

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

Pentecost Proper 9

July 7, 2024

Celebrant: 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 Gathering of the Community

The service begins with the ringing of the bell three times

Prelude: *Herzlich tut mich erfreuen* Johannes Brahms
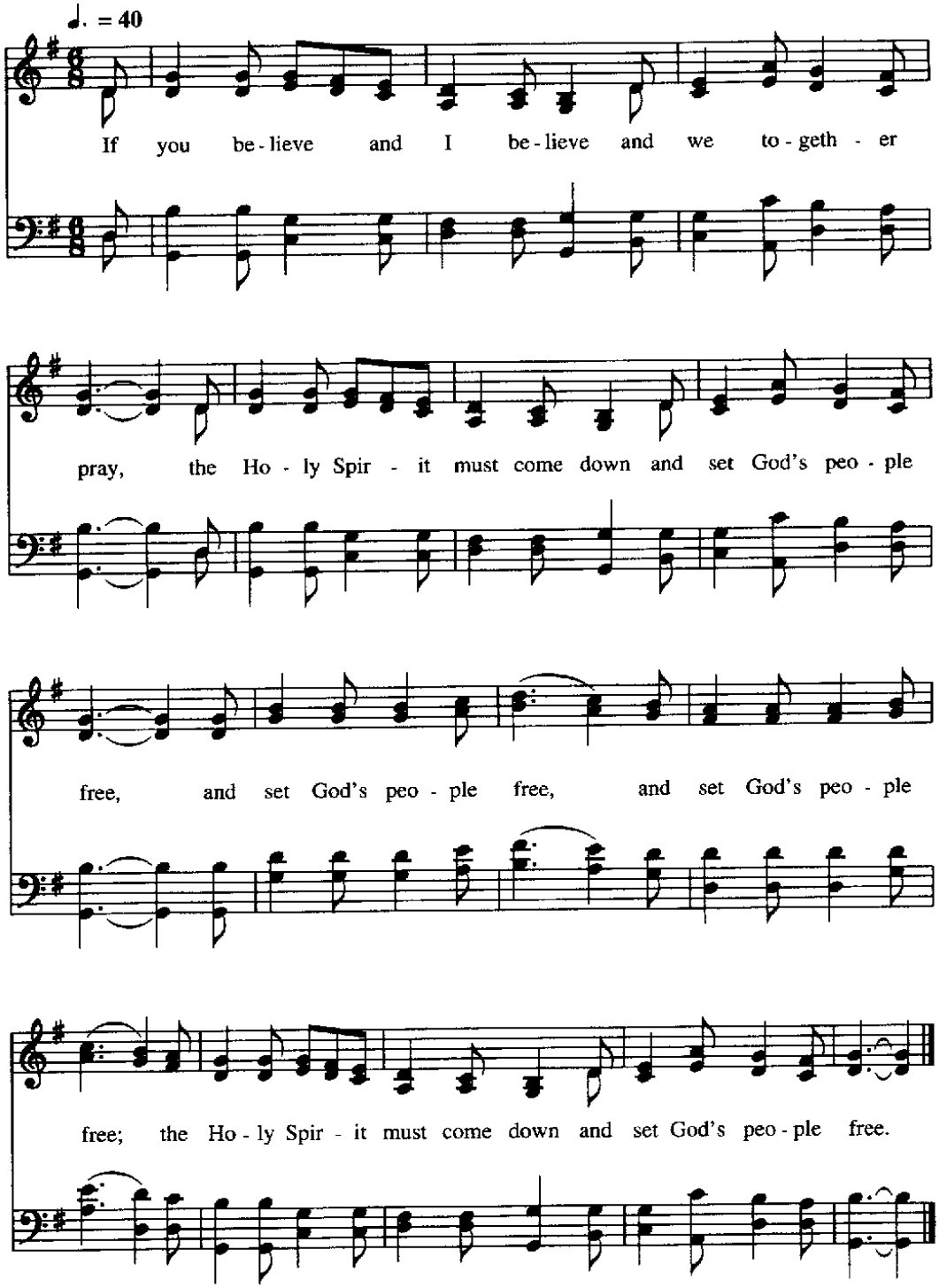
Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell.

