



“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

September 6, 2026

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Communion

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Deborah Huggins

Liturgist: Savannah Ball

Psalmist: Thom Hinks

Communion Servers: Paige Furlano, Pat & Leah Gerlach, Thom Hinks, Camise Kettner, Crystal Mitchell

Greeter: Meredith Beaton & Karen Williams

Ushers: Cip & Maria Chavez, Sally Shirley, Ginger Wall

Flowers: Given by Joe & Linda Maddux, Praise for our new pastor, and Joy as we celebrate our anniversary!

Early Morning Security: Steve Sproul

September Sanctuary Stewards: Sharon Hovey & Hazel Lathrop

Director of Music: Nancy Leffler

Accompanist: Nathan Secrest

Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music *They'll Know We Are Christians*
– arr. by Lyndell Leatherman

Welcome & Announcements, including prayer concerns

Moment for Mission Nancy Leffler

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

Introit *Channels Only* *Chancel Choir*

Prelude *Let Us Keep the Feast* - by Todd Beaney

Call to Worship (from Psalm 119) Savannah Ball

Leader: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,

People: and I will observe it to the end.

Leader: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law

People: and observe it with my whole heart.

Leader: Lead me in the path of your commandments,

People: for I delight in it.

Leader: Turn my heart to your decrees;

ALL: in your righteousness be gracious to me.

***Hymn #14** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Call to Confession

Savannah Ball

Prayer of Confession (unison):

Savannah Ball

All: Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually. We tend to focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than on the growth and work we are called to. We've made assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves. We've tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. We've relied upon your grace, time and time again, while hastily denying that you are eager to give it not only to us, but to our enemies, also. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust. Hear now, our silent prayers.

Silent Prayer

Response ***Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us***

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Savannah Ball

Hymn #581

Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri

Prayer for Illumination

Savannah Ball

Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20 Savannah Ball

(This reading is from the Message Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 119: 33-40 Thom Hinks

(This can be found on p. 555-556 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Word Through Music *We Are One, Lord* Chancel Choir

Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20 Rev. Deborah Huggins

(This can be found on p. 895-896 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *I Am With You* Rev. Dr. Deborah Huggins

Call for the Offering Savannah Ball

Offertory *Do This in Remembrance of Me* - by Lani Smith

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

***Communion Hymn #15** *All Creatures of Our God and King*
(verses 1-4 only)

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastoral Prayer and singing *The Lord's Prayer*

(located on the back cover of your hymnal)

Words of Institution

Sharing Bread and Cup

Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive the bread and cup, taking time to eat and drink as you receive. Those who are not comfortable coming forward will be served by the communion team. Please raise your bulletin so the roving servers can see you. There is a gluten-free alternative available.

Communion Music *Nocturne No. 12 in Db Major*

– by Dennis Alexander

Prayer after Communion

***Sending Song #445:** *God, How Can We Forgive*

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response *God Be With You – the Meeting's Over*

Postlude *How Great Thou Art* - arr. by Larry Shackley

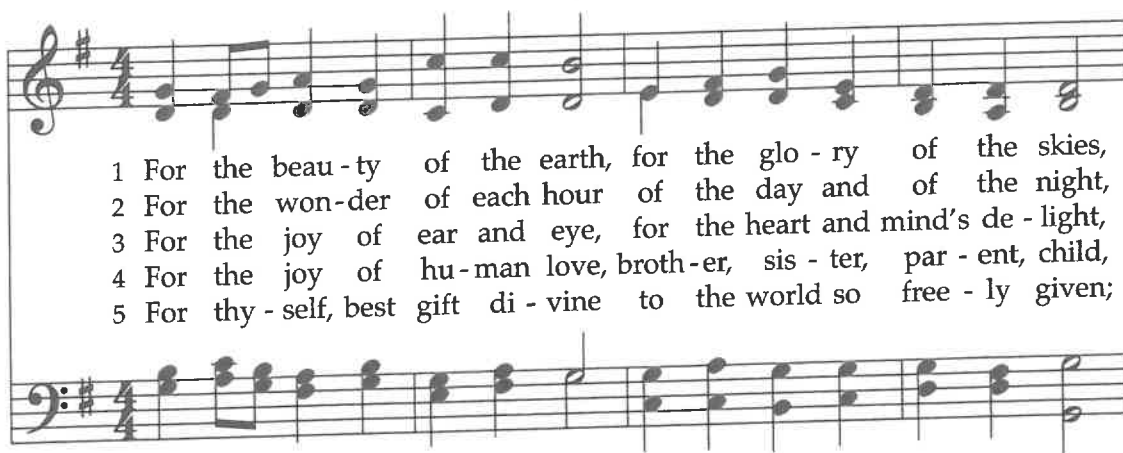
WELCOME Pastor Deborah!
Thank you for worshipping with us!

