to those who suffer, encourage us to accompany those who are lonely, and bring hope to all who are in despair. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

'The LORD, the God of your ancestors,

the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,

and this my title for all generations."

Hear what the Spirit is saying

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 105 (portions)

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *

make known his deeds among the peoples. ||

Sing to him, sing praises to him; *

and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD re-joice. ||

Search for the LORD and his strength; *

seek his face con-tinually.

Remember the marvels he has done; *

his wonders and the judgments of his mouth, ||

O offspring of Abraham his servant; *

O children of Jacob his chosen.

A Israel came into Egypt; *

and Jacob became an alien in the land of Ham. (*return to A*)

A The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *

he made them stronger than their enemies; ||

B Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people; *

and dealt deceitfully with his servants

He sent Moses his servant; *

and Aaron whom he had chosen. ||

Hallelu-jah!*

Hallelu-jah!

Second Lesson: Letter to the Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hear what the Spirit is saying

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Sequence Hymn ELW 614 *There is a Balm in Gilead (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Congregation: **Glory to you, O Christ**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Reflection

Coleen Barbeau

Silence

A Creed from the Iona Community

We believe in God whose love is the source of all life

and the desire of our lives,

whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,

whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all

and whose love, defeating even death,

is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,

in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ,

we commit ourselves, in the service of others,

to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth

and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful so to be the church,
for the glory of God. 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.

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers. We remember those on our prayer list:

Barbara Wright, Debra Carter, baby Charles, Harry Vickerson, Julie M., Danny Judkins, Cathy Johnson,
Meg Graham, Charlie Putnam, Mike S., Meredydd Cooper, Henna Torrey Roy, Jerry, Agnes and Billy,
Gwyn Murray, Sally, Beth Kyzer, David, Preston Henderson, Tammie Cox, Tyler Goss,
Kate Hallen and Bob Blum, Judith Jerome, Mimi Maslan, Judy Miller, Megan, Bishop Thomas Brown, Naomi,
Anne Burton, Hewit, Mary Ann and Terry, Nishah, Corbin, Rebecca, Pam B., Jaxson, Heather Corey,
Stephen Gill, Bill Scaife, Brent Was, Gary and Wellesley, Mary Lawrence Hicks and family, Nancy Greene,
Peter Brown, Seth, Linda Shepard and family, Marcia Scott, Carol Stoneburner

We remember all children in foster care and their caregivers.

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**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: God of wild, windy and prodigal love,

Congregation: **We confess our bondage to fear,**

Our smallness of heart,

Our lack of imagination,

Our guardedness in giving,

Our complicity in systems of racial and economic injustice,

Our misuse of the gifts of creation,

Our resistance to the Way of Jesus.
We ask your mercy and the power of your Wholly, Holy Spirit
to burn through our defenses,
to break open our hearts,
to ignite our imaginations and
to raise us from the dead,
that we might be signs of your healing and liberating love in the world.

Celebrant: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear this good news:
You have been set free by the love of God made known in Jesus and by the power of God's creating, liberating Spirit. Rise from what binds you into the love that calls you, and burn with God's Holy Spirit in all that you do. In the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Peace

Leader: 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 exchange the peace

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 470: *There is a Wideness in God's Mercy (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.**

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: WLP 857

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.

**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.

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.

Fraction Anthem

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. United by the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst, we acknowledge the Holy Sacrament of communion and the fullness of Christ's presence in the gifts of the bread and the wine and in countless other ways in our lives. As a community of faith, nothing can separate us from the love of God nor are we separated from one another.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God ...

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 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.**

Blessing

Sending Hymn ELW 773: *Precious Lord Take my Hand (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Tree of Life.*

Scott Cleveland

Announcements

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GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Love your Neighbor

St Brendan's Mission statement asks us to **Love, Praise, Welcome, and Serve.**

This week, as you awake each morning, choose one of those "action" verbs and plan how you are going to live it that day. In the evening, as you settle into sleep, reflect on how your day went, how the Mission statement came alive in you that day.

CALENDAR

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

Monday, August 31	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, September 1	9:00 a.m. Annual retreat of the Worship & Music Ministry
Wednesday, September 2	10:00 a.m. In-Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. Third Session on Modern Mystical Movements: Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Thomas Berry and Matthew Fox led by The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, September 6	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes Celebrating

Looking Ahead

September 8-11	17 th Annual St. Brendan's Women's Retreat at Bishopswood
September 13	5:00 p.m. Celtic Eventide, Ron Stegall reflector
October 8	7:00 p.m. "Courage is Contagious" - An evening with Bishop Mariann Budde, Merrill Auditorium in Portland (See Navigator for details)

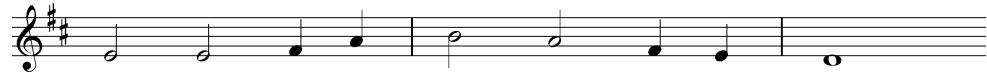
Come, thou fount of every blessing *The Hymnal 1982, #686*



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



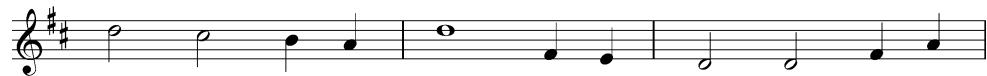
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



