

PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

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.

Pastor Elaine Hewes, Priest in Charge and Celebrant

Connie Mayo, Music Director

Fifth Sunday of the Season of Creation

Pentecost Proper 22

October 5, 2025

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: 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.**

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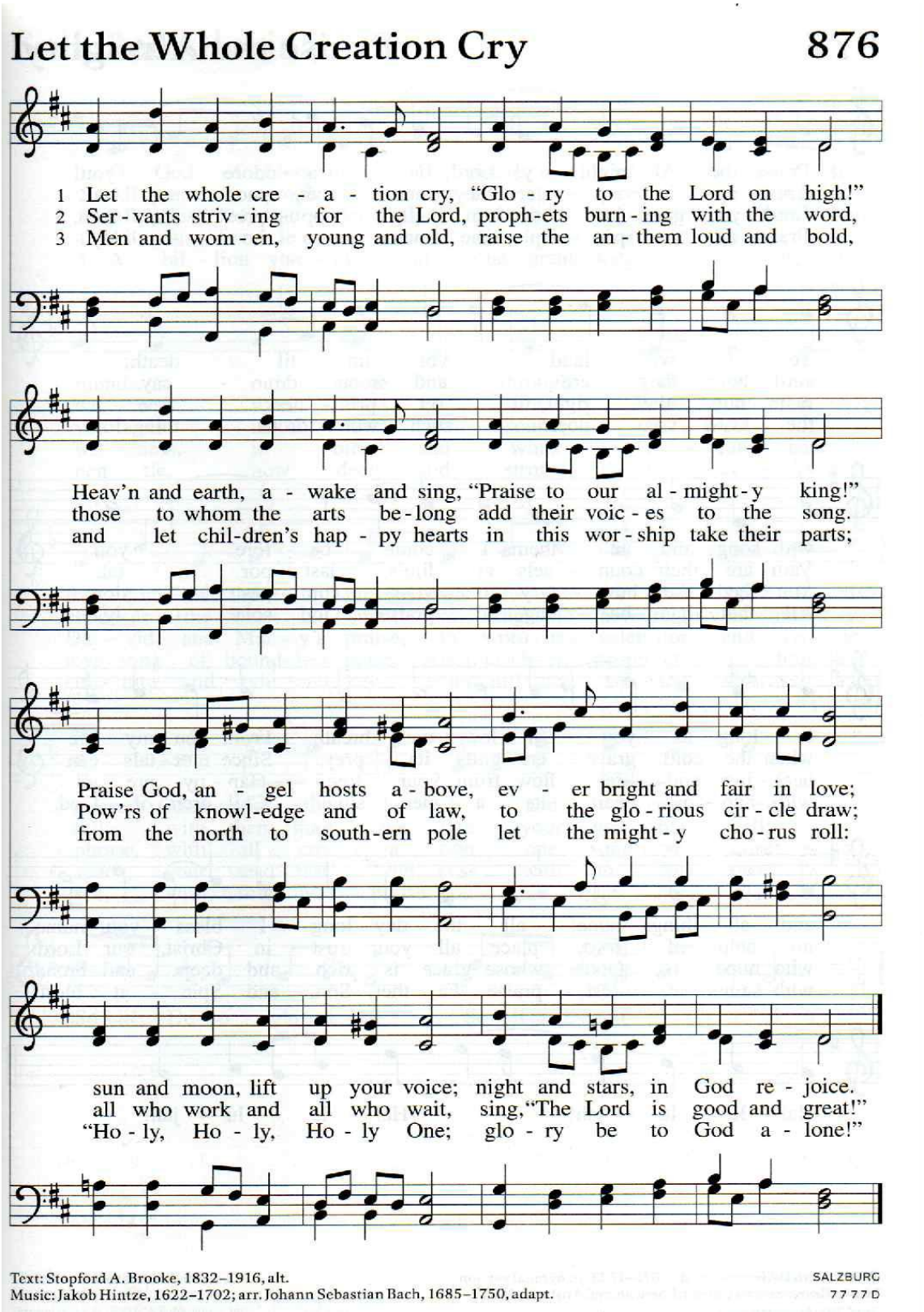
Prelude: *Bicclescombe* John Gardner