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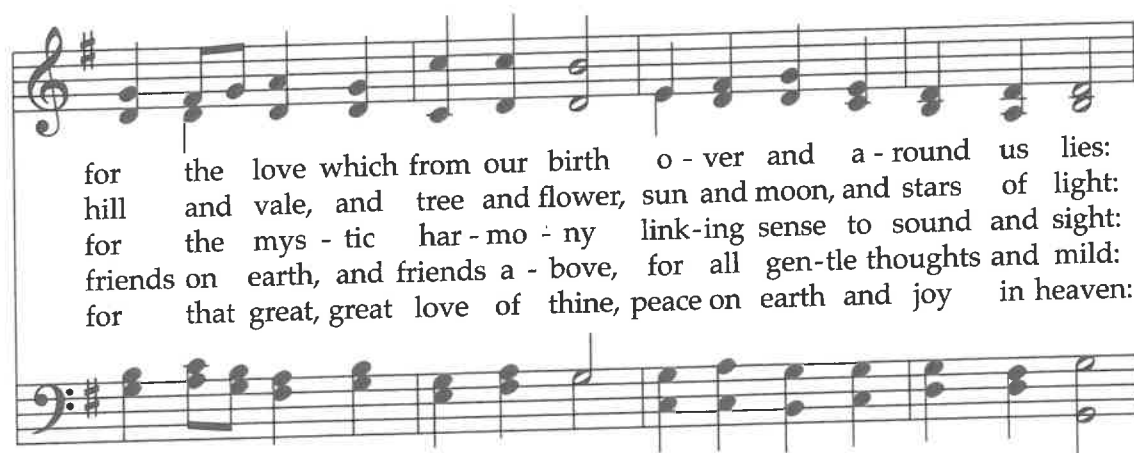
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For the Beauty of the Earth

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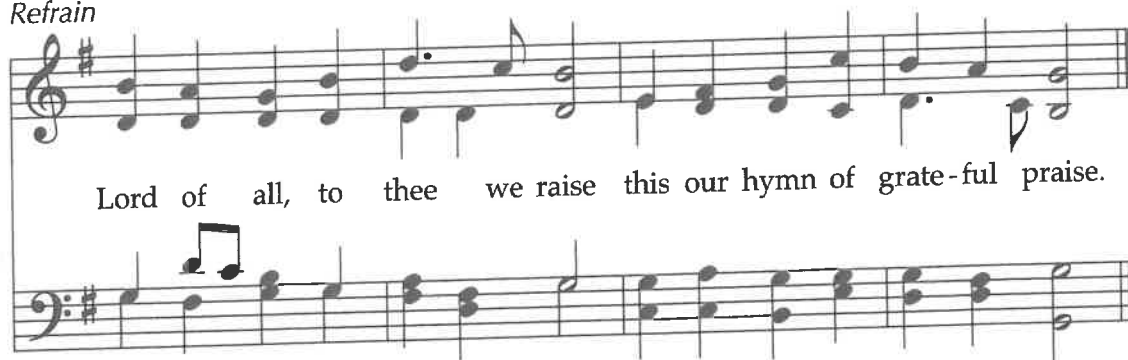


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - 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:
 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.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

Harmony

and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ows of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison

