

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025



"We're convinced that what matters now is not for Christ to appear to us, but for Christ to appear in us, among us, and through us. He wants us to be his hands, his feet, his face, his smile, his voice...his embodiment on Earth."

Brian McLaren
We Make the Road by
Walking, p. 182



WELCOME to Valley of Peace. We are glad you are here.

We give thanks to God for all people and want all people to feel comfortable participating in worship. If you need any assistance please let our Ushers know. We are happy to offer hearing assistance devices, move chairs to make worship feel more accessible for you, and offer any other support that would be meaningful for you in this space.

All ages are welcome to worship at Valley of Peace and we give thanks for the voices of our littlest ones. If you feel that your little one is wiggly, you are welcome to go with them to stretch their legs in the narthex where there is a small area with books and toys and you can hear the worship service. There are also bags available for you to put toys and books in and bring them into the sanctuary space.

And again, welcome to worship this day. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Interested in becoming a Member? Let Pastor Ashley know by September 29, 2025

Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, October 5, 2025 after worship.

SENSORY ACTIVITIES AND SPACES AT VOP

Sensory integration is the process by which individuals receive information through our senses, (Vision, Hearing, Smell, Taste, Touch, Vestibular/Movement, and Proprioception/Body Position), organize this information, and use it to participate in activities.

Each person reacts to sensory information differently. People of all ages can have sensory issues that make it more difficult to participate depending on the environment. Sensory issues are very complex because a person's sensory system could be a mixture of over reactive, under reactive, or actively engaged.

After assessing need, Emilie Moravec has been working with a few community members to make our space more welcoming for those with sensory needs. The following items are now available at the Welcome Center for individuals with sensory needs:

- Ear defender headphones
- Earplugs
- Sunglasses
- Weighted lap pads
- Battery powered fans
- Fidget blanket

Please speak with an usher or volunteer at the Welcome Center to find these items. Additional fidget supplies are available near the "busy bag" tree in the narthex outside of the sanctuary. These sensory tools are intended to promote regulation, improve focus, increase participation, and make our space more accessible and welcoming to children, teens, and adults with sensory processing needs.

If you are in need of change of environment while at Valley of Peace, the following areas are available:

- Narthex - provides space for movement right outside of the sanctuary. The worship service can still be seen and heard.
- Fireside Room - Near the top of the staircase, on the same level as the sanctuary. This space provides comfortable seating where the worship service can still be heard.
- Youth Room - The Youth room is located on the lowest level of the church and will contain a "quiet corner" with soft lighting and no worship sounds.

Sources: Mailloux Z & Smith Roley S. Sensory Integration Development and Early Signs of Difficulties. July 2013

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church
May 11, 2025
10:15 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Arranged by Larry Shackley

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

The Living God is with us! **And with all creation!**

Let us awaken our hearts to the presence of God. **We praise you for your glory.**
God before us, behind us, above us, upholding us. **We praise you for your glory.**
God with us, among us, beside us, befriending us. **We praise you for your glory.**
God within us, flowing through us. **We praise you for your glory.**

The Living God is with us! **And with all creation!**

+OPENING HYMN ACS 1038 *God, We Gather as Your People*

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people
your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and
give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless
love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a
new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these
waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the
Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

+ Please
stand in
body or
spirit.

We invite you to
participate in
worship by read-
ing the **BOLD**
print

ELW is the red
hymnal
ACS is the
purple hymnal

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God, We Gather as Your People

For All the Children

Capo 2: F/G G/A C D F G C D



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and

F G C C/E D/F# Gsus Asus



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.

G A Am Bm C/G D/A



Though the day may not yet be here, we
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they

F G C/E D/F# Dm7 Em7 Gsus Asus G7 A7 C F/C C D G/D D



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: David Lohman

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WELCOME BE OUR SONG
14 11 14 7 and refrain

Refrain

Oh, may our hearts and minds be o-pened, fling the church doors o-pen

wide. May there be room e-nough for ev-'ry-one in - side.

For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -

long. May that wel - come be our song.

Chords: F G, C/E D/F#, F G, C/E D/F#, Dm Em, C/E D/F#, Gsus Asus, E⁷/G# F#⁷/A#, Am Bm, C/G D/A, F G, C/E D/F#, Dm Em, Gsus Asus, G⁷ A⁷, C D, F/C G/D, C D

+GREETING

The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

ACS 1097 *Ten Thousand Reasons*
refrain, verse 1, refrain

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of grace, you have given us mind to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FAITH MOMENT

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me

Arr. Joel Raney

We are all God's children, we are all
God's children,
we are all God's children,
we are one in God's love.