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn 380 *From all that dwells below the skies (in back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences
Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.
Congregation: **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

Song of Praise: ELW 876 *Let the whole creation cry (verse 1)*



The Collects of the Day
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Congregation: **Amen.**
All-loving and ever-living God, you are always more ready to give than we are to receive: Pour upon us your abundance of contentment with simple, faithful living; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

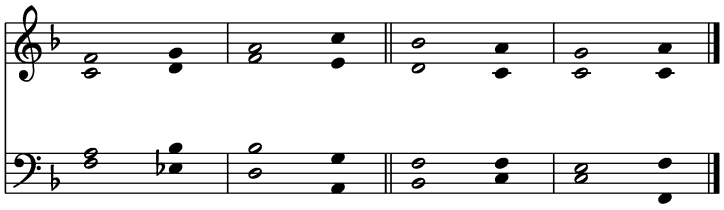
The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?
Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.
So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous--therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.
Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37: 1-10

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Do not fret yourself because of evil-doers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong. ‖
For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade a-way.

Put your trust in the LORD and do good;*
dwell in the land and feed on its riches. ‖
Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's de-sire.

Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass. ‖
He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the LORD*
and wait patiently for him. ‖
Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage a-lone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil. ‖
For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

Second Lesson: Second Letter to Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
To Timothy, my beloved child:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you . For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn ELW 677 *This Little Light of Mine (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Congregation: **Glory be to you, O Christ.**
The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, `Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.
"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, `Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, `Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, `We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

Affirmation
We trust 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 trust in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.
We trust in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.
And we trust in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,

who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.
We trust in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God and moves among us today.
We trust in everlasting life in God,
and we look forward to that time
when all of creation will be gathered
in the embrace of God's expansive love.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Creator God, hear the prayers of our hearts as we strive to care for the earth and each other.

We pray for the holy Church of God to be a light for all creation, a place of healing and reconciliation embodying the love of Christ to a hurting world.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, ministers, and spiritual leaders, especially we pray for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, and our Bishop, Thomas; and all priests and deacons who serve our churches.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those in authority here and in the world that they might work together to seek justice and equity for all people. Strengthen them to lead with compassion and wisdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for seasonable weather and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth for which we give thanks to our Creator God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind and spirit, for those struggling with addiction, homelessness, joblessness or loneliness, that they may know the power of your transforming love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Show us how to respect and appreciate the earth, its oceans, mountains, trees, and all its creatures, the birds and the bears, the bees and the butterflies.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all those who have died and for those who mourn them, for those who are dying and those who care for them, be with them Creator God, may they be comforted by your promise of eternal life in love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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?

We offer these prayers for all creation in faith and hope that we might be doers of the Word and agents of your love to all whom we encounter. In the name of, Jesus Christ, our redeemer and advocate who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

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

Silence

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: 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.**

We acknowledge those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or other special events in October.

