

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.

Elaine Hewes, Priest in Charge
The Rev. Brent Was, Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director
Cynthia Beyer, Reflector

Joan Maxwell and Carolyn Mor, Healers

A Service of Healing

Pentecost Proper 8

June 29, 2025

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

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.**

The bell is rung three times

Prelude: *Let every tongue thy goodness speak* Healey Willan
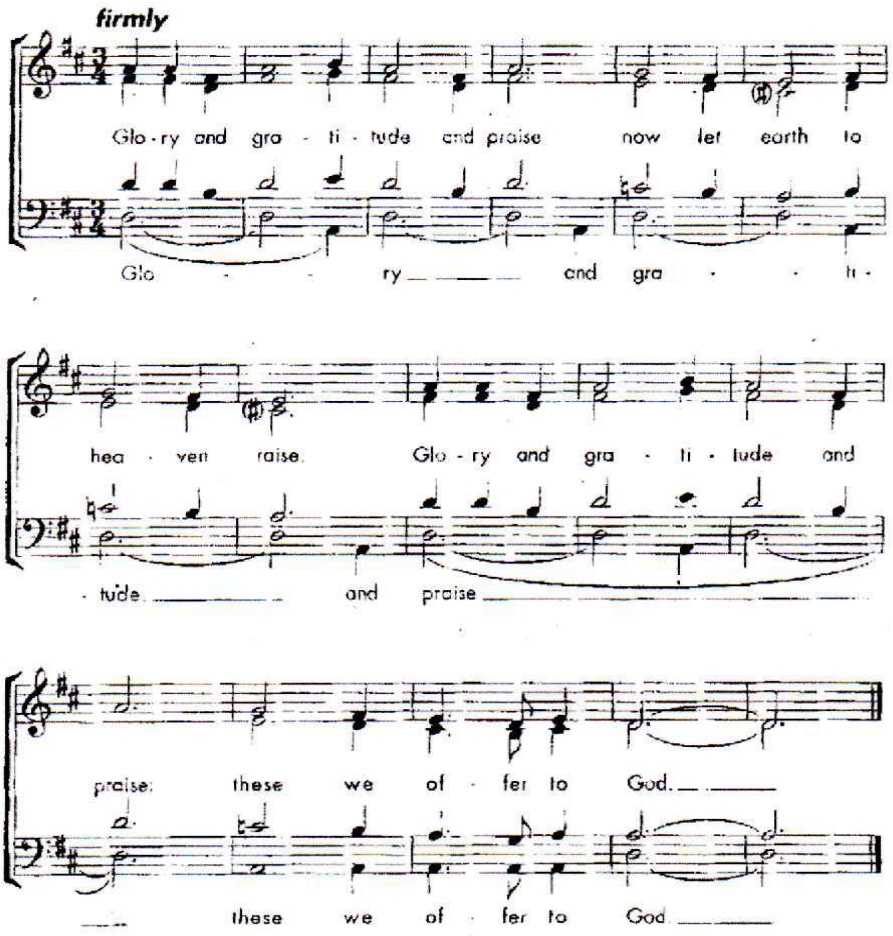
Opening Hymn 518 *Christ is made the sure foundation (in back of bulletin)*

Leader: We gather in Your presence, God,
Congregation: **in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.**
Leader: We come to You, for You come to us in Jesus,
Congregation: **and You know by experience what human life is like.**
Leader: We come with our faith and with our doubts;
Congregation: **we come with our hopes and with our fears.**
Leader: We come as we are, because You have invited us;
Congregation: **and You have promised never to turn us away.**
Leader: 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.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: *(next page)*