Jesus loves me, he who died,
heaven's gate to open wide,
he will wash away my sin,
let his precious child come in.

Jesus loves me, this I know,
everyone's a child of God.

We are all God's children,
we are all God's children,
we are all God's children,
we are one in God's love.

Jesus loves the little children,
all the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white,
they are precious in
his sight, everyone's a child of God.

Jesus loves me, this I know.
Everyone's a child of God!
Oh, yes, Jesus loves me!
Oh, yes, oh, yes, yes God loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, he loves me!
For the Bible tells me so.
Jesus loves me, this I know.

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so!
Little ones to him belong, they are weak!
But he is strong,
Oh, yes, Jesus loves me! Oh yes, Jesus loves me!
Oh, yes, Jesus loves me, for the Bible tells me so.

SCRIPTURE PROCLAMATION

ACS 974 *Listen to the Word*

Ten Thousand Reasons

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Optional introduction

Capo 2: A B D E A/C# B/D# Bm C#m G A A B Asus Bsus A B



Refrain



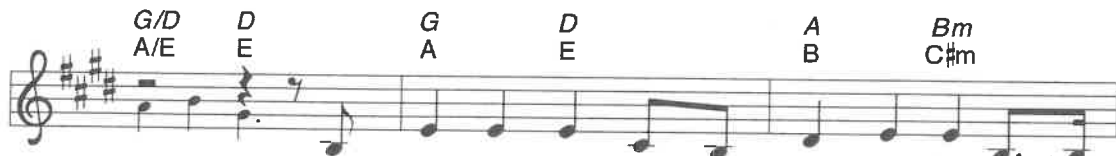
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,



O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.



1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
 2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
 3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the



... it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may
 name... is ... great, and your heart is kind. For all ... your
 end ... draws near, and my time has come; ... still, my

Text: Matt Redman, b. 1974, and Jonas Myrin, b. 1982
 Music: Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

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TEN THOUSAND REASONS
 Irregular

The language in the refrain may be adapted to correspond with Psalm 103 in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*: "... worship God's holy name." The coda is optional and may be sung by a leader.

D
E
A
B
Bm
C#m
G
A

pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
good-ness, I will keep . . on . . sing - ing - ten thou-sand
soul will sing your praise un - end - ing - ten thou-sand

D
E
Asus
Bsus
A
B
D
E
Refrain

sing - ing when the eve - ning comes. sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
rea - sons for my heart to find. rea - sons for my heart to find.
years and then for - ev - er - more!

Coda
Bm
C#m
G
A
A
B

wor - ship your ho - ly name,

Bm
C#m
G
A
A
B
D
E

wor - ship your ho - ly name.

Listen to the Word

974

Capo 1: *Em*
Fm

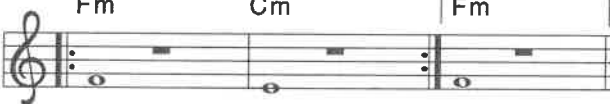
Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is

Bm
*Cm**Em*
Fm

close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be-gan cre-a-tion;

C
*D♭**Em/B*
*Fm/C**Em/G#*
*Fm/A**D/F#*
*E♭/G**Em*
Fm

lis-ten e-ven if you don't un-der-stand.

*if sung in canon:**Em*
*Fm**Bm*
*Cm**Last time**Em*
Fm

Text: Anonymous, Canada
 Music: Anonymous, Canada, adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005

LISTEN TO THE WORD
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This song may be sung as a round, adding successive voices at two-measure intervals as desired. While unaccompanied singing is preferred, a basic accompaniment is provided.

FIRST READING.....Psalm 103:1-8

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and
mercy,**

who satisfies you with good as long as you
live so that your youth is renewed like the
eagle's.

**The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast
love.**

SECOND READING.....Acts 2:41-47

After the reading: Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 752 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*
(sing multiple times)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response— Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

The Love of Jesus Medley

Arranged by Mark Hayes

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts
we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this
meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.



Electronic Giving

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O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The Lord Is My Song

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
OR The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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HEAR MY PRAYER

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Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: Ken Medema

Text and music © 1973 Hope Publishing Company

CHILDREN PRAYING

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+HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right our duty and our joy that we should give God our thanks and praise, and so let us join together in singing our words of institution and remembrance of the Lord's Supper.