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.
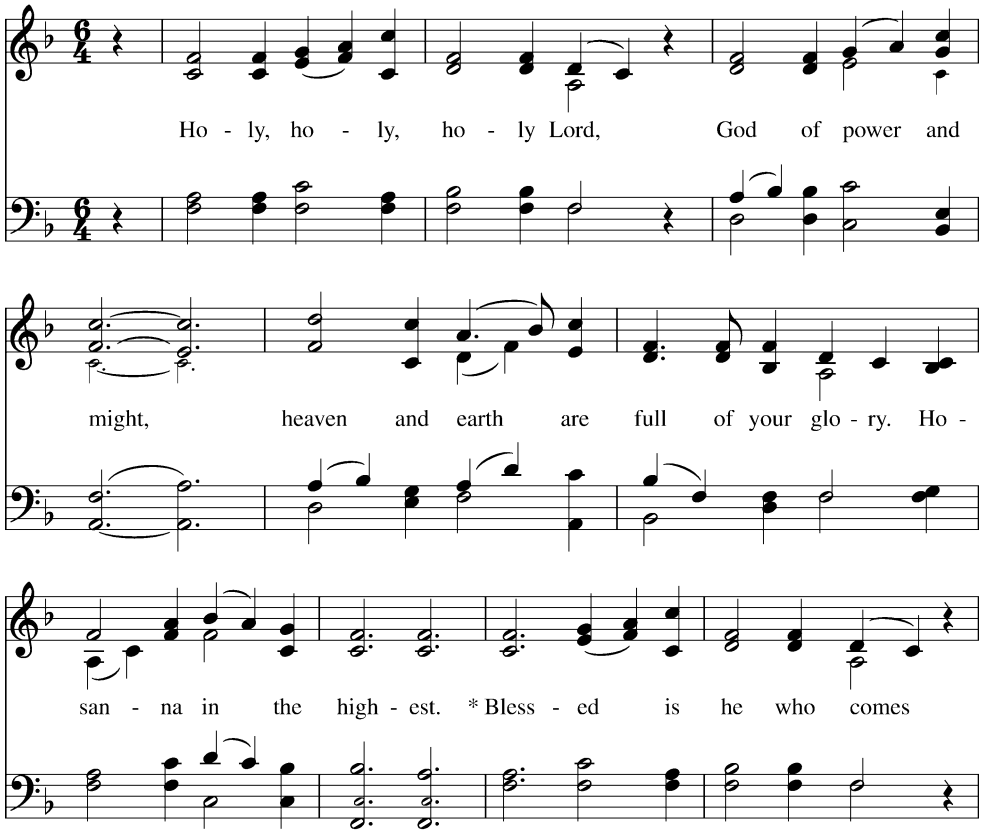
The Holy Eucharist

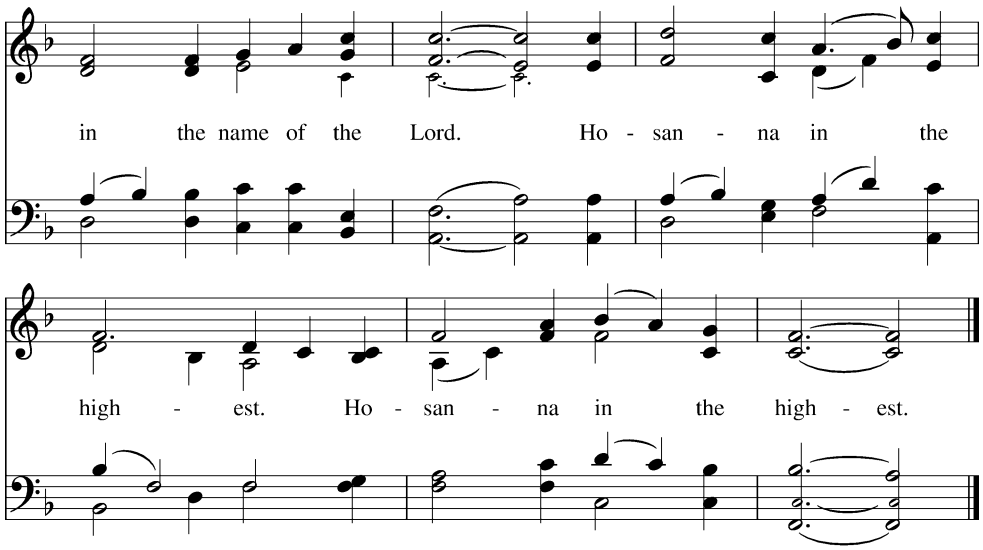
Offertory Hymn ELW 684 *Creating God, your fingers trace (in back of bulletin)*

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: Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, and your simplicity into our corruption.
Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life. Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.
And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord* ***WLP* 858**





In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: "Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

He took the wine, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: "This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Congregation: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine.

Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.

Celebrant: Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew. Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us all pray the prayer Jesus 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.