Opening Hymn 637 *How firm a foundation (verses 1-3, in back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences
Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Congregation: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Song of Praise: *If you believe and I believe (next page)*

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The Collect of the Day
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-5
The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123
To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to the LORD our God,
until he show us his mercy.
Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

Second Lesson: Second Letter to the Corinthians 12:2-10
I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being

too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn ELW 767 *Lord, take my hand and lead me (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Congregation: **Glory be to you, O Christ.**
Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.
Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

Silence

Affirmation
We believe in God, the source of love,
who breathed God's Spirit into all of creation,
who created humanity in God's own image and likeness,
and who calls God's children to be about the work of reconciliation
and justice in the world God so loves.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God incarnate,
who was born of a woman,

who modeled for us a way of living on the earth,
and whose passionate love for God's creation
led to his Passion and death on the cross.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who moved over the darkness at the beginning to bring light and life,
and who moves over the darkness still,
opening our hearts to God's incarnate presence in our midst
and calling us to be manifestations of incarnation
in the name and in the way of Jesus.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Holy God, enliven the Church for its mission
Congregation: **that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Leader: Breathe fresh life into your people.
Congregation: **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Leader: Creator of all, lead us and all people into ways of justice and peace,
Congregation: **that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Leader: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Congregation: **Teach us to care creatively for its resources and its needs.**

Leader: God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others,
Congregation: **that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Leader: Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
Congregation: **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

Leader: God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in any way.
Congregation: **May they know the power of your saving love.**

Leader: With Your grace, may we be willing agents of your compassion.
Congregation: **Strengthen us as we accompany all who are seeking wholeness.**

Leader: We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ and those whose faith is known to you alone.
Congregation: **Gracious God, into your hands we commend them.**

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?

Leader: O Holy One, sustainer of the church, hear our prayers, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Set our hearts on fire with your love and give us the courage to speak and live that love as we minister to each other and the world.
Congregation: **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.**

Recognition of birthdays, anniversaries and other significant events occurring in July

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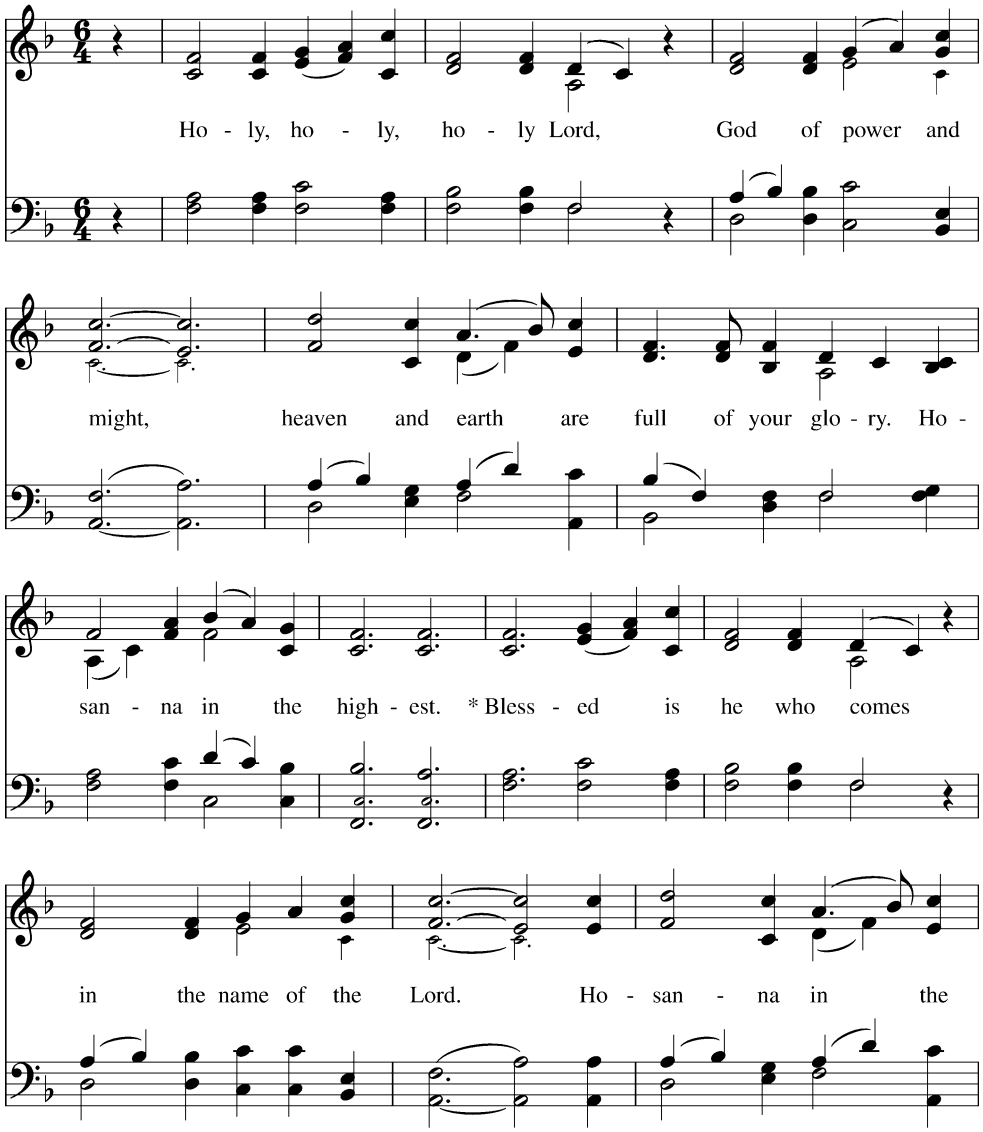
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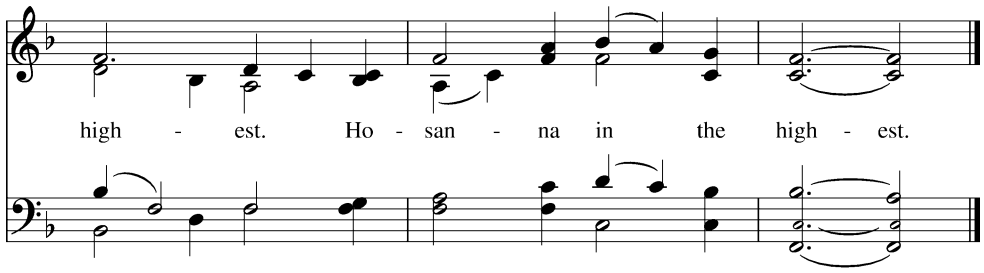
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted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

