

PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

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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. Andrew Stoessel, Celebrant

Connie Mayo, Music Director

Third Sunday of the Season of Creation

Pentecost Proper 20

September 21, 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.**

The bell is rung three times

Prelude: *Christus, der ist mein Leben* J. G. Walther
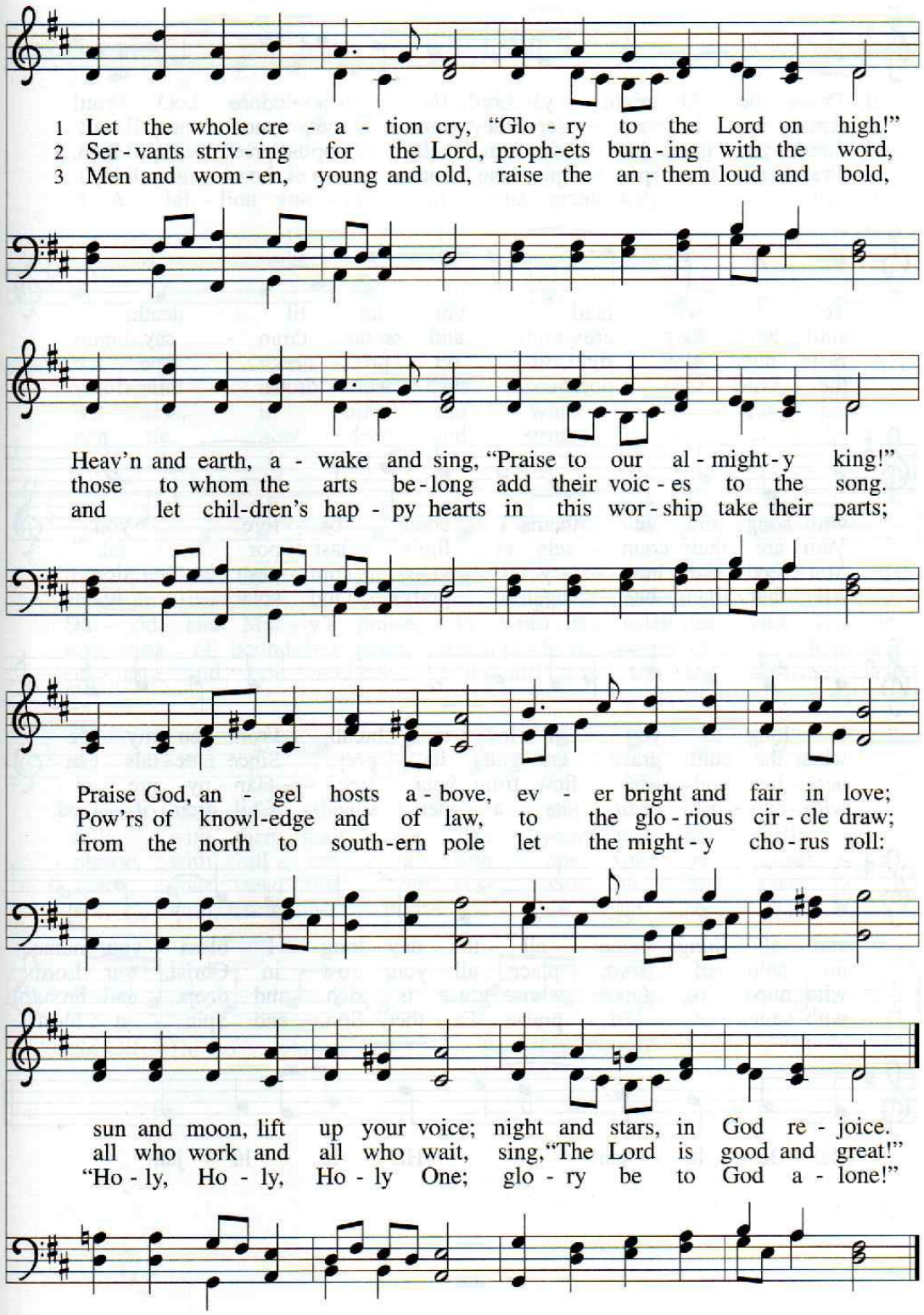
Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn 398 *I sing the mighty power of God (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)*

Let the Whole Creation Cry 876



Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.
Music: Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