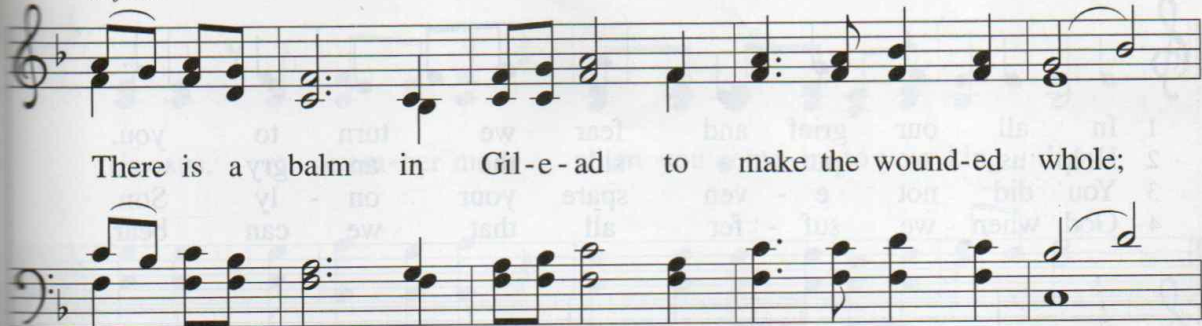
on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm.
 Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

There Is a Balm in Gilead

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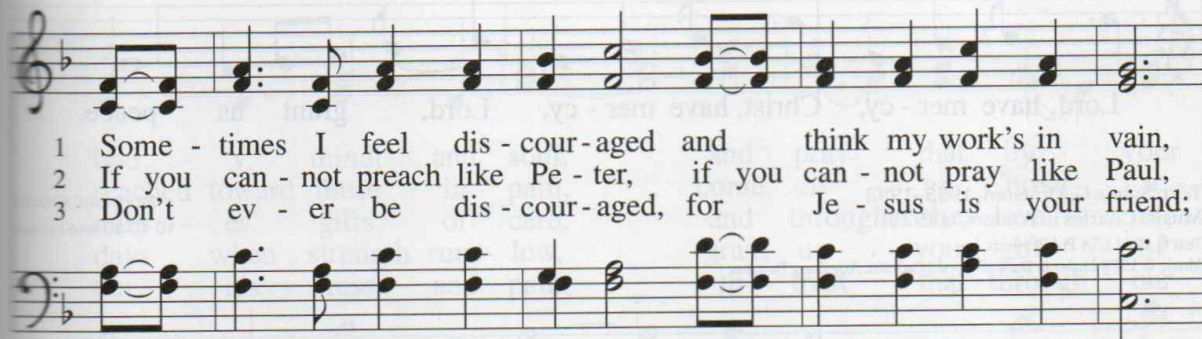
Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

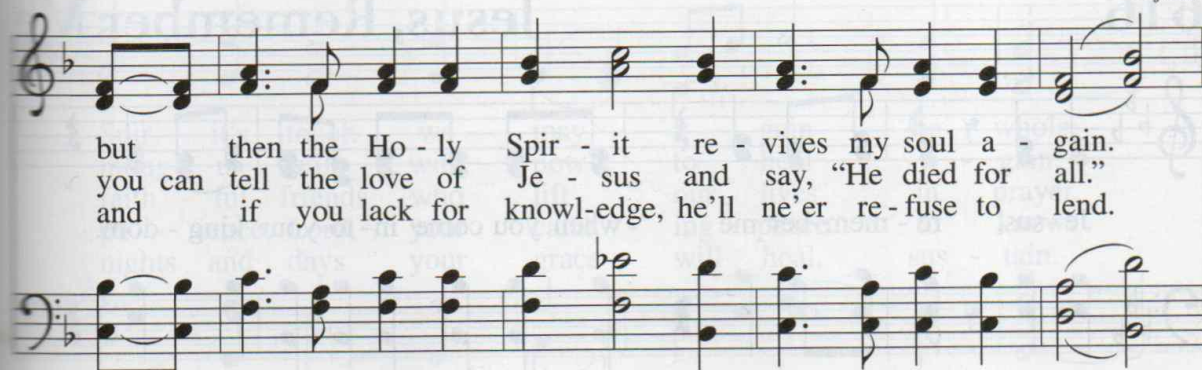


there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

There's a wideness in God's mercy *The Hymnal 1982, #470*

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: *Beecher*, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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Music: George N. Allen, 1812–1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

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The Prayer of St. Brendan

**Lord, we will trust You,
 help us to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown.
Give us the faith to leave old ways and
 break fresh ground with You.
Christ of the mysteries,
 we trust You to be stronger than each storm within us.
We will trust in the darkness and
 know that our times are in Your hand.
Tune our spirit to the music of heaven,
 and somehow, make our obedience count for You.**

These are our **values** at St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church.

We will:

Welcome others with **respect** and **compassion**;

Listen to others with **trust** and **appreciation**;

Seek God's goodness in each person;

Strive for **consensus** and work **collaboratively**;

Join in acts of **loving kindness**;

Share our faith joyfully across the generations;

Engage as many of our **parishioners** as possible, **year-round**,
in our common life and ministries;

Learn from our past and look to the future with **hope**.