O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

Harmony

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

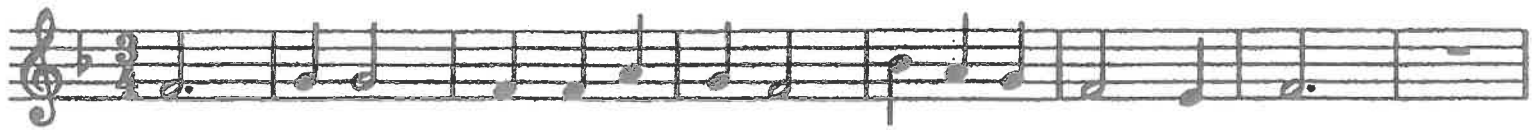
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

★ 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord's Prayer

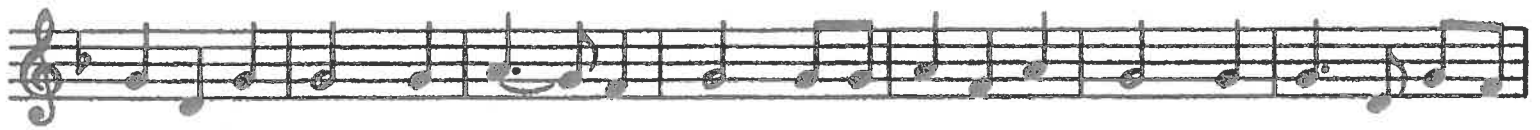
Arr. Christy Weir



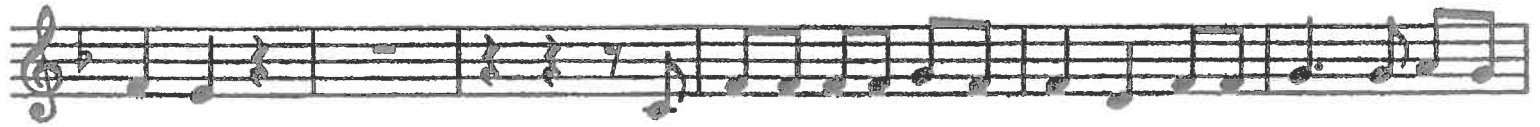
Our Fa-ther, which art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be Thy name.



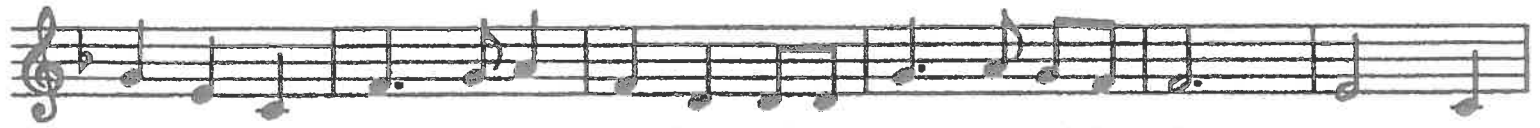
Thy king-dom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n.



Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for-give us our debts, as we for-give our