Glory and gratitude

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Music: John L. Bell



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Collect of the Day

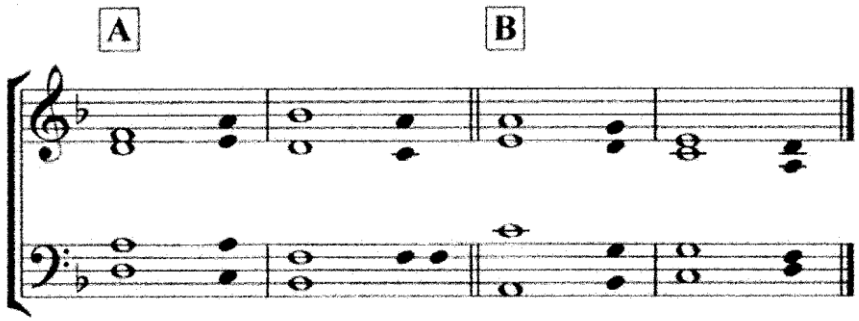
Leader: Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

First Lesson: Second Kings 2: 1-18

Reader: Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to

him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."
Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent."
Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.
When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.
He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah? Where is he?" He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.
When the company of prophets who were at Jericho saw him at a distance, they declared, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." They came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him. They said to him, "See now, we have fifty strong men among your servants; please let them go and seek your master; it may be that the spirit of the Lord has caught him up and thrown him down on some mountain or into some valley." He responded, "No, do not send them." But when they urged him to the point of embarrassment, he said, "Send them." So they sent fifty men who searched for three days but did not find him. When they came back to him (he had remained at Jericho), he said to them, "Did I not say to you, 'Do not go'?"
Hear what the Spirit is saying
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 16



A Protect me, O <u>God</u>, *
for in you I take <u>refuge</u>.

A I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; *
I have no good apart from you." ‖
B As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones *
in whom is all my de-light.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; *
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. ‖
O Lord, my chosen portion and my cup; *
you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; *
I have a goodly heritage. ‖
I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; *
in the night also my heart in-structs me.

I keep the Lord always be-fore me; *
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. ‖
Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul re-joices; *
my body also rests se-cure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol *
or let your faithful one see the Pit. ‖
You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; *
in your right hand are pleasures forever-more.

Second Lesson: Letter to the Philippians 4: 6-9
Reader: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about] these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.
Hear what the Spirit is saying
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn WLP 757 *Will you come and follow me (in back of bulletin)*

The Gospel: Luke 9:51-62
Reflector: A reading from the Gospel according to Luke
Congregation: **Glory be to you, O Christ**
When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.
As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my

father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection Cindy Beyer

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.

The Prayers
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:

Julie and Tom, Gwen Murray, Sally, Beth Kyzer, David, Preston Henderson, Mollie Ann Meserve, Heidi (Jonny's mother), Tammie and Jason Cox, Tyler Goss, Joyce Dunn, Kate Hallen and Bob Blum, Judith Jerome, Mimi Maslan, Susan Manne, Semantha and Lee, Emily Gibson, Judy, Megan, Bishop Thomas Brown, Naomi, Robert B. Tobin, Anne Burton, Hewit, Mary Ann and Terry, Nishah, David Morrish, Corbin, Rebecca, Pam B., Jaxson, Heather Corey, Stephen Gill, Brent Was, Bill Scaife, Gary and Wellesley, Mary Lawrence Hicks and family, Nancy Greene, Peter Brown, Seth, Linda Shepard and family, Mary Ann Shaw, Lindsay Bowker, Marcia Scott, Tony Stoneburner, Carol Stoneburner

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

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

Leader: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin;
Congregation: **Mend broken relationships in our lives and restore wholeness in our relationship**

with our Mother Earth.

