

**David's United Church of Christ  
September 17, 2023  
Sustainability Sunday  
Online Worship Bulletin**

Prelude – “All Things Bright and Beautiful” Traditional English melody, arr. Vicki Collinsworth  
*Tim Williams & Lyn Morton*

Introit – “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” setting by John Carter

Welcome & Announcements – *Pastor Emily Phillips*

Hymn – “For the Beauty of the Earth” vs. 1-4 & 6, sing \*refrain, communion (see lyrics below)

Call to Worship – *Pastor Emily Phillips*

One: God, brilliant Creator, yours is a household name.

**Many: Nursing infants gurgle chorus about you; toddlers shout the songs that drown out enemy talk and silence faithless babble.**

One: I look up at your macro-skies, dark and enormous, your handmade sky jewelry, the moon and stars mounted in their settings.

**Many: Then we look at our micro-selves and wonder, why do you bother with us? Why take a second look our way?**

One: Yet we've so narrowly missed being like the gods, bright with Eden's dawn light.

**Many: You gave us charge of your handcrafted world, repeated to us the Genesis-charge,**

One: Made us stewards of sheep and cattle, even animals in the wild, birds flying and fish swimming, whales singing in the ocean deeps.

**Many: God, brilliant Creator, your name echoes around the world. Amen.**

Invocation – *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children's Choir – “Someone's Gonna Use It” Tom Chapin

Children's Moment – *Lyn Morton*

Mission Moment – The Green Team

Invitation for Support – [www.davidsucc.org](http://www.davidsucc.org)

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Music – “Let All Things Now Living” Trad. Welsh melody, arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Christ all creatures here below.  
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter.  
One God Triune whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem – “Famine Song” Vida, arr. Matthew Culloton  
soloists, *Jackie Randall and Marcia Canterbury*

Scripture Lessons – Hebrew – Genesis 1: 1-5, 20-31; Psalm 24: 1-5  
Epistle – Romans 8: 19-24; Revelation 22: 1-5

Sermon – “There Is No Planet B” *Rev. Dr. Brian Q. Newcomb*

Hymn – “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (see lyrics below)

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession – **Joyous Creator, we acknowledge that we have tended to take our life on this wonderful planet for granted, failing to see how our actions impact the delicate environmental balance required to sustain life. Today we hold the Earth; we hold sisters and brothers who suffer from storms, droughts, and wildfires intensified by climate change. We hold all species that suffer, as we hold world leaders delegated to make decisions that impact all of life. We pray that the web of life may be mended through courageous actions to limit carbon emissions. We pray for right actions for adaptation and mitigation to help our already suffering earth community. We pray that love and wisdom might inspire our actions going forward, and the actions of communities so that we may with integrity, look into the eyes of brothers and sisters and all beings and truthfully say, we are doing our part to care for them and the future of our children. May love transform us and our world with new steps toward life.<sup>1</sup>**

Words of Assurance

Prayers of God’s People, Silent Prayers, Communion Prayer & Our Lord’s Prayer

Blessing and Partaking in the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn – “All Creatures of Our God” vs. 1, 3-5 & 7 (see lyrics below)

Benediction

Benediction Response – “The Peace of the Earth”

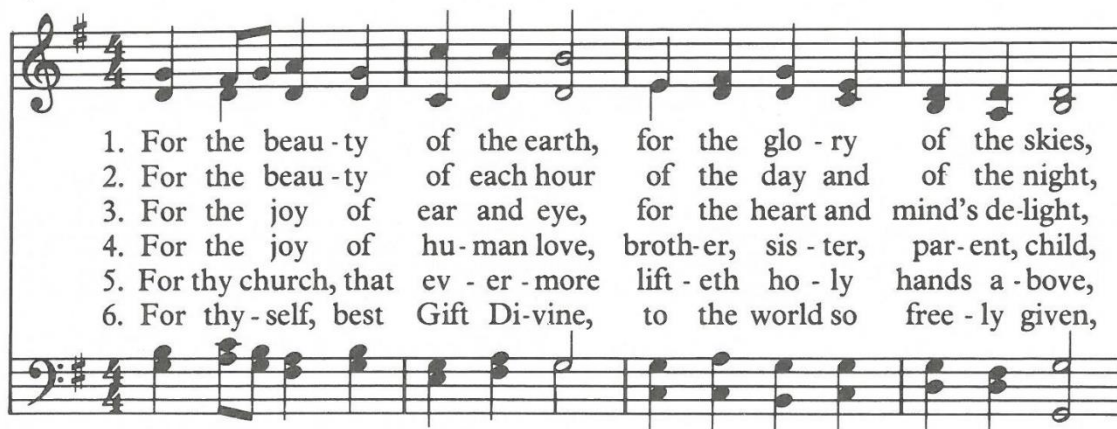
Postlude – “Festive Postlude” Harold DeCou