Sung to the tune of ELW 364, Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Verse 1 (Pastor)

The night when Jesus sat with his friends
Knowing betrayal loomed over head
Jesus took bread, said, "Take this and eat,
This is my body; Remember me."

Verse 2 (Pastor)

Then after supper, he took the cup
Sharing with all he lifted it up.
"This is my cov'nant' poured out for you.
For your forgiveness, remember this, too"

Refrain (All)

**This is Christ's table that he has prepared
Proclaiming God's love, we all come to
share
Our sin forgiving, alleluia
Jesus is living, alleluia.**

Refrain (All)

Verse 3 (All)

**We come together 'cross time and space
Through bread and wine, saints sharing
God's grace
In Jesus' words, we celebrate life.
Remember God in Christ's sacrifice.**

Refrain (All)

+LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 forever. Amen**

COMMUNION INVITATION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AND HYMNS

ELW 770 *Give Me Jesus*

ELW 462 *Now We Join in Celebration*

All are welcome to receive communion at Valley of Peace. We serve communion every Sunday by intinction. After the pastor speaks the words of distribution to online worshippers, the ushers will then invite worshippers physically present to receive communion.

If you are receiving communion by intinction, there will be bread and gluten-free wafers available. As you come forward to receive communion, a communion server will serve you your preference. Please take the bread or wafer and dip it into your preference of either wine or juice. The first chalice will contain red wine and the second chalice will contain white grape juice.

If you prefer to not receive communion by intinction there are pre-packaged communion kits with a gluten-free wafer and grape juice. You may pick this up on your way to communion.

*If you prefer not to receive communion at all,
please come forward with your hands across your chest and you will receive a blessing.
If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.*

+COMMUNION BLESSING

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN ACS 1036 *Commonwealth Is God's Commandment*

+DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ, you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

