

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
The Rev. Andrew Stoessel, Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director

Pentecost Proper 10

July 14, 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

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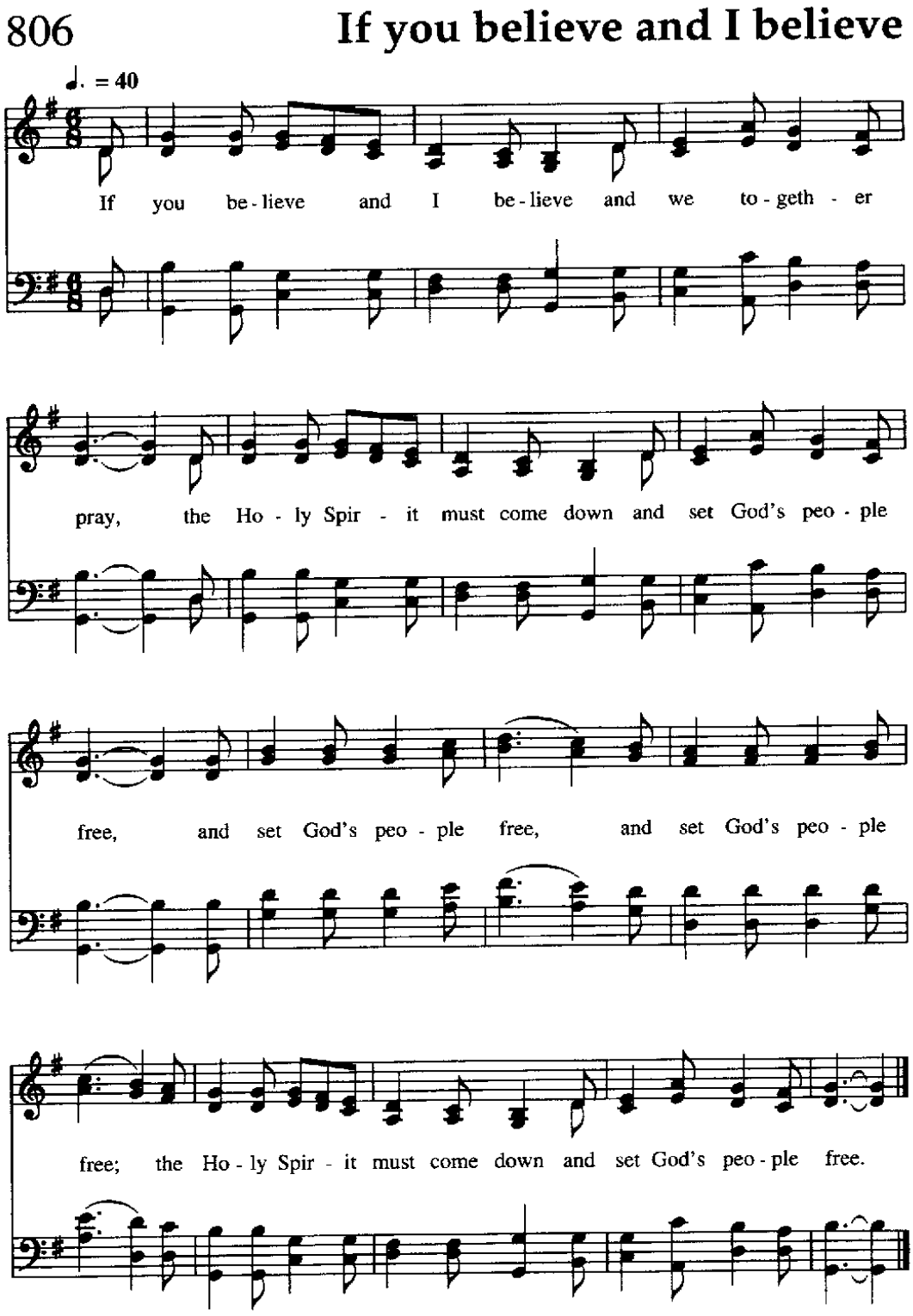
Prelude: *Christus, mein Leben* Johann Gottfried Walther

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell.