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The Collects of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Grant us, Creator God, to put wealth to use in relieving the suffering of others; so that we might hold fast to the love that endures; 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
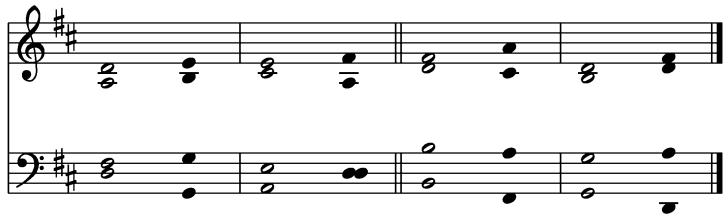
First Lesson: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.
Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:
"Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"
("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")
"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."
For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.
Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?
Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?
O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!
Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 79: 1-9

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple;*
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble. ‖
They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

They have shed their blood like water on every side of Je-rusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them. ‖
We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those a-round us.

A How long will you be angry, O LORD? *
will your fury blaze like fire for- ever? *(return to A)*
A Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name. ‖
B For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.

Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low. ‖
Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

Second Lesson: First Letter to Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For
there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all
-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 538 *God of mercy, God of grace (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, `What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, `What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, `How much do you owe my master?' He answered, `A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, `Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, `And how much do you owe?' He replied, `A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, `Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon The Rev. Andrew Soessel

Silence

Profession of Faith

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

Helen and Gibbie Nauman, Mimi Gerstell, Agnes and Billy, Barbara K., Julie and Tom, Gwen Murray, Sally, Beth Kyzer, David, Preston Henderson, Mollie Ann Meserve, Heidi (Jonny's mother), Tammie and Jason Cox, Tyler Goss, Kate Hallen and Bob Blum, Judith Jerome, Mimi Maslan, Semantha, Judy, Megan, Bishop Thomas Brown, Naomi, Anne Burton, Hewit, Mary Ann and Terry, Nishah, David Morrish, Corbin, Rebecca, Pam B., Jaxson, Heather Corey, Stephen Gill, Bill Scaife, Brent Was, Gary and Wellesley, Nancy Greene, Peter Brown, Mary Lawrence Hicks and family, Seth, Linda Shepard and family,

Mary Ann Shaw, Lindsay Bowker, Marcia Scott, Tony Stoneburner, Carol Stoneburner

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 reins 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.**

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.**

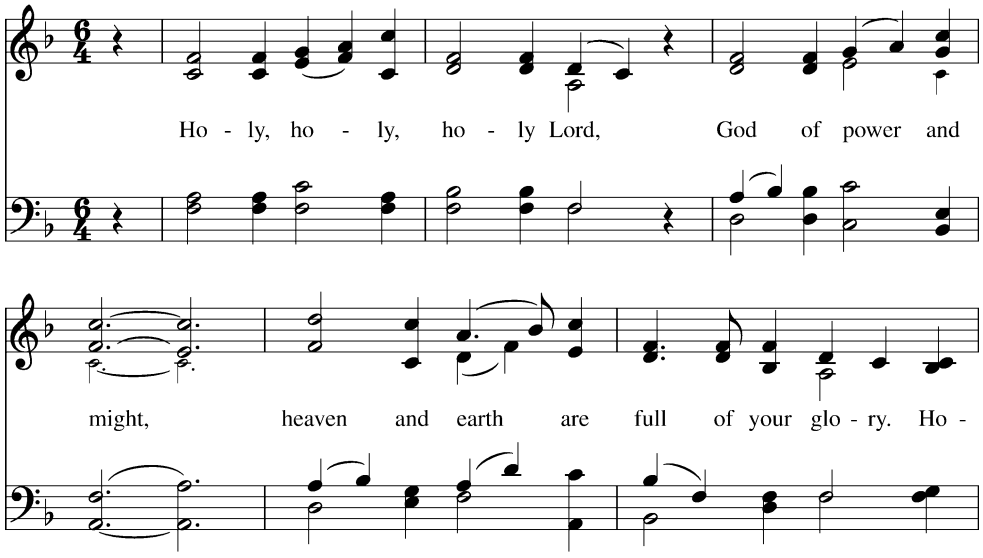
The people are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