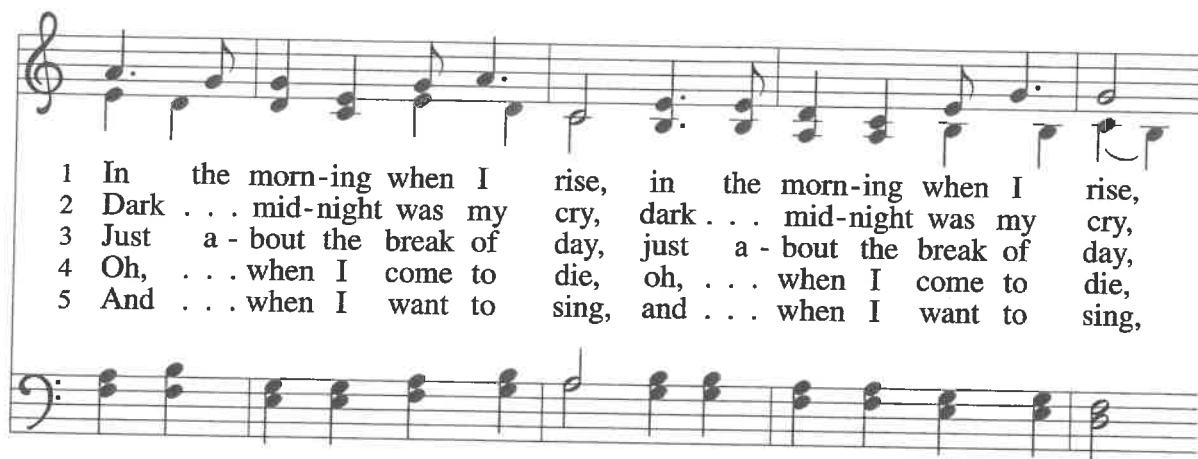
POSTLUDE

*O For a Thousand Tongues with
Crown Him with Many Crowns
with Holy, Holy, Holy*

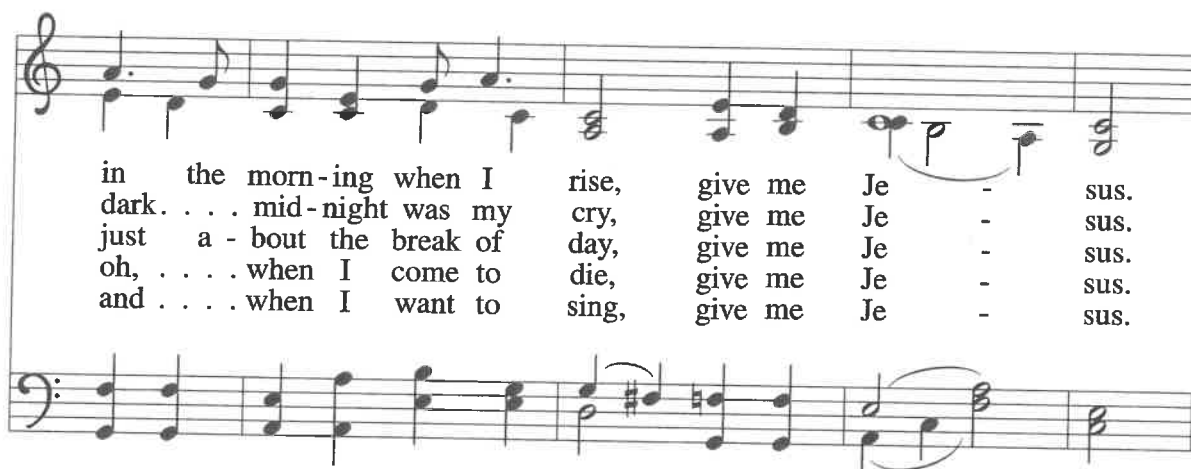
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Give Me Jesus

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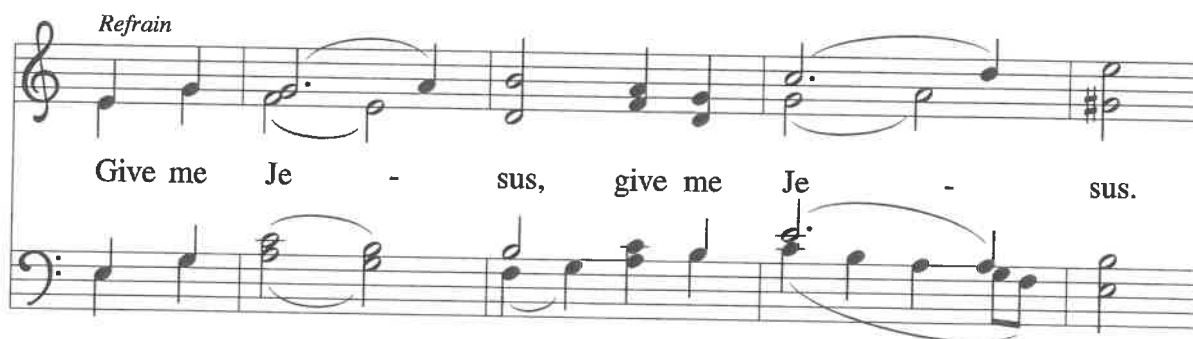