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Wonder Love and Praise*, #858





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 this prayer of spiritual communion:
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.

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
Celebrant: Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom.
May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.
Congregation: **Glory to God, whose power, working in us,**
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
and in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Commission and Blessing
Celebrant: God, who created you in the divine image, sends you forth:
Congregation: **we go,**
to reflect the presence of our Creator
to everyone we meet.

Jesus, who has redeemed you,
has established the reign of God in our midst:
Congregation: **we go,**
to bring healing to the broken of the world.

The Holy Spirit, who calls you to be God's people,
goes with you to many places:
Congregation: **We go,**
to tear down the walls that divide us,
and to build lives of hope for all of God's children.

And now, may the peace of the rolling waves,
the peace of the silent mountains,
the peace of the singing stars,
and the deep, deep peace of the Prince of Peace,
be with you now and forever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

*written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his **Lectionary Liturgies** blog*

Sending Hymn ELW 773 *Precious Lord, Take my hand (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Jerusalem, thou city fair and high* Max Reger

Announcements

Dismissal

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CALENDAR

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

Monday, July 8	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, July 10	10:30 a.m. "Choosing a Good Death after a Long Life" Dr. Samuel Harrington, presenter 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, July14	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Andrew Stoessel presiding

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, July 16	4:00 p.m. Mimi Gerstell discusses the challenge to the theory of Dark Matter
Wednesdays July 17-31	10:30 a.m. Dante's Divine Comedy discussion led by Mary Jane Poole and Pete Dane
Sunday, July 21	11:15 a.m. Annual Meeting 5:00 p.m. Celtic Eventide

GPS (Getting our Priorities Straight)