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**.**

Post Communion Prayer
Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your Spirit may work
in us and renew the face of the earth.
May we be one with you
so that our work is yours
and your work is ours.
Lead us to transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn 647 *I know not where the road will lead (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *O bless the Lord* John Bell

Announcements

Dismissal

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Confession written by Elaine Hewes

CALENDAR

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

Monday, October 6	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, October 8	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Outreach Meeting (Zoom) John Hennessey will be addressing the meeting. All are welcome to attend. Check the Navigator for the Zoom link or copy and paste the link below to join the meeting. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83214895674?pwd=b0ozWTg1NnJuUzZxcUpjY082NGdFQT09 2:00 p.m. Service for Brandon Drewry 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, October 12	9:30 a.m. Meditation Garden and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Revs. Anne Deneen and Joe Duggan presiding

Looking Ahead

October 31-November 6	8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. WindowDressers Community Build

GPS (Giving Our Priorities Shape)

Celebrate the Season of Creation, September 1- October 13

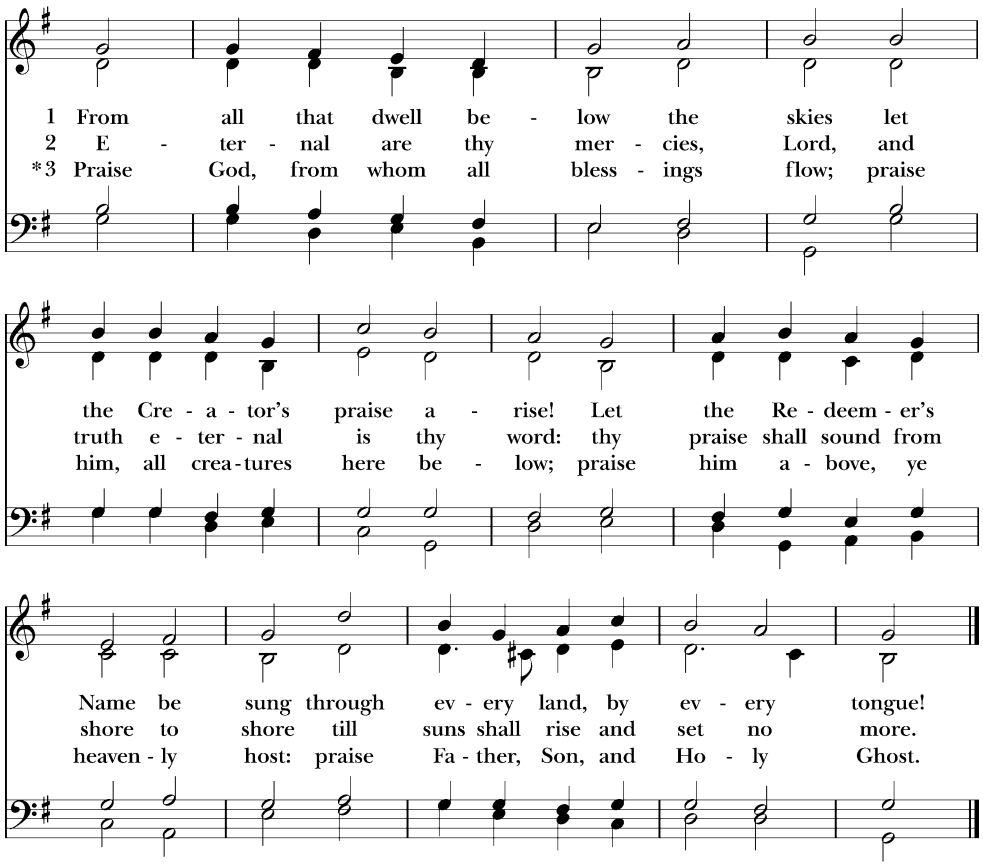
"To pay attention. This is our endless and proper work."
from "Yes! No!," a poem by Mary Oliver

Where to begin?