debt-ors, And lead us not in-to temp - ta-tion, but de - liv - er us from

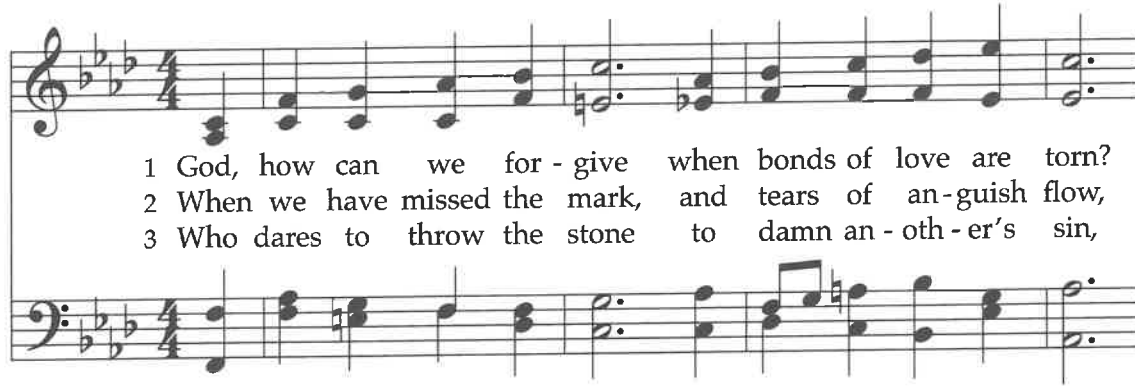


e - vil; for thine is the king-dom, and the pow - er and the glo - ry, for -

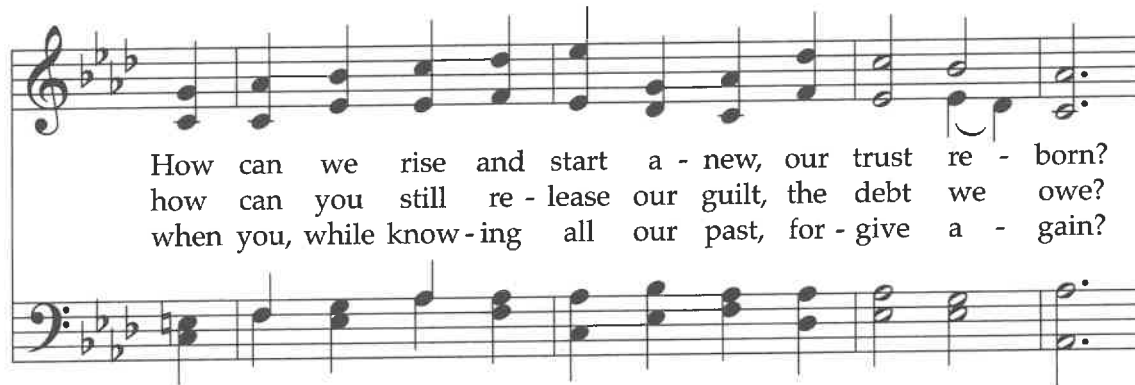


ev - er and ev - er, a - men. For - ev - er and ev - er, A - men.

445 God, How Can We Forgive



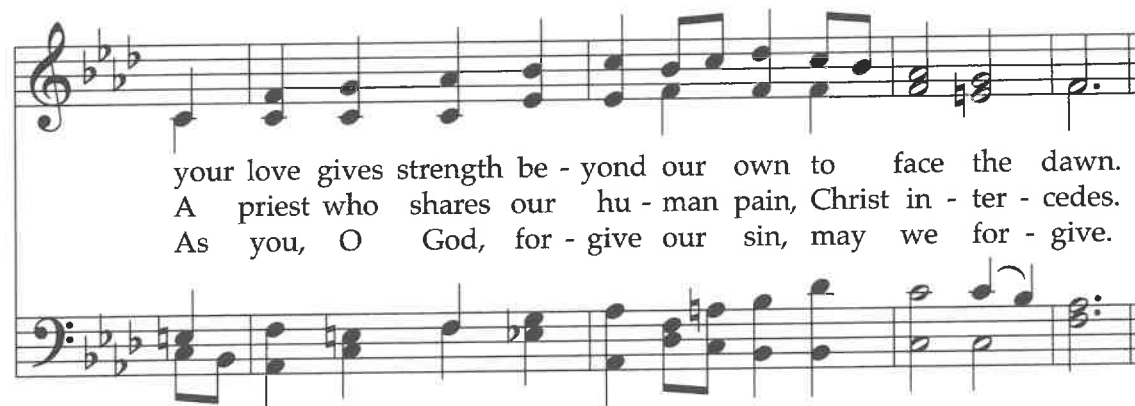
1 God, how can we for - give when bonds of love are torn?
 2 When we have missed the mark, and tears of an - guish flow,
 3 Who dares to throw the stone to damn an - oth - er's sin,



How can we rise and start a - new, our trust re - born?
 how can you still re - lease our guilt, the debt we owe?
 when you, while know - ing all our past, for - give a - gain?



When hu - man lov - ing fails and ev - ery hope is gone,
 The o - cean depth of grace sur - pass - es all our needs.
 No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.



your love gives strength be - yond our own to face the dawn.
 A priest who shares our hu - man pain, Christ in - ter - cedes.
 As you, O God, for - give our sin, may we for - give.

This text reflects both the struggle to deal with a deep personal hurt and a keen awareness of biblical language and content. The opening line of stanza two, for example, draws on the root meaning of the Greek word for sin, and the beginning of stanza three alludes to John 8:3-8.