Opening Hymn 8 *Morning has broken (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:



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The Collect of the Day
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: II Samuel 6: 1-19
David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.
When they came to the threshing-floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen shook it. The anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God struck him there because he reached out his hand to the ark; and he died there beside the ark of God. David was angry because the LORD had burst forth with an outburst upon Uzzah; so that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day. David was afraid of the LORD that day; he said, 'How can the ark of the LORD come into my care?' So David was unwilling to take the ark of the LORD into his care in the city of David; instead David took it to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite for three months; and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.
It was told King David, 'The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.' So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.
As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.
They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the

people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24
Congregation: **The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,**
the world and all who dwell therein.
For it is he who founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

Who can ascend the hill of the LORD?
and who can stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
They shall receive a blessing from the LORD
and a just reward from the God of their salvation.
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O gates
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory.

Second Lesson: Letter to the Ephesians 1:3-14
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also

obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Humbly in your sight (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Congregation: **Glory be to you, O Christ.**
King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."
For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Andrew Stoessel

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.**

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.
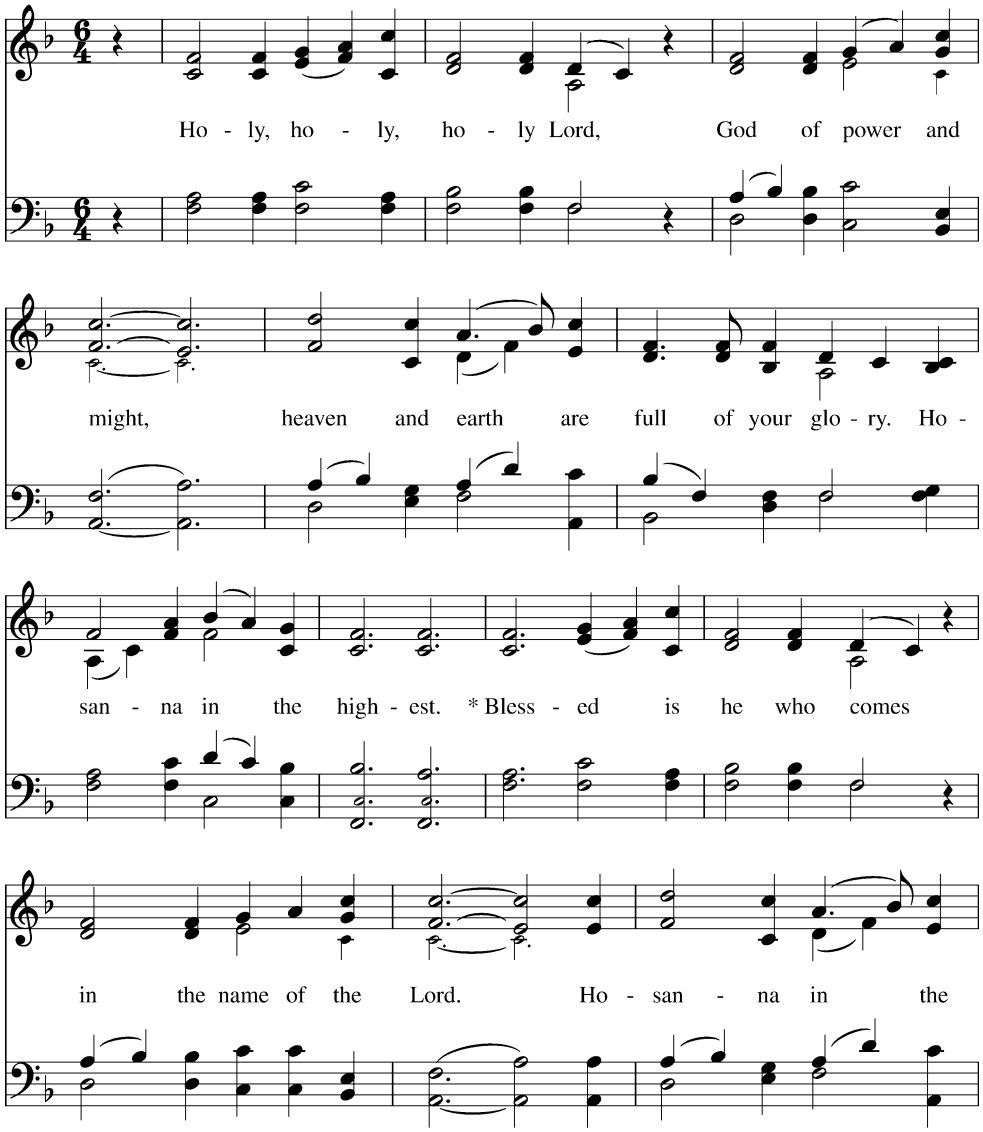
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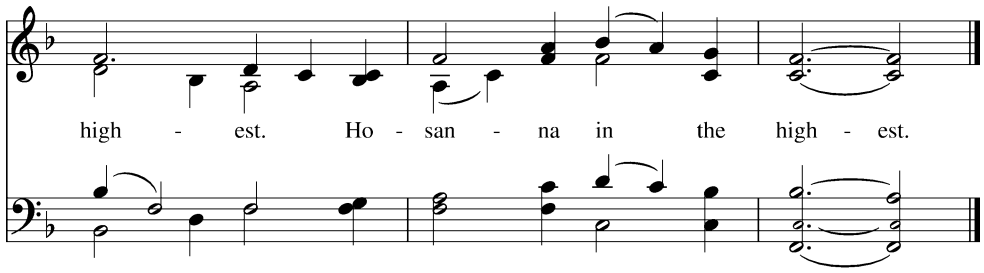
Offertory Hymn 566 *From thee all skill and science flow (in back of bulletin)*