- **Read** "Ten Principles On How to Live Lighter" from the resources of Season of Creation 2025. See the Navigator for the link.
- **Read** theologian Elizabeth A. Johnson's most recent book, *Come, Have Breakfast: Meditations on God and the Earth.* It can be found used at AbeBooks.
- Or **listen** to a YouTube conversation with Elizabeth Johnson: "Jesus and the Earth." See the Navigator for the link.
- AND/OR**…..Join** Trail Tuesday Volunteer Workday
  Tuesdays, Oct 7, or Oct 14, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
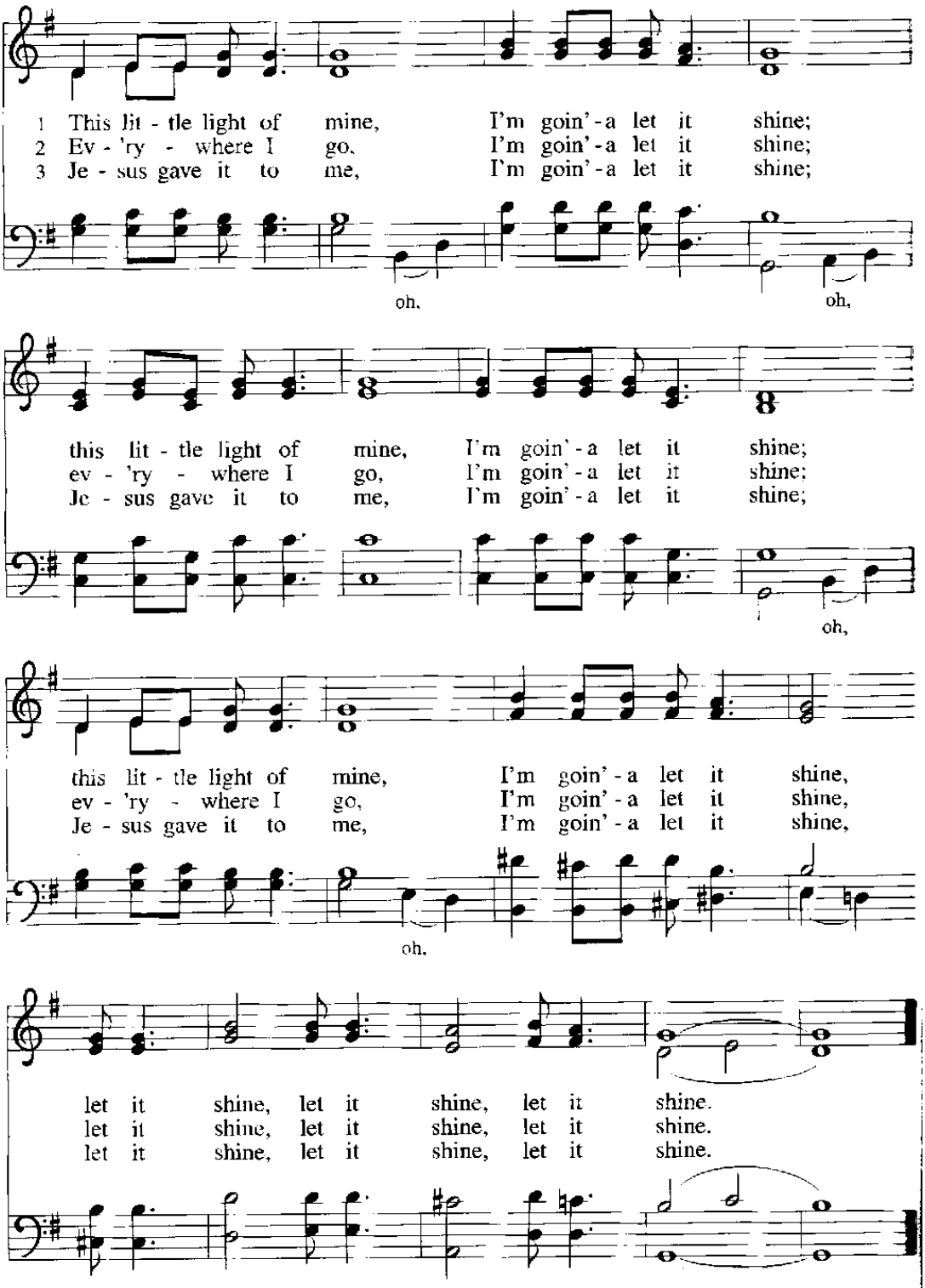
Join IHT's Stewardship team for a morning of trail stewardship and management. Email Stewardship Director Alex Drenga for more information and to get on the email chain! adrenga@islandheritagetrust.org