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,

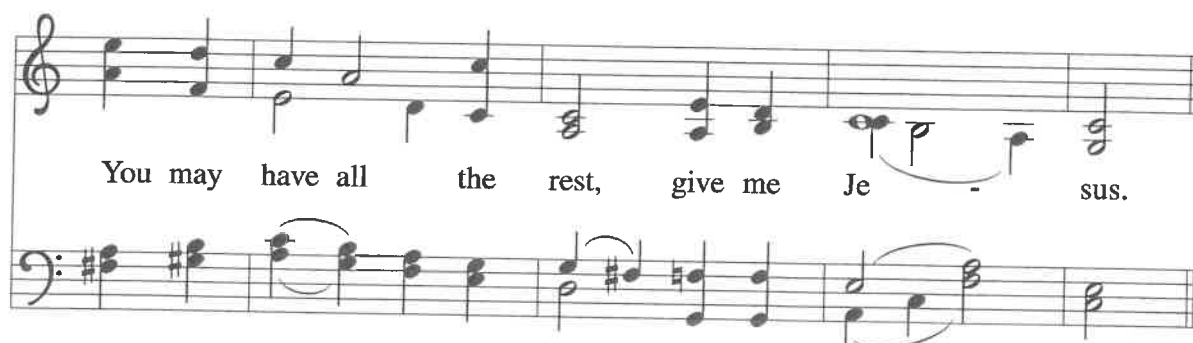


in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



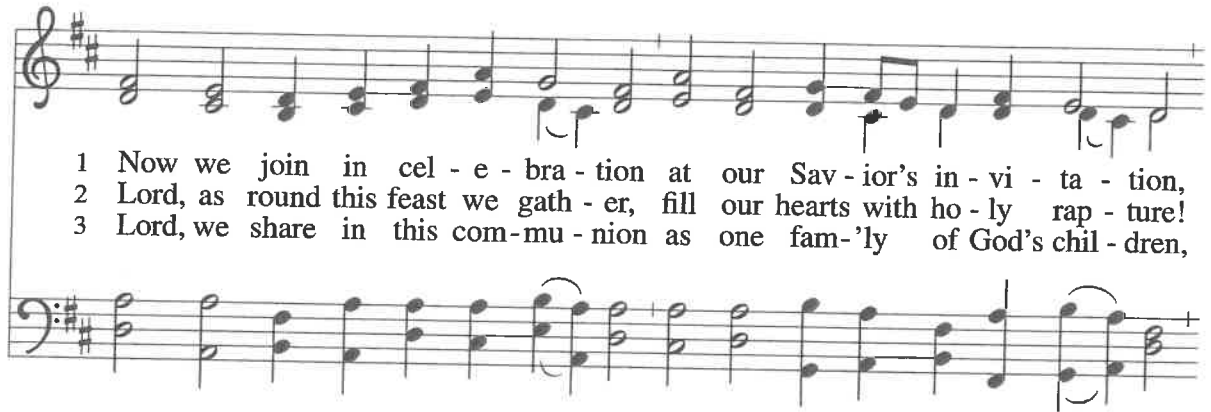
Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



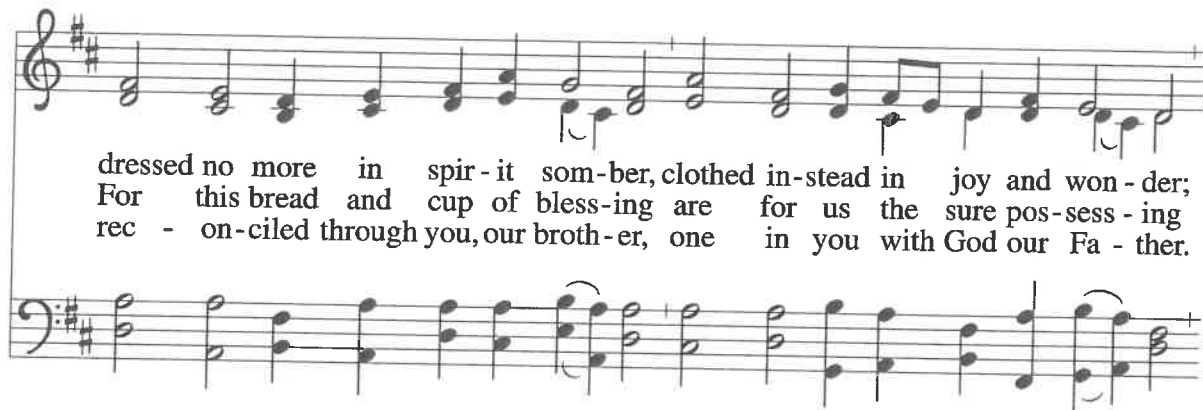
You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Now We Join in Celebration

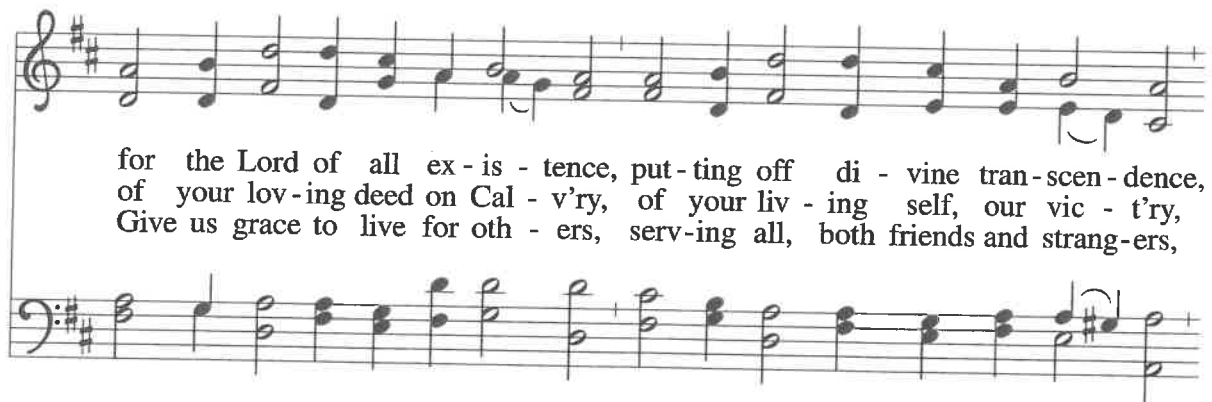
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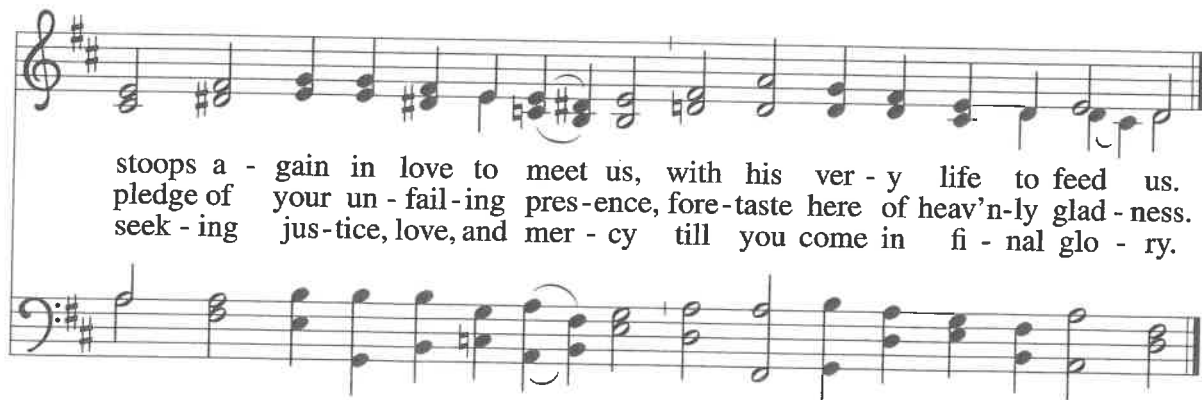
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