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:

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 409 *The Spacious Firmament (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Minuet* G. F. Handel

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 15	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, July 16	4:00 p.m. Mimi Gerstell discusses the challenge to the theory of Dark Matter
Wednesday, July 17	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. First Session Dante's Divine Comedy discussion led by Mary Jane Poole and Pete Dane 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Thursday, July 18	8:30 a.m. Worship and Music Ministry Meeting (Zoom)
Saturday, July 20	8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
Sunday, July 21	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Andrew Stoessel presiding 11:15 a.m. Annual Meeting 5:00 p.m. Celtic Eventide

Looking Ahead

Saturday, July 27	4:00-6:00 p.m. Annual Lobster Picnic
Sunday, August 4	11::15 a.m. Dedication of Memorial Garden 11:15- 12:30 p.m. H.O.M.E. Craft Fair
Tuesday, August 27- 30	Women's Retreat. Mark your calendar now. All women invited.

Giving our Priorities Shape (GPS)

ACTION ITEM

Love Thy Neighbor

For the rest of July, our flag and sign reflect our focus on meeting the needs of the Deer Isle community. Building bridges. Crossing bridges with each other's help. Reaching out. A couple of weeks ago, Fay Beaudoin outlined some of the specific items needed at the **Healthy Island Project Pantry**. Can you help?
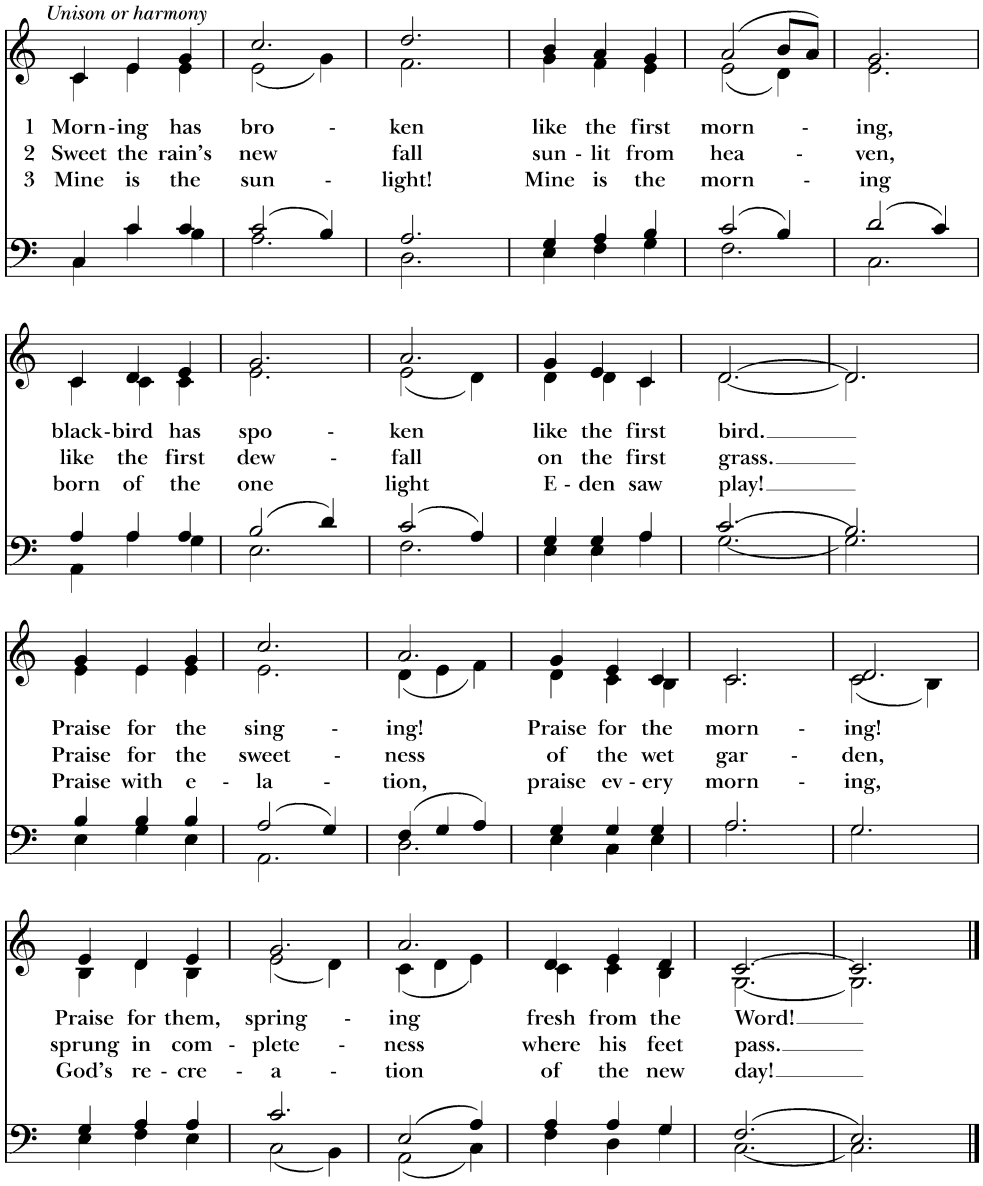
- laundry detergent in pods
- laundry dryer sheets
- incontinence pads/underwear for both men and women
- toilet paper
- paper towels
- women's sanitary pads from panty liners to period pads/tampons
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- shaving cream and disposable razors
- sanitary wipes/dudes wipes
- dish soap in small bottles
- bars of soap
- antiperspirant for both women and men

Look for the box in the entryway to drop off your items. Thank you!

ALSO

This month Simmering Pot soups will be made at St Brendan's on two successive Mondays, July 22 and 29. Many hands make light work!