From all that dwell below the skies *The Hymnal 1982,* #**380**



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).
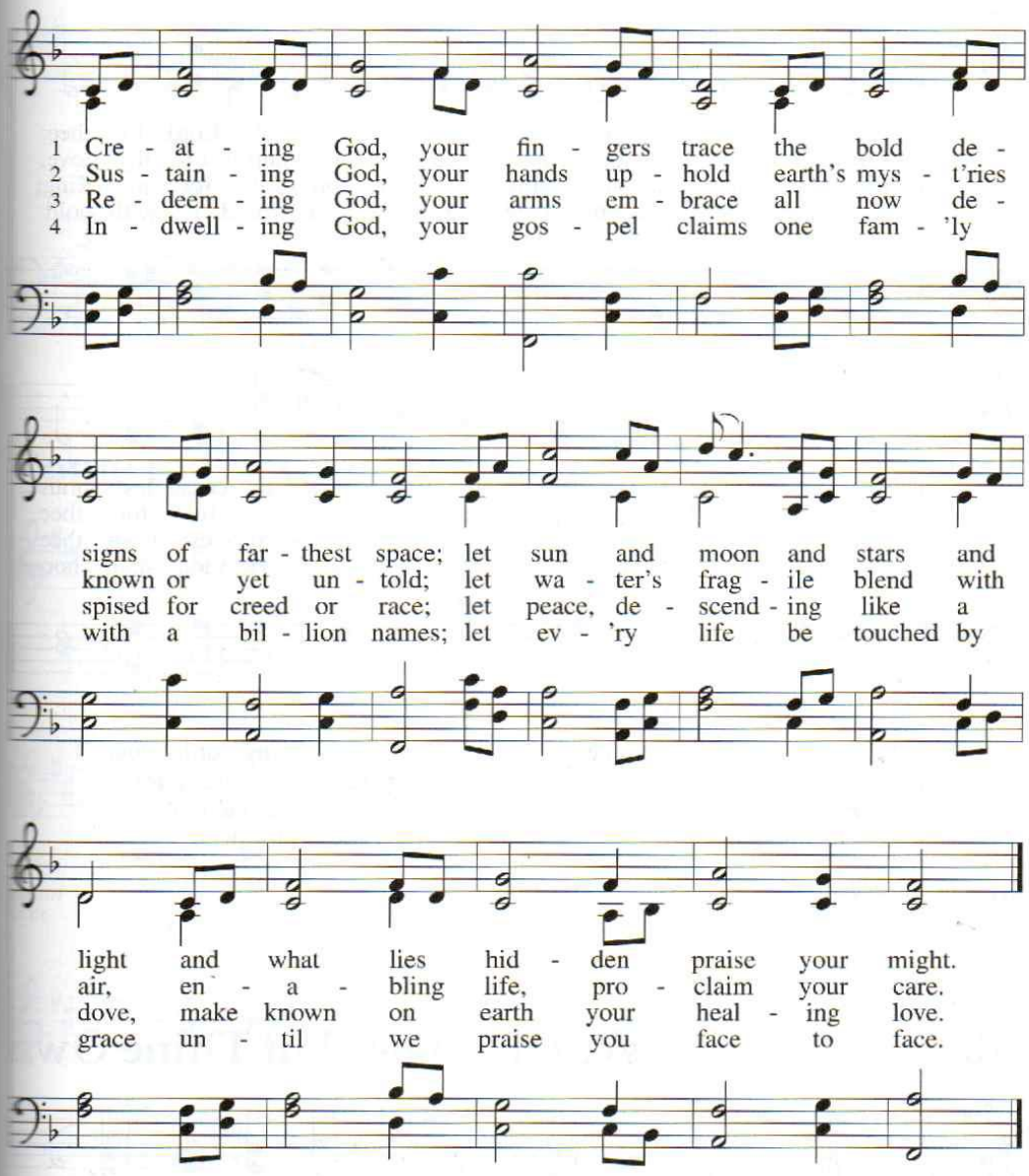
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Music: African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935
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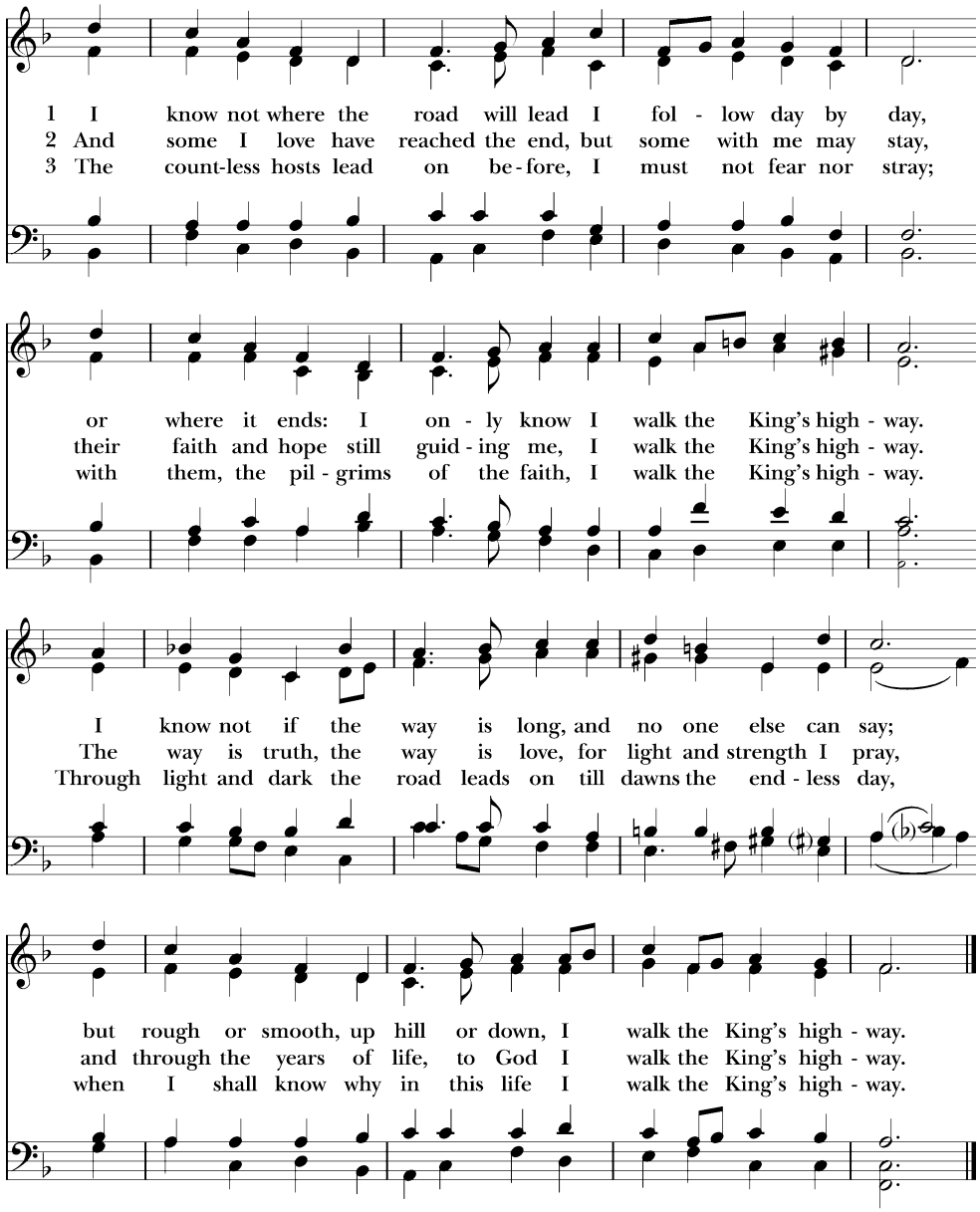
Creating God, Your Fingers Trace 684



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