ACTION ITEM

Justice for All
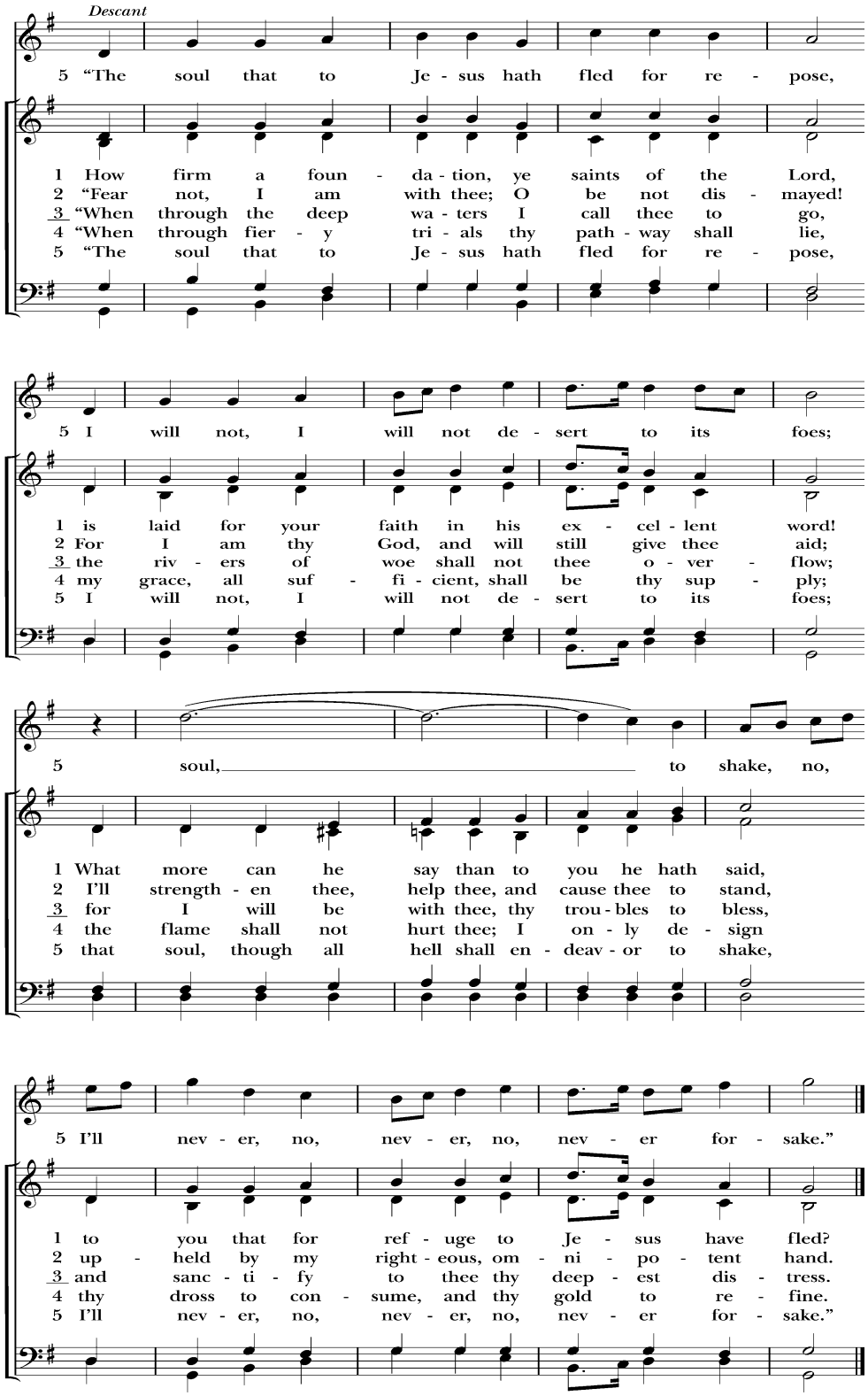
Thursday, July 4th, 2024, a federal holiday, commemorated the ratification of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress on July 4th, 1776.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness…."

