

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

The LORD will fight for you;
you need only to

*Be
Still.*

Exodus 14:14, NIV



**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 **April 18, 2027**.

Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, April 25, 2027 after worship.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

STAFF

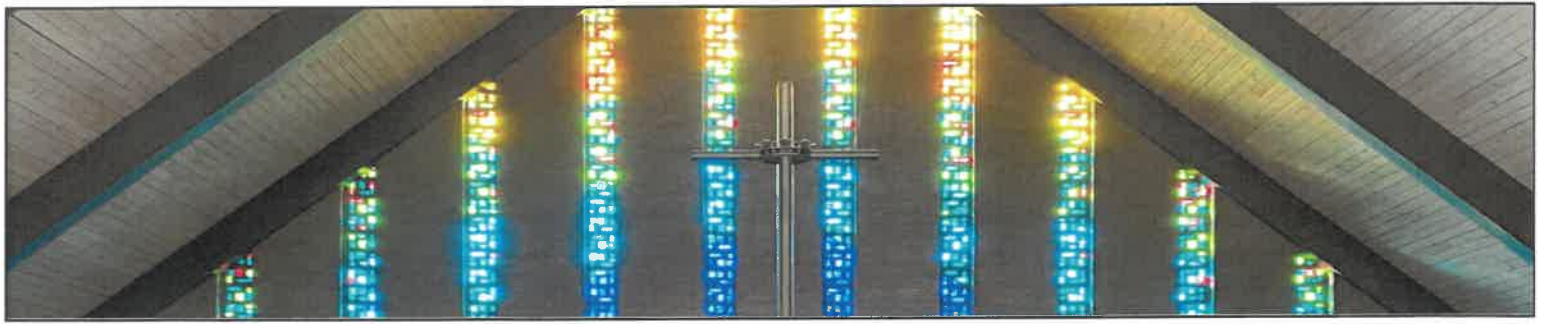
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Valley of Peace Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we live and worship near waters and on land taken from the Wahpekute band of the Santee Dakota Nation, who were the original inhabitants of this area. We honor their wise stewardship of this place and the recognition that we are all part of the same creation.

The injustice and trauma experienced by Native civilizations, with the arrival of the Europeans in America, have had a lasting impact on these nations. We are responsible to recognize and counter the historical and contemporary injustices that continue in our time.

We honor with gratitude the spirit of the peoples from long ago, the spirit of the Native people who live among us today, and the spirit filled people of Valley of Peace, united in this place.



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October 4, 2026

10:15 am

*You are invited to participate in worship by reading the **BOLD** print. When you see +, please stand in body or in spirit.
ELW is the red hymnal and ACS is the purple hymnal, both located in the bottom of the pew in front of you.
If you need any assistance, please ask an usher.*

GATHERING MUSIC

To Greet the Morning

David Paxton

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Moderato in Bb Major

Ch. H. Rinck

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God has triumphed!

We have been led through the sea to safety.

Our God has triumphed!

We have been freed to be people of God!

+OPENING HYMN

RED ELW #533 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* vs. 1, 2 & 5

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Creating and renewing God,

You have made us in your image to carry your life-giving love as a blessing to all the world. Yet we fail again and again to live out your call. We place our trust in money and possessions, in flawed people and broken relationships, in the things that cannot sustain us. We do the things we do not want to do, and we fail to do the things we know you would have us do. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short. Open our eyes, hearts, and minds to your presence, and re-create us in your image each day, for the good of all that you have made.

The God whose love outpoured caused the world to be, continues to pour this creative love on us. The God whose love outpoured in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ continues to pour this redeeming love upon us. Children of God, know that you are forgiven[†], and go forth refreshed and ready to answer God's call to love and serve the whole of creation. In Jesus' holy name. **Amen.**

+GREETING

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

+KYRIE

All Creation Sings- Setting 12

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The musical notation is presented in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The second and third staves also begin with a common time signature 'C'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style suitable for congregational singing.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Liberating God, you have sent us forth into a world that often seems bent on the destruction of all that is good in your creation. Free us from our fears so that we might proclaim with boldness the truth of your desire for love, justice, and peace. Open a way for us through the voices of anger and hatred that threaten to drown us, that we might pass safely to a better world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME & PRAYER

FAITH MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING.....Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

RED ELW #326 *Bless O God Now the Journey*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response- God of mercy and grace, **we lift our prayers to you.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC *God, We Gather As Your People* David Lohman/arr. T. Keesecker

God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,
and we dare to claim the promise of your love.
Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be,
and when your children will be free.