1036

Commonwealth Is God's Commandment

Capo 1: *Em*
Fm

- 1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
 stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
 bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.

Refrain

Em
Fm

Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



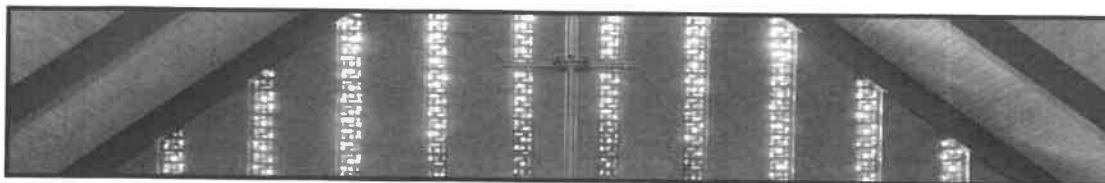
Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.



Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
 Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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RESTORATION
 8 7 8 7 and refrain

This hymn's refrain includes words meaning *peace* from other religious traditions. Shanti (Sanskrit) is pronounced "shahn-tee" and is used in Hindu and Buddhist traditions. Pax (Latin) is pronounced "pahks." Shalom (Hebrew) is pronounced "shuh-lohm" and means peace, wholeness. Maslaha (Arabic) is pronounced "muhs-lah-hah" and means reconciliation.



In Worship Today

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Opener/Closer.....	Jim Jasper
Greeters.....	Paul and Barb Mikelson
Welcome Center.....	Abby and Matt Stetler
Ushers.....	Jim Jasper, Laurie Eaton, Casey Balint, Judy Greeninger
Faith Moment.....	Kari Roll
Music Provided By.....	Chancel Choir, descant Melissa Dellwo and Elaine Lofquist
Reader.....	Pat Hoyt
Worship Assistant.....	Tara Kuckkan
Communion Servers.....	Kari Roll, Mary Hovden, Diane Hinderlie, Carolyn Rask
Coffee Cart.....	Jim Jasper
Tech.....	Steve Collin
Altar Care.....	Steve Collin

**The Altar Flowers are given by Audrey Glidden
in memory of Kim Glidden Nielsen and Dorteia Glidden.**

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In Worship on Sunday, May 18 at 10:15 a.m.

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Opener/Closer.....	Craig Franz
Greeters.....	Dee Kendall
Welcome Center.....	Chrys Johnson
Ushers.....	Sally Daniels Herron, Lauren Pockl, Heidi Boesen, OPEN
Faith Moment.....	Barb Mikelson
Reader.....	OPEN
Worship Assistant.....	Diane Hinderlie
Communion Servers.....	Sara Hoge, Steve Hoge, Becca Anderson, Dan Johnson
Coffee Cart.....	Sally Daniels Herron
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Reconciling In Christ Statement

We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and, by grace, is called a child of God, without exception and regardless of gender, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, age, station in life, or political affiliation.