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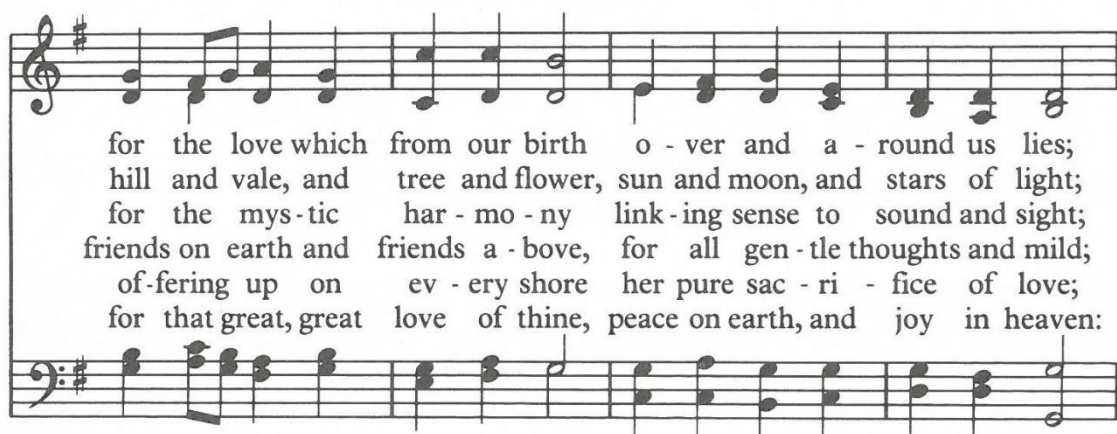
<sup>1</sup>Adapted from the website Interfaith Power & Life

# For the Beauty of the Earth

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1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,  
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5. For thy church, that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,  
 6. For thy - self, best Gift Di - vine, to the world so free - ly given,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies;  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight;  
 friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild;  
 of - fer - ing up on ev - ery shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love;  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*



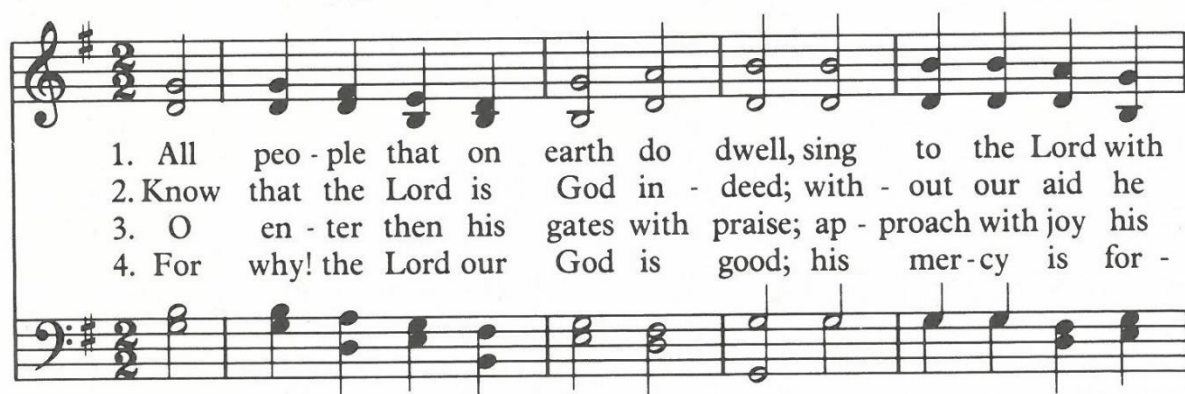
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.  
 \* Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

\*For Holy Communion

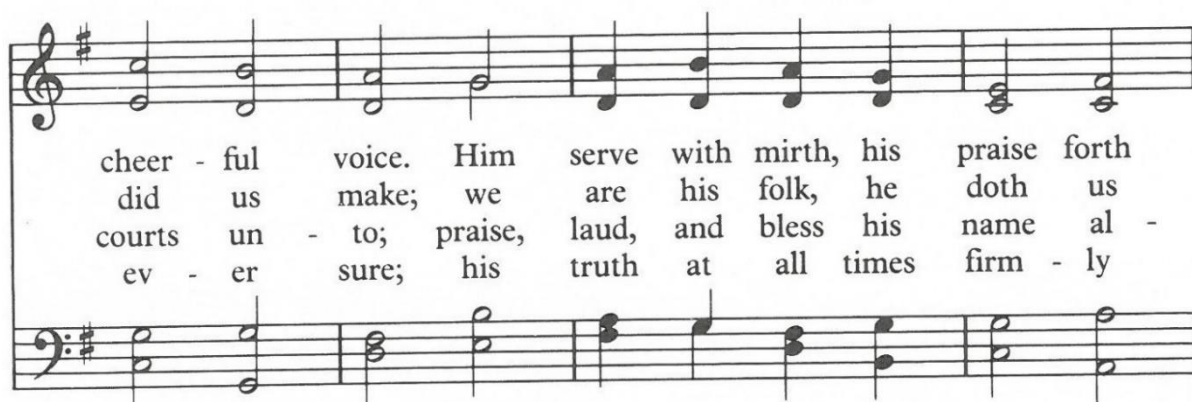
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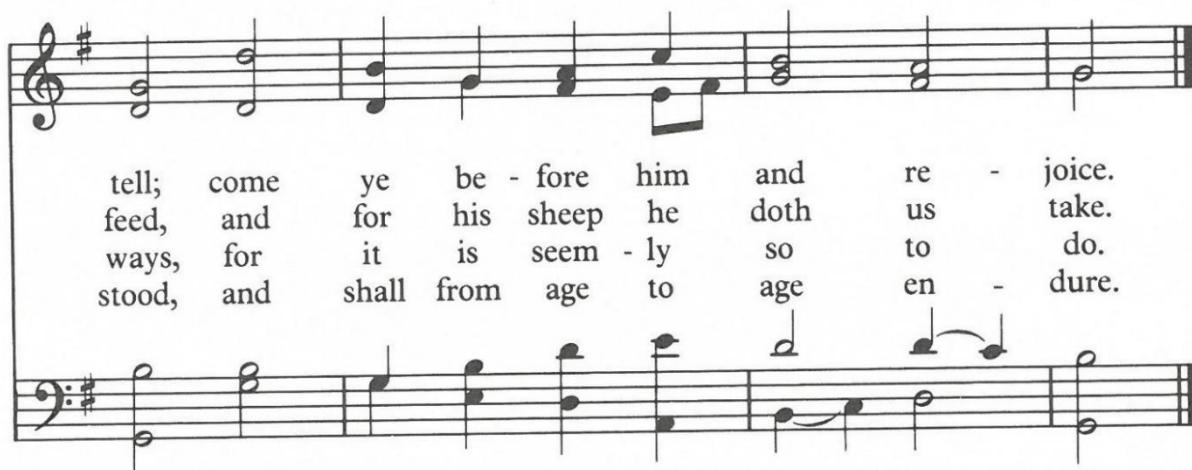
# 75 All People That on Earth Do Dwell