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

Leader: Hear us, O Lord of life:
Congregation: **Heal us, and make us whole.**
Leader: Please offer your prayers and thanksgivings at this time

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

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

Leader: 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.**

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.
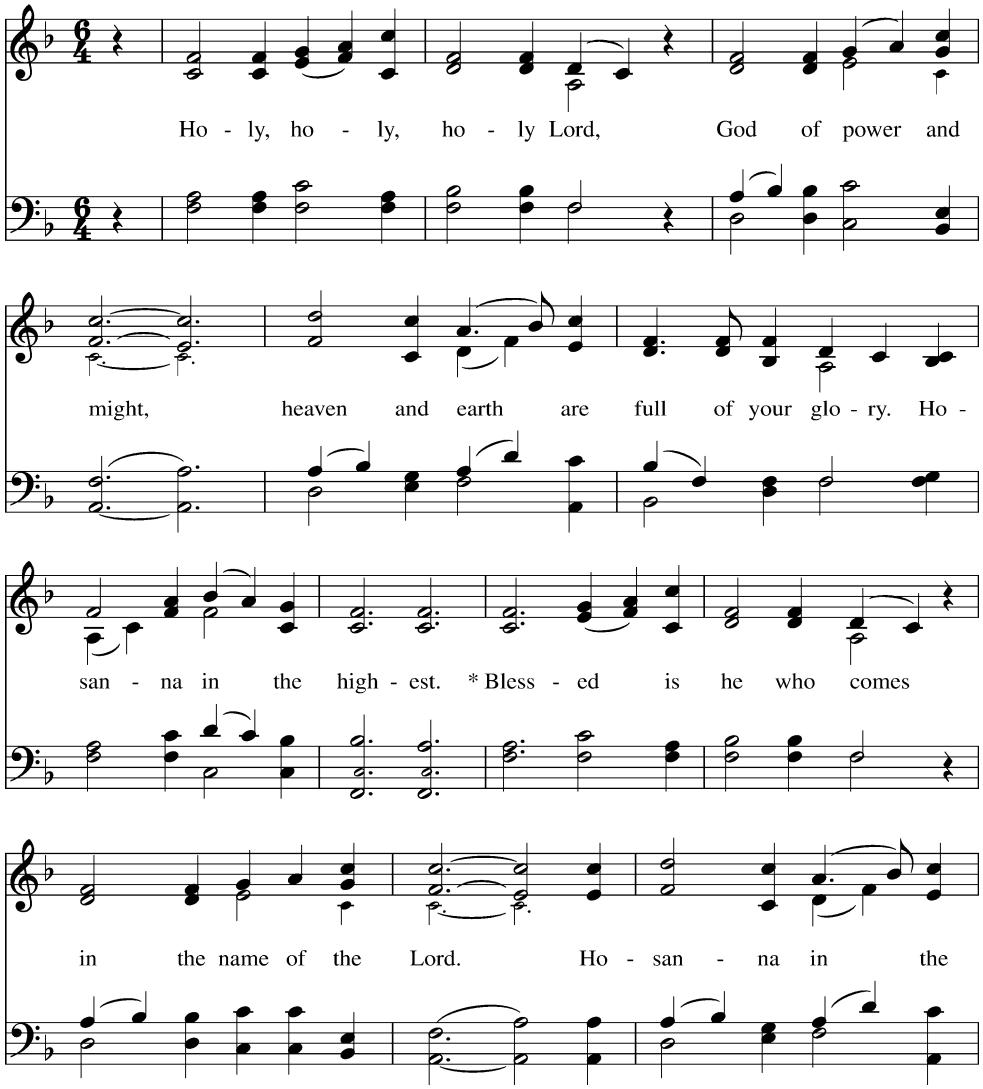
<u>The Holy Eucharist</u>

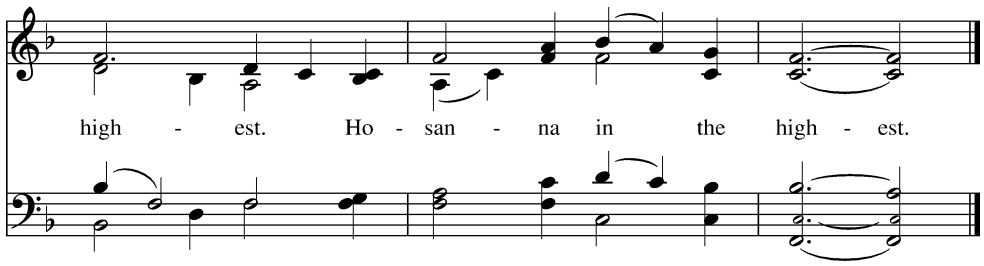
Offertory Hymn *Balm of Gilead* Sung by Choir