Morning has broken *The Hymnal 1982,* #8

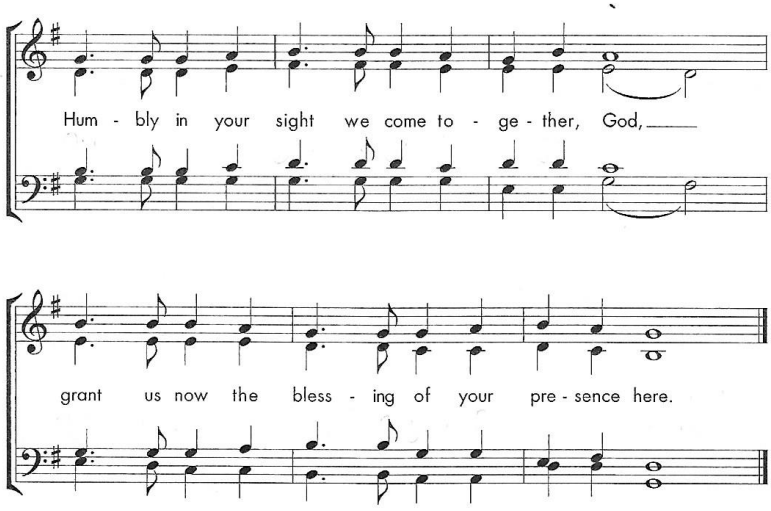


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Humbly in your sight

Words: Tom Colvin
Music: TIZA PANTAZI PINU, adapt. T. Colvin, arr. John L. Bell



1. Humbly in your sight we come together, God,
grant us now the blessing of your presence here.

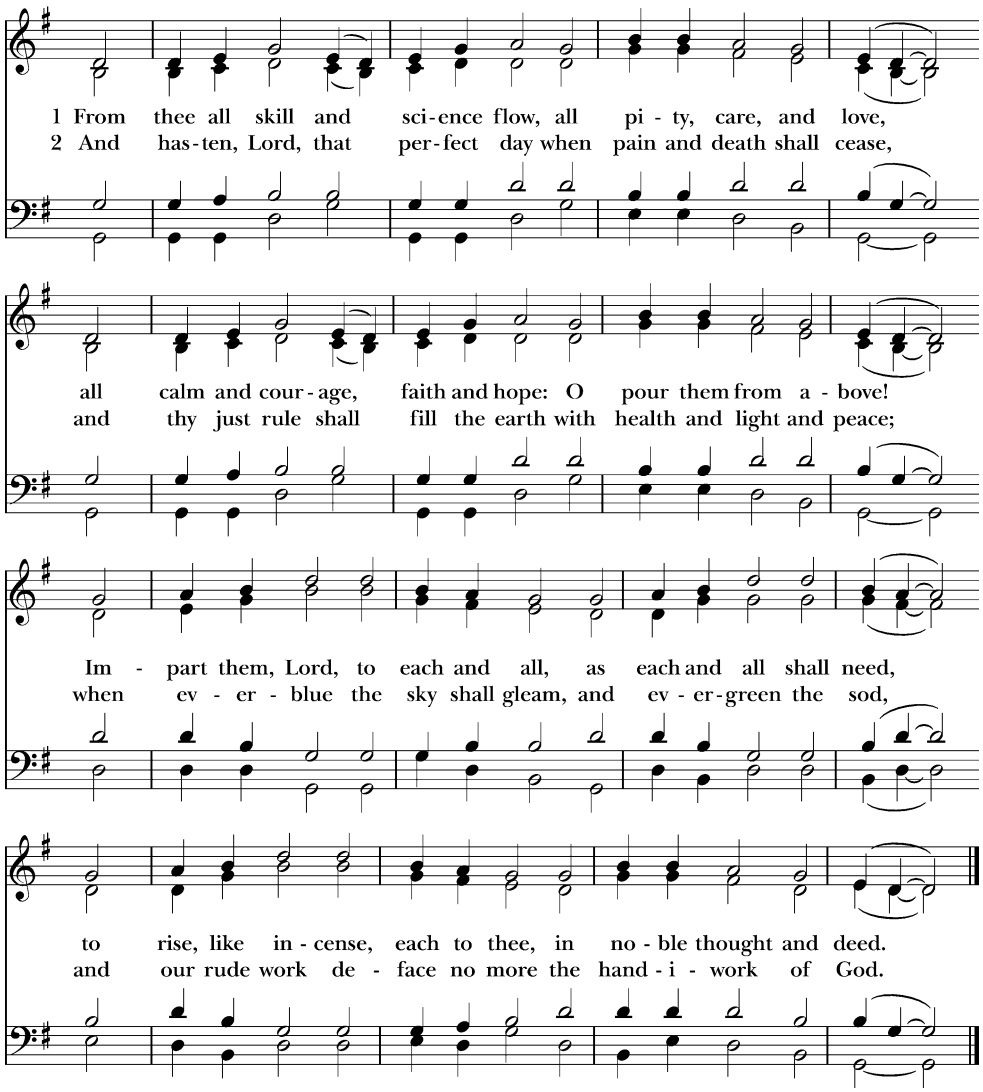
2. These, our hearts, are yours, we give them to you, God,
purify our love to make it like your own.