We invite you to take a fresh look at these words penned so long ago and think of how you can, in today's complicated and not very just or equal United States of America, take action to bring the vision of Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness a little closer to reality.
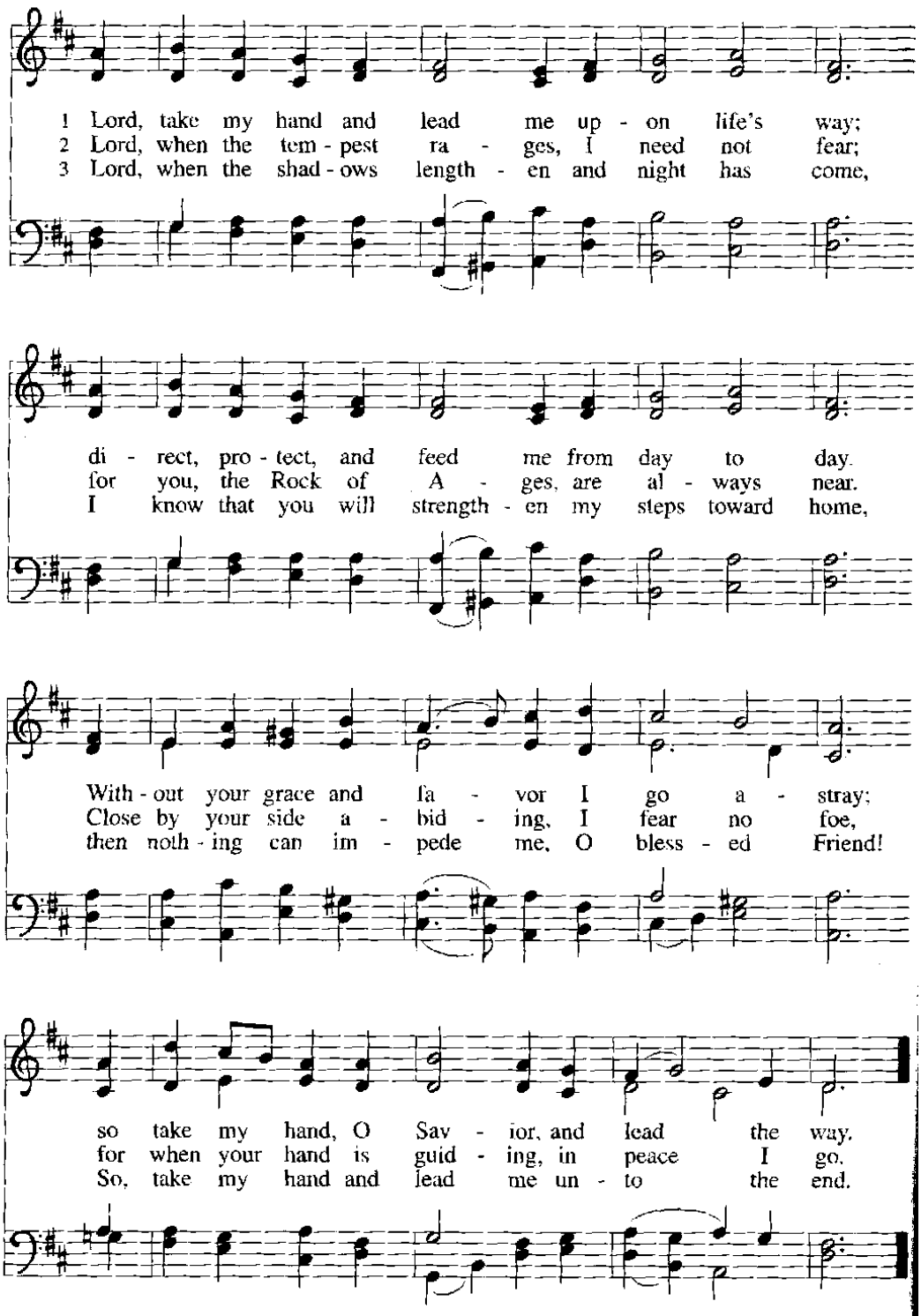
Possibilities? Advocate for affordable housing, healthcare for all, immigration reform, sovereignty for the native tribes of Maine. Advocate against gender or racial discrimination.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord *The Hymnal 1982*, #637