Eucharistic Prayer *Enriching our Worship #3*

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: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.
Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Sanctus: WLP 858





Celebrant continues: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said,

"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

"Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Congregation: **Dying, you destroyed our death.**
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Congregation: **Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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 that is in need of healing.**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: We give thanks for this meal of Holy Mystery and remembrance,
and for coming to us as we have shared it.
Congregation: **May the love we find at this table**
be reflected in our lives;
May the power we receive at this table
make us peacemakers and healers;
And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table
lead us to be those who proclaim God's Reign
in every word we speak and in everything we do.
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 WLP 773 *Heal me, hands of Jesus (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude*: My inmost heart now raises* Johann Christoph Bach

Announcements

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Giving our Priorities Shape (GPS) Action

In recognition of June as PRIDE month and the need for justice for racial and tribal groups in Maine, as well as gender, you are invited to support Maine organizations that specifically advocate for racial, gender, and tribal justice.

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OUTmaine.org

Equalitymaine.org

MaineInitiatives.org

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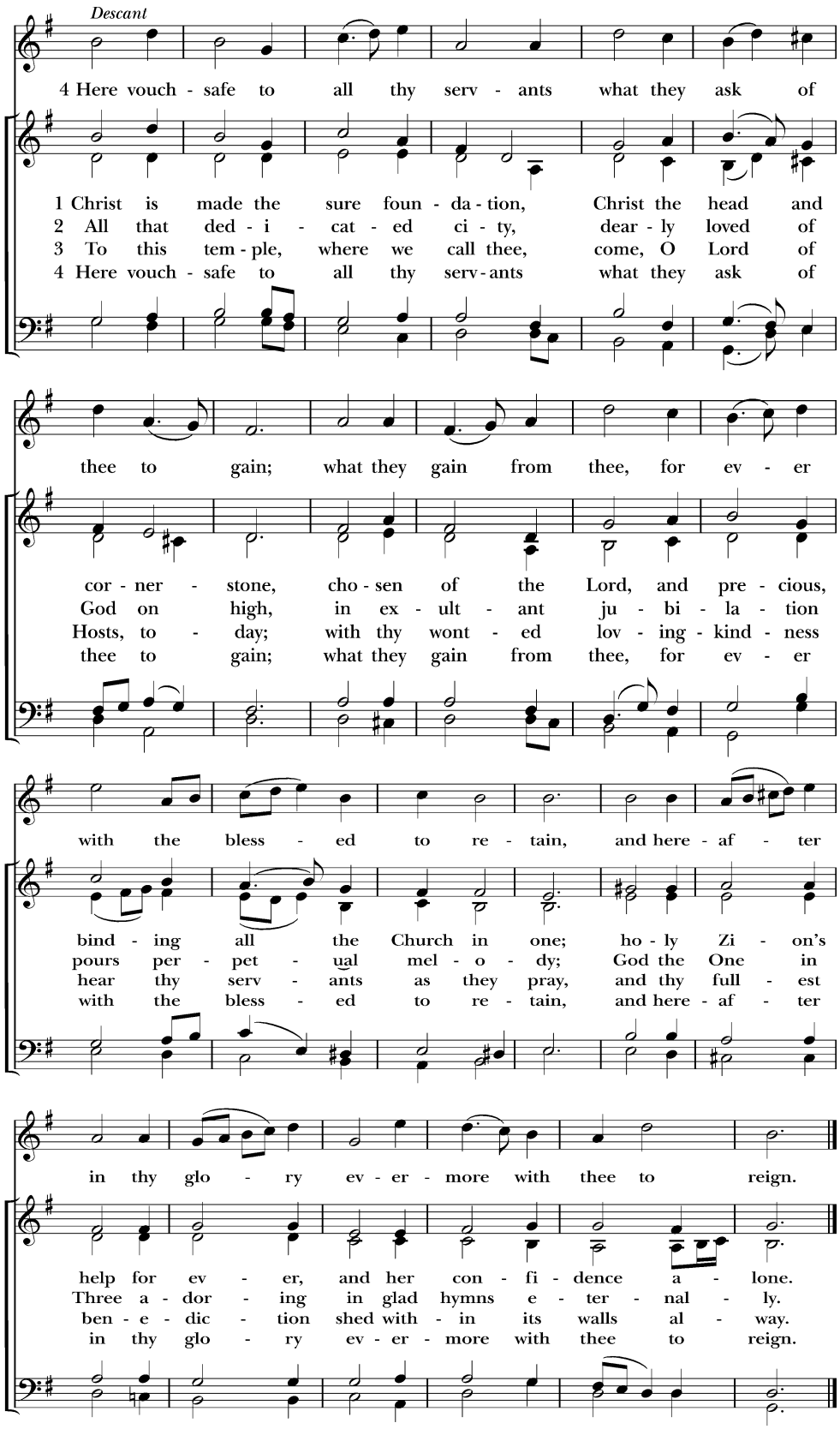
All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Sunday, June 29	11:30 a.m. A conversation about ways of supporting the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank.
Monday, June 30	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, July 2	10:00 a.m. In Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. No Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, July 6	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes, Celebrant