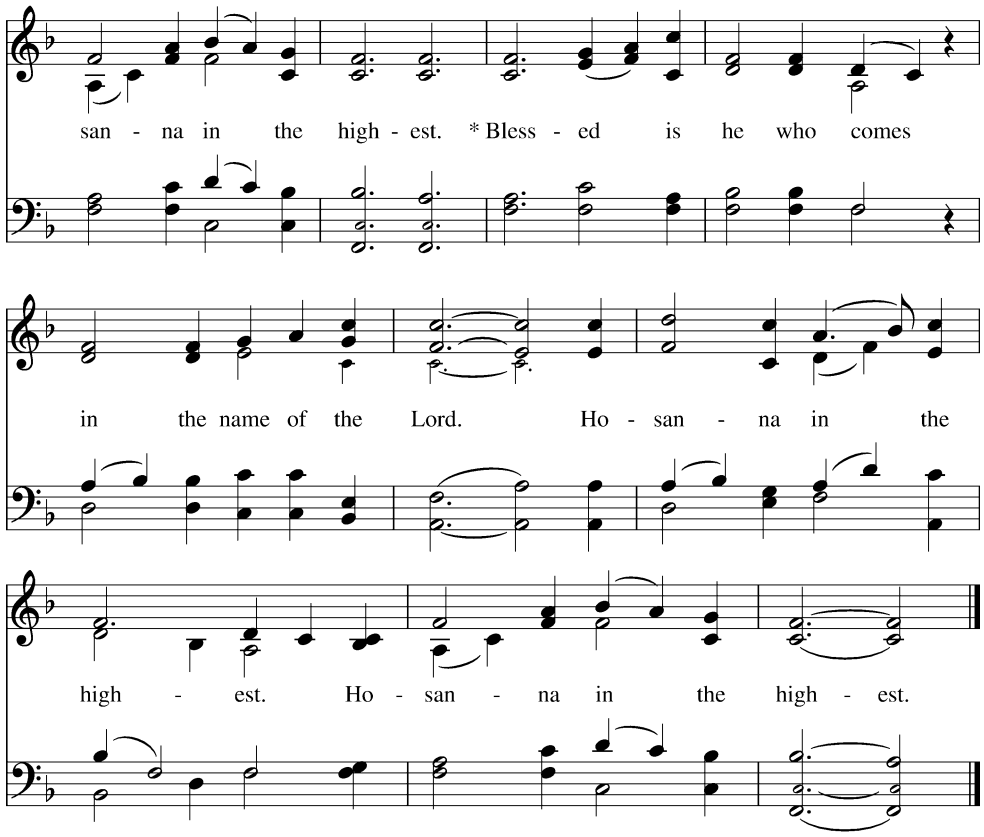
The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 698 *Eternal Spirit of the living Christ (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 707 *Take my life and let it be (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Tune on the 6th mode* Johann Pachelbel