3. These, our eyes, are yours, we give them to you, God,
may we always see your world as with your sight.

Tom Colvin's words are based on a hymn in Tumbuka by Rev. J.P. Chirwa (d.1940) that is often sung as a prayer of dedication in Malawi.
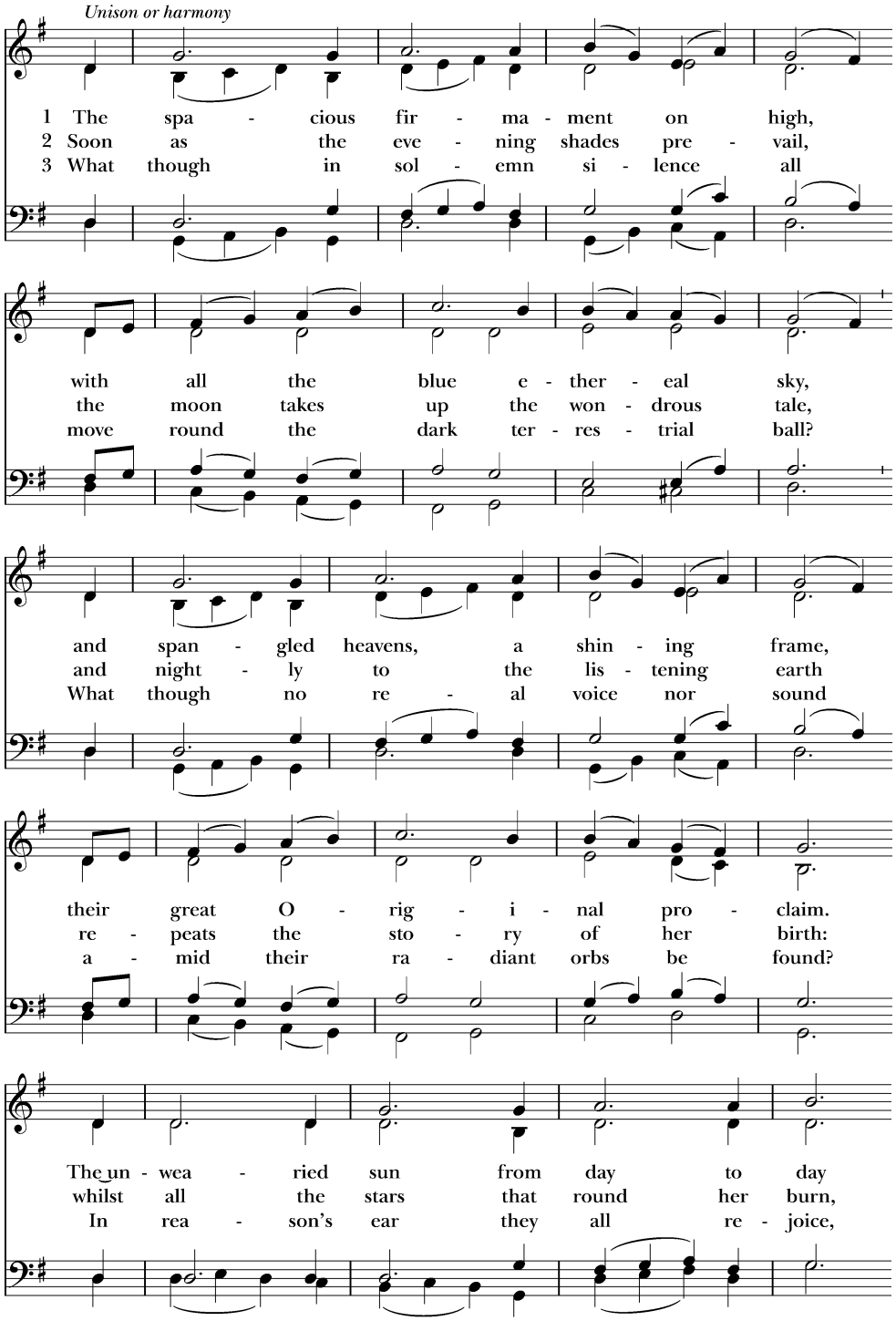
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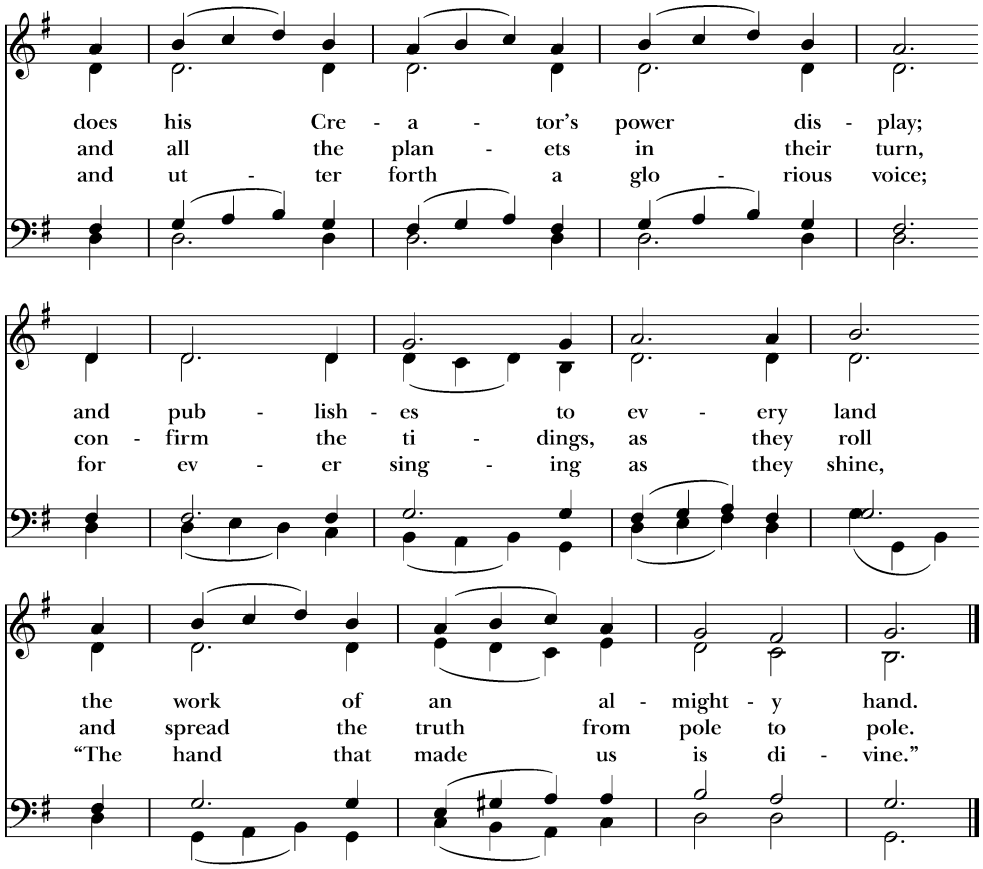
From thee all skill and science flow *The Hymnal 1982,* #566



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The spacious firmament on high *The Hymnal 1982,* #409





Words: Joseph Addison (1672-1719); para. of Psalm 19:1-6. Music: *Creation*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); adapt. *Dulcimer*, or *New York Collection of Sacred Music*, 1950, alt.