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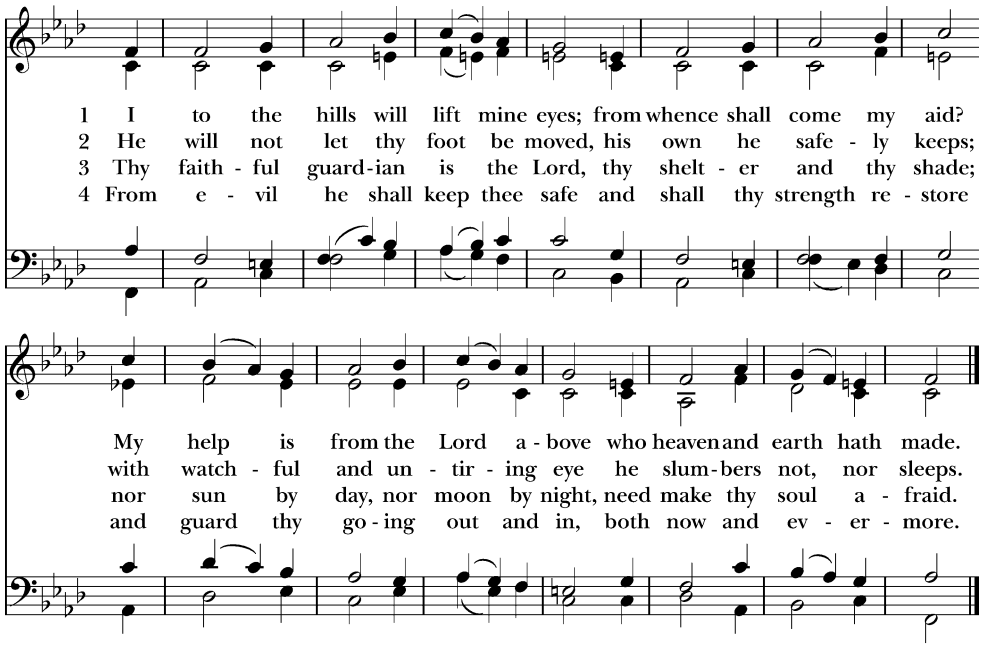
767 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



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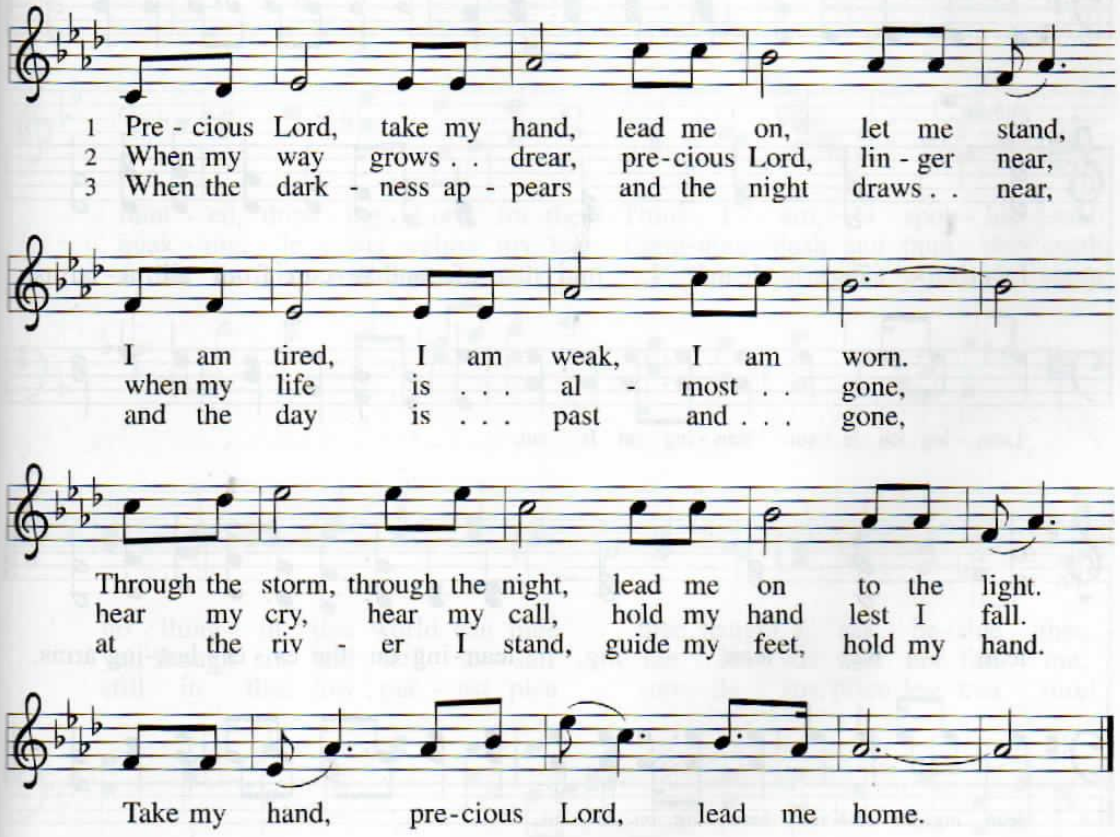
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I to the hills will lift mine eyes *The Hymnal 1982,* #668



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Precious Lord, Take My Hand 773



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