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, September 22	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, September 24	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday, September 27	8:30 a.m. - The topic of this month's Men's Breakfast will be immigration and will be led by Dan McDonald. Because it is a topic of general interest to everyone in our community, this will be a joint Men's and Women's Breakfast. Everyone is welcome.
Sunday, September 28	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding
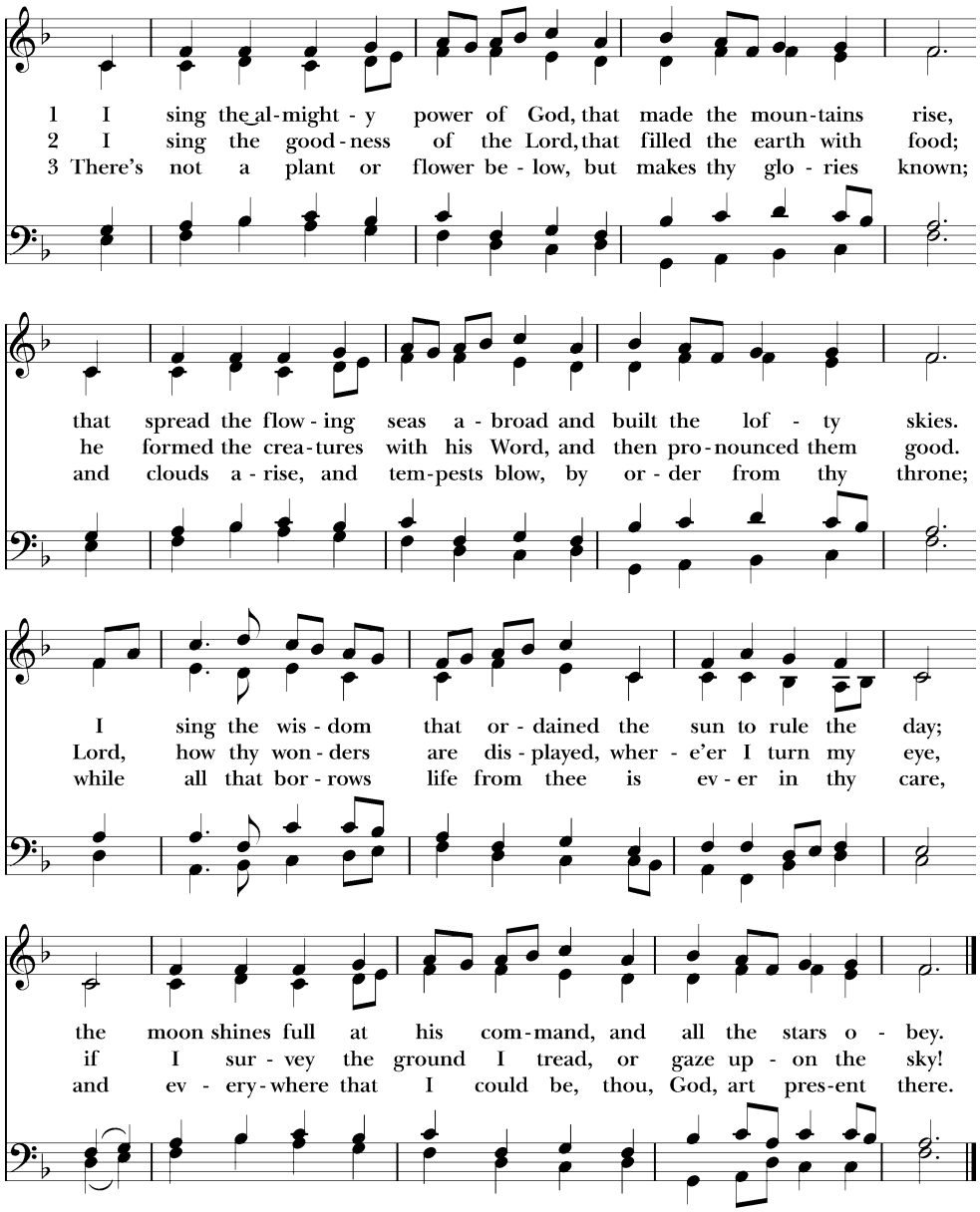
GPS (Giving Our Priorities Shape)

Celebrate the Season of Creation, September 1- October 13

Have you ever considered composting as a way to reduce our community's greenhouse gas emissions, improve our soils, and save our towns money by reducing wastes that the private haulers have to truck away to a regional landfill? CHICKADEE COMPOST is a local business that can partner with you in your effort to compost and with your contributions will provide magnificent soil for your gardening needs.