Looking Ahead
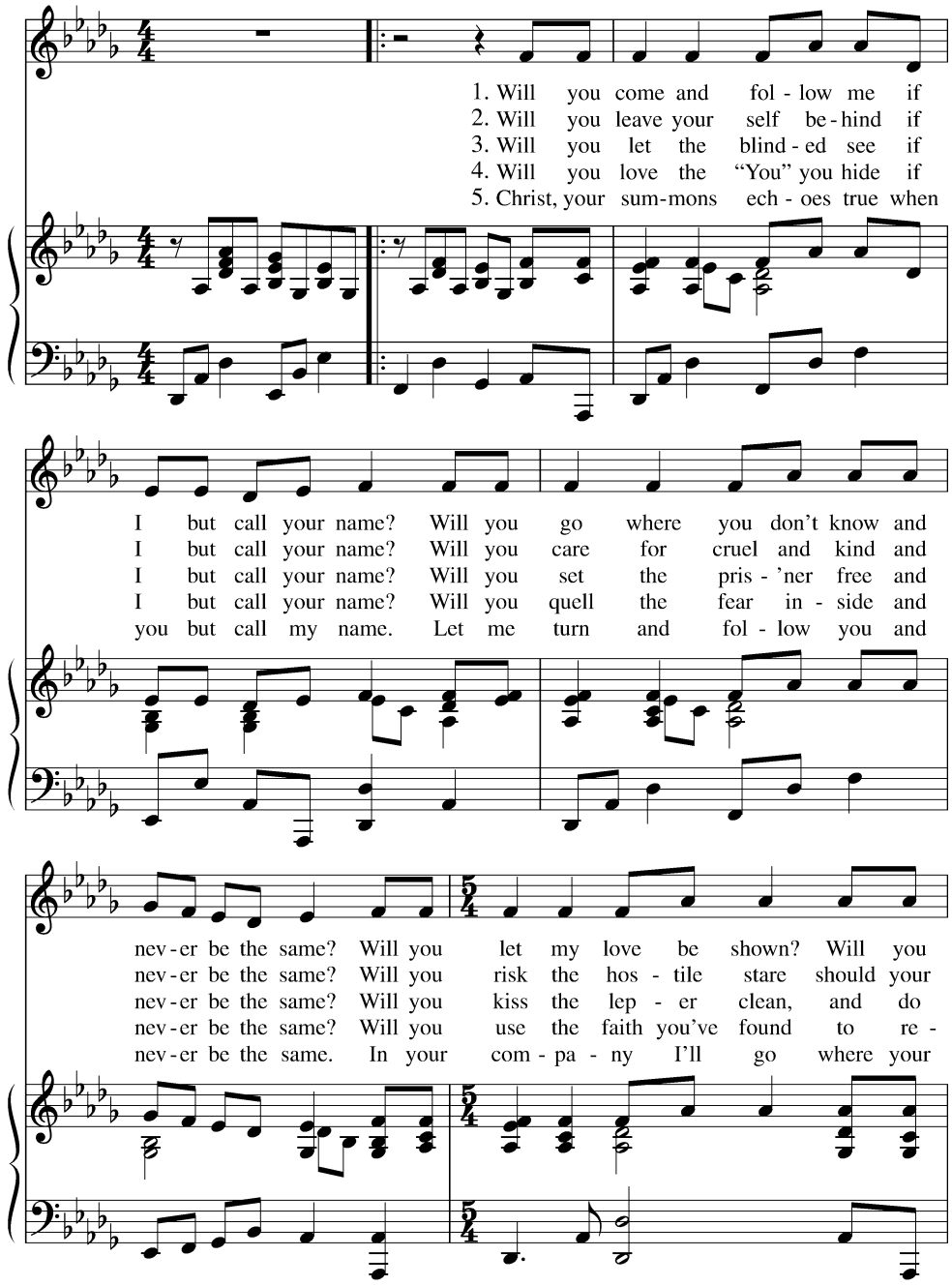
Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30	10:30 a.m. Philosophy of Love led by Prof Peter Antich
Saturday, July 12	2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Susan Wade