1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with  
 2. Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he  
 3. O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with joy his  
 4. For why! the Lord our God is good; his mer - cy is for -



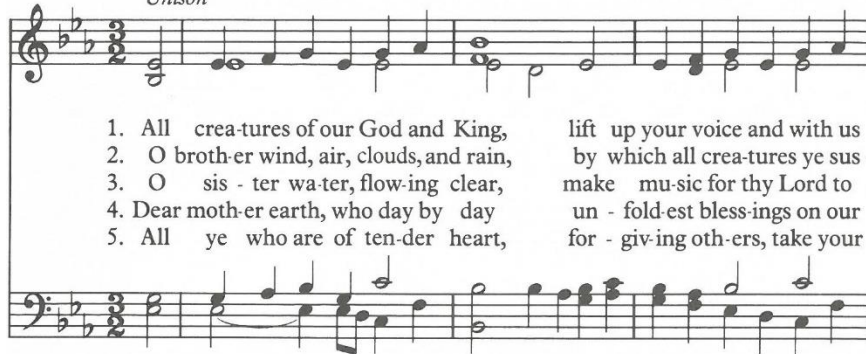
cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, his praise forth  
 did us make; we are his folk, he doth us  
 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his name al -  
 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly



tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
 stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

# 62 All Creatures of Our God and King


*Unison*



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us  
 2. O broth-er wind, air, clouds, and rain, by which all crea-tures ye sus-  
 3. O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for thy Lord to  
 4. Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-fold-est bless-ings on our  
 5. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your

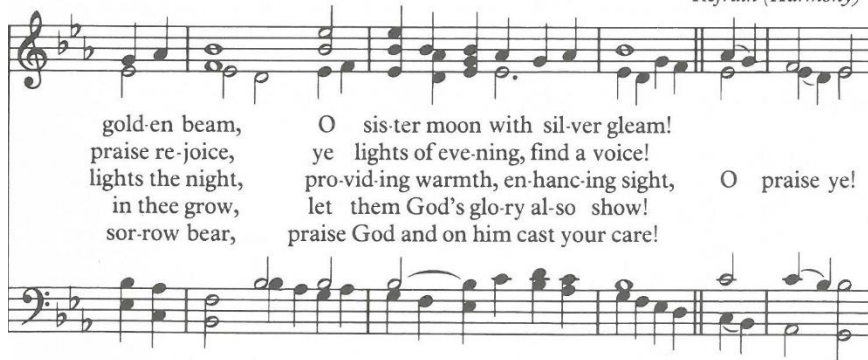
*Harmony*

*Unison*



sing, O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia! O broth-er sun with  
 tain, O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing morn, in  
 hear, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! O broth-er fire who  
 way, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! The flowers and fruits that  
 part, O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long pain and

*Refrain (Harmony)*



gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon with sil-ver gleam!  
 praise re-joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice!  
 lights the night, pro-vid-ing warmth, en-hanc-ing sight, O praise ye!  
 in thee grow, let them God's glo-ry al-so show!  
 sor-row bear, praise God and on him cast your care!



O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

6. And thou, our sister, gentle death,  
 waiting to hush our latest breath,  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Thou leadest home the child of God,  
 and Christ our Lord the way has trod,  
*Refrain*

7. Let all things their Creator bless,  
 and worship him in humbleness,  
 O praise ye! Alleluia!  
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
 and praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
*Refrain*