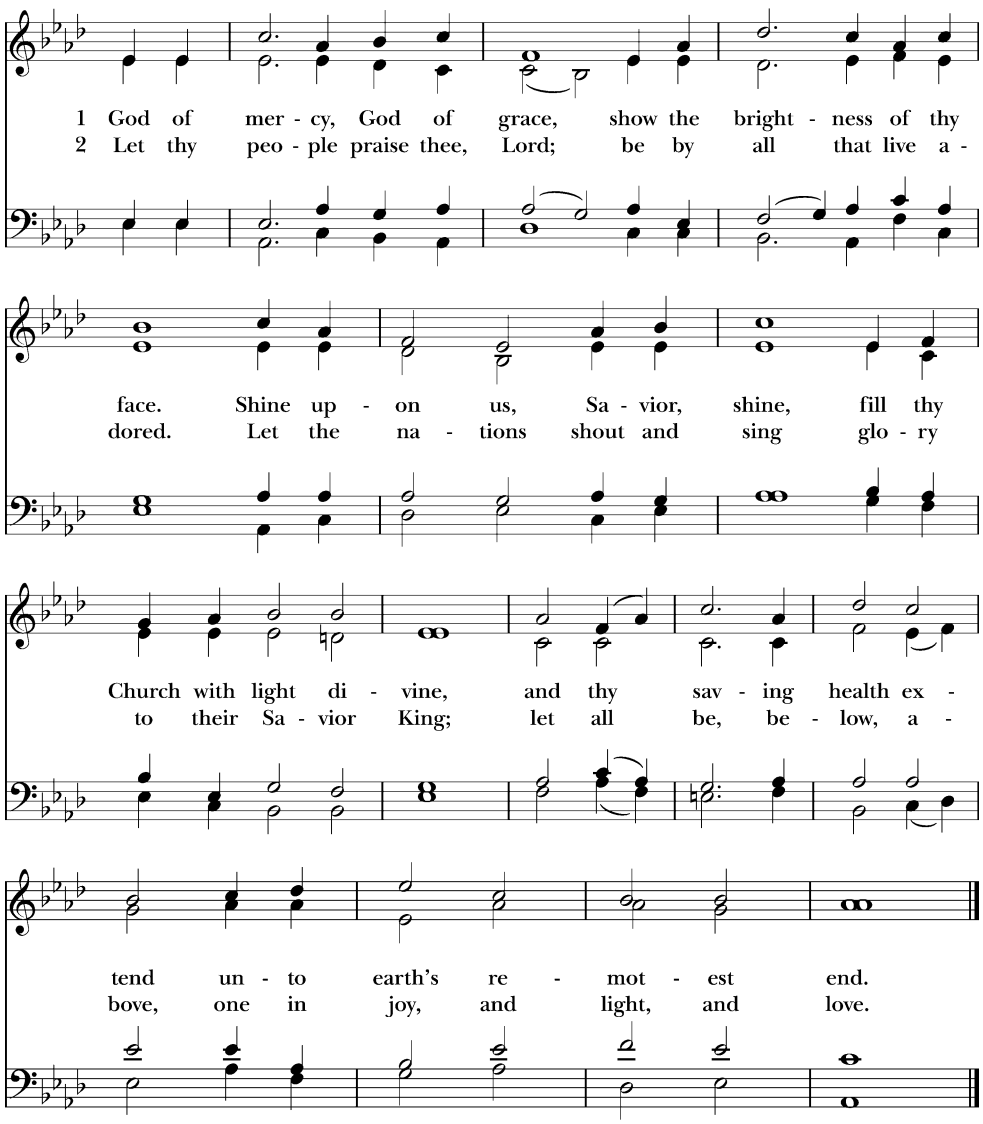
The GPS action for this week of our celebration of the Season of Creation is to go to the Chickadee Compost website (or visit in person in Surry) and learn how you might join with them in a compost creating adventure! Enjoy their photos of huge piles of beautiful rich soil that was made possible by community participation. https://www.chickadeecompost.com/