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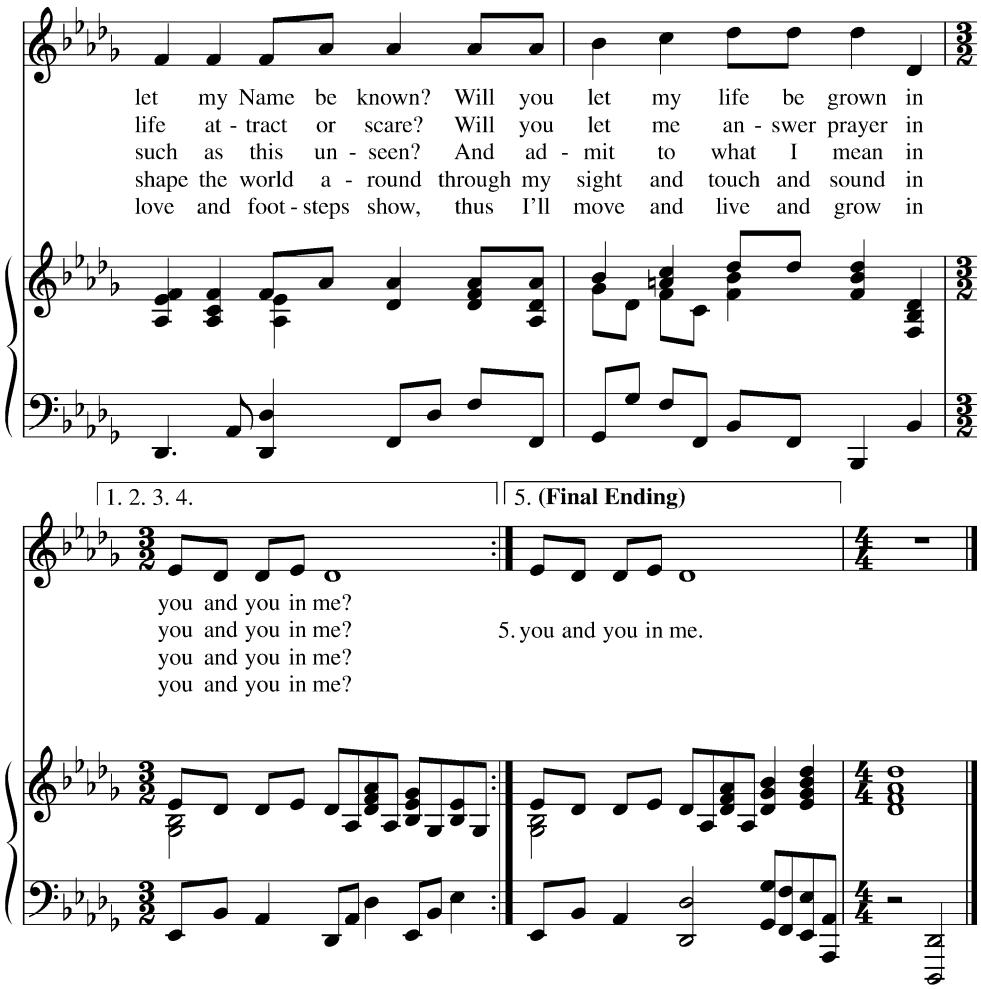