I Sing the almighty power of God *The Hymnal 1982,* #398



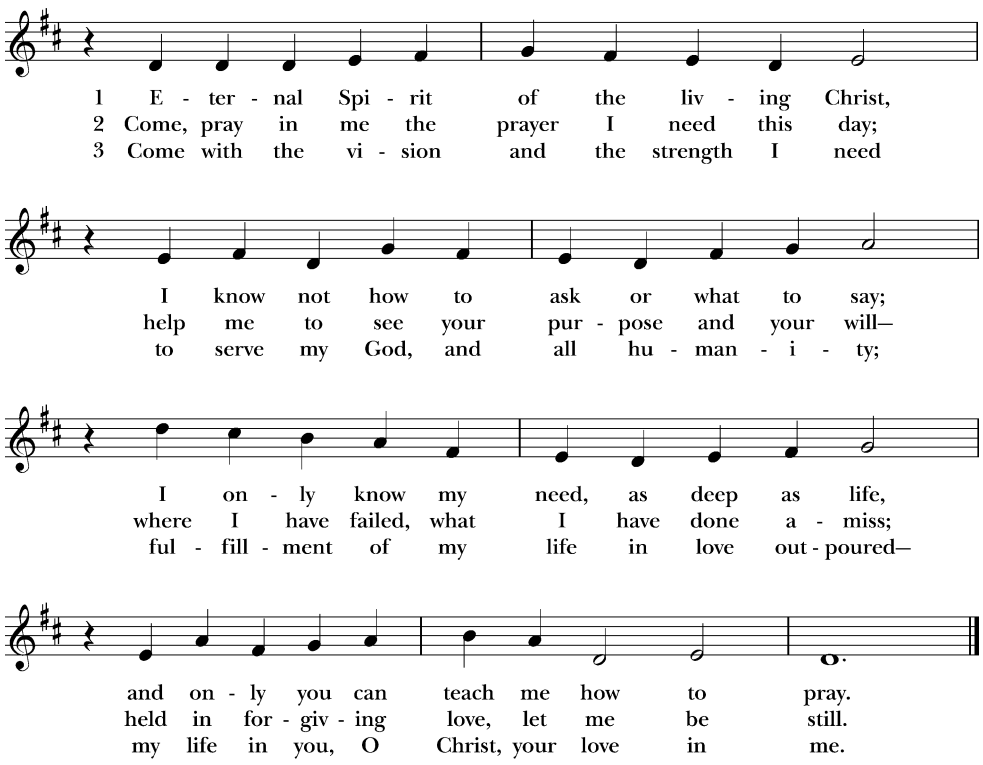
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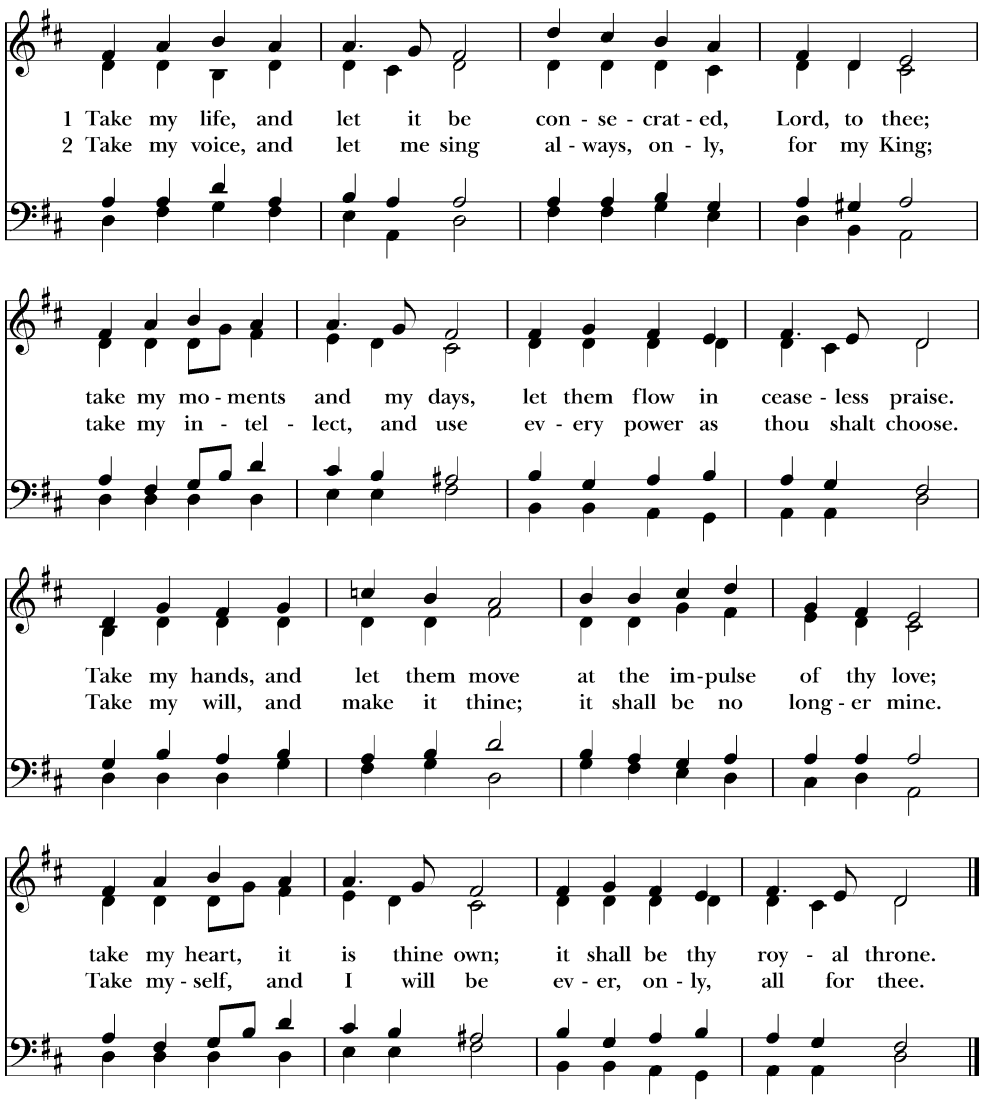


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Eternal Spirit of the living Christ *The Hymnal 1982,* #698



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Take my life, and let it be *The Hymnal 1982*, #707



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