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Will you come and follow me *Wonder Love and Praise,* #757
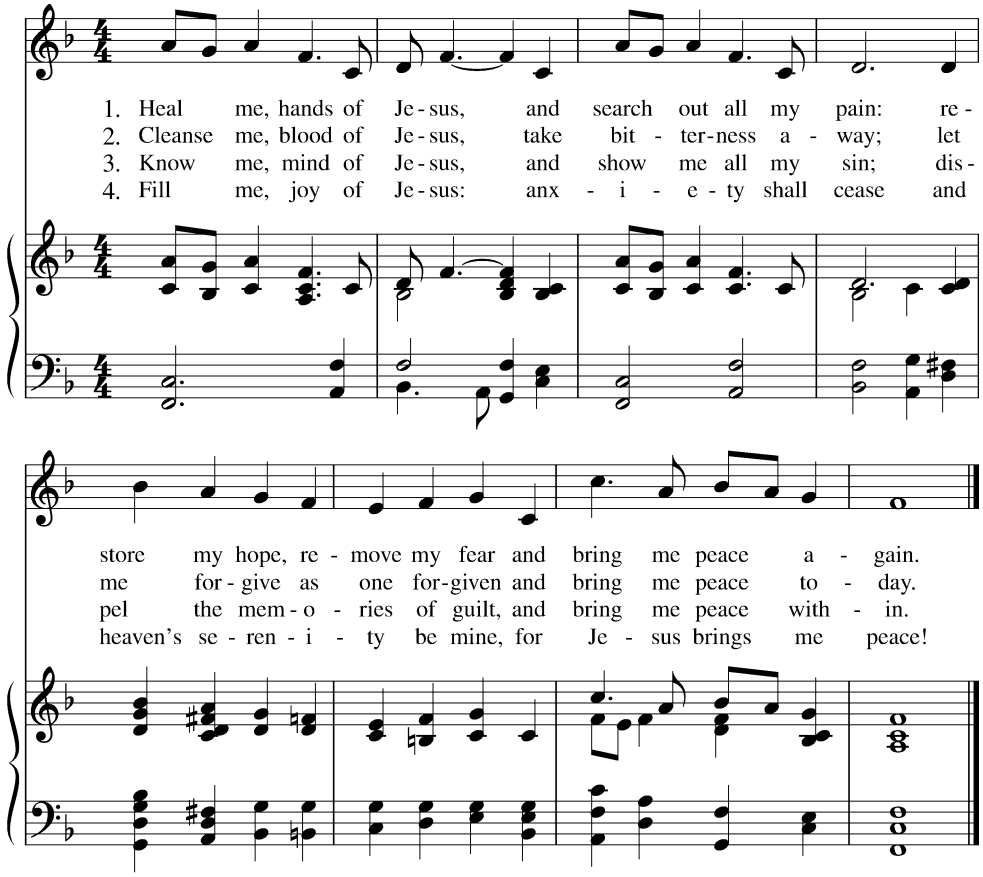


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Heal me, hands of Jesus *Wonder Love and Praise,* #773



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