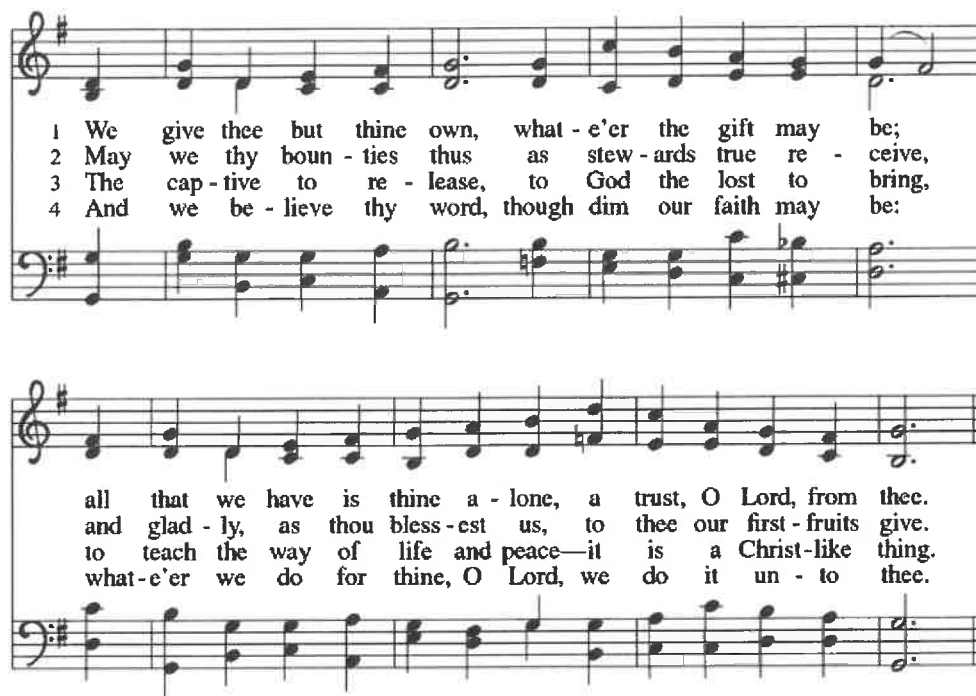
Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free;
and we sing for generations yet to be,
that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest.
May they, in your love, find rest.

Refrain:

Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide,
May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.

We pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame,
afraid of who they are and whom they love.
May the message now be banished that your love is for the few;
may their faith in you renew. *Refrain*

God, we're working for the future when children far and wide,
live their lives with dignity and pride.
As they grow in strength and stature, may they join us hand in hand,
as against all hate we stand. *Refrain*



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, you deliver us again and again from difficulties, showering us with abundant gifts. We offer now this portion of what you have given us, that it might be used according to your will for the liberation of the whole of creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

+PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
 Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
 Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,
 the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
 Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
 The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
 In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.
 Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
 Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
 Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:
 The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and Amen.
Amen, and Amen.

+LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus first taught us:

Our Creator, Our Mother,
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.

+INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The one who led Israel through the sea to liberation from slavery now invites you to this feast of liberation from sin and death. Come with your beloved siblings in Christ to share in this holy meal with one another.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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 worshipers, the ushers will then invite worshipers 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 or 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 or do not want to be visible on the live-stream, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN

PURPLE ACS #1043 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

+DISMISSAL

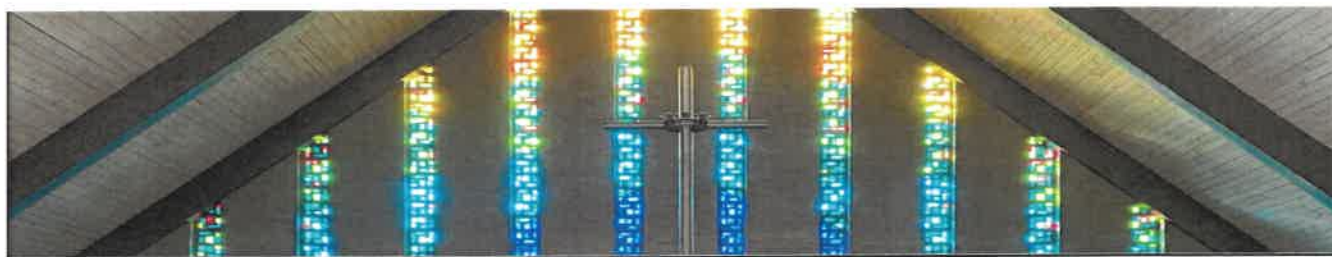
Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

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Worship Volunteers

	<u>Sun. October 4, 2026 at 10:15 am</u>	<u>Sun. October 11, 2026 at 10:15 am</u>
Presider	Pastor Ashley Osborn	Pastor Elizabeth Hermeier
Preacher	Pastor Ashley Osborn	Pastor Elizabeth Hermeier
Opener/Closer	Jim Jasper	Ruth Larson & Jon Larson
Greeter	Jim Jasper	Ann Dybvig
Welcome Center	Diane Hinderlie	Julia Madison
Ushers	Judy Greeninger, Casey Balint, Alex Balint & Steve Collin	Kirsten Styer, Barry Terrass, Sten Pearson & Wes Syverson
Worship Assistant	Mike Stadie	Tara Kuckkan
Reader	Erik Daniels	Dan Weatherman
Communion Servers	Sara Hoge & Steve Hoge	Kirsten Kessel, Carolyn Rask, Barb Mikelson & Paul Mikelson
Faith Moment	Pastor Ashley Osborn	Darcie Rodman
Musicians	Paul Mikelson, soloist Beth Brandt, pianist	Beth Brandt, pianist
Technology	Chuck Rudolph	Andy Dybvig
Coffee Cart	Lynn Schneider & Ken Schneider	Ruth Larson & Jon Larson
Altar Care	Claudia Arohson	Claudia Arohson
Altar Flowers Sponsor	Julia Madison	The Osborn Family

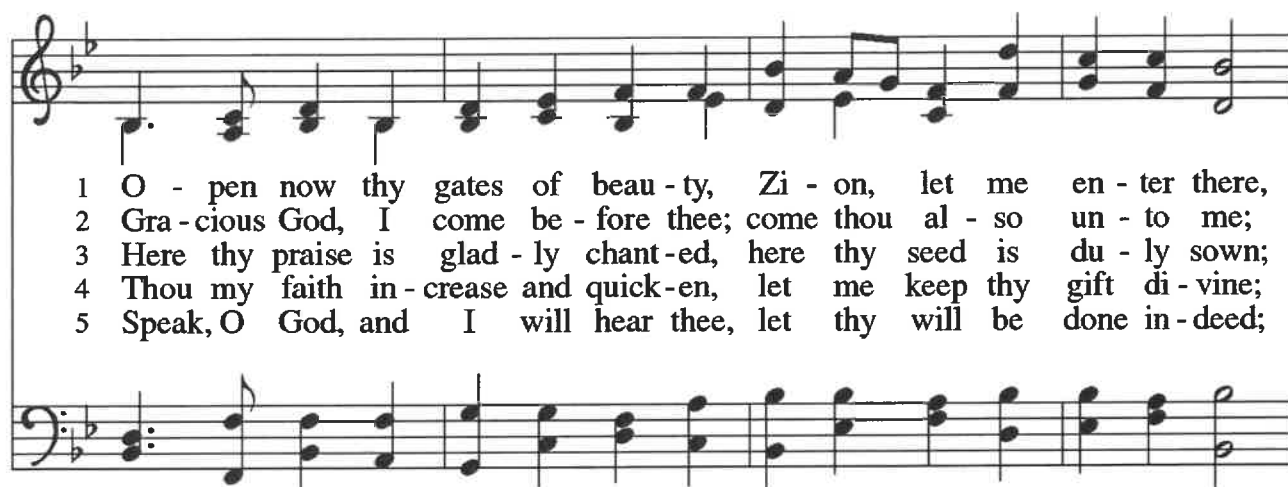


Reconciling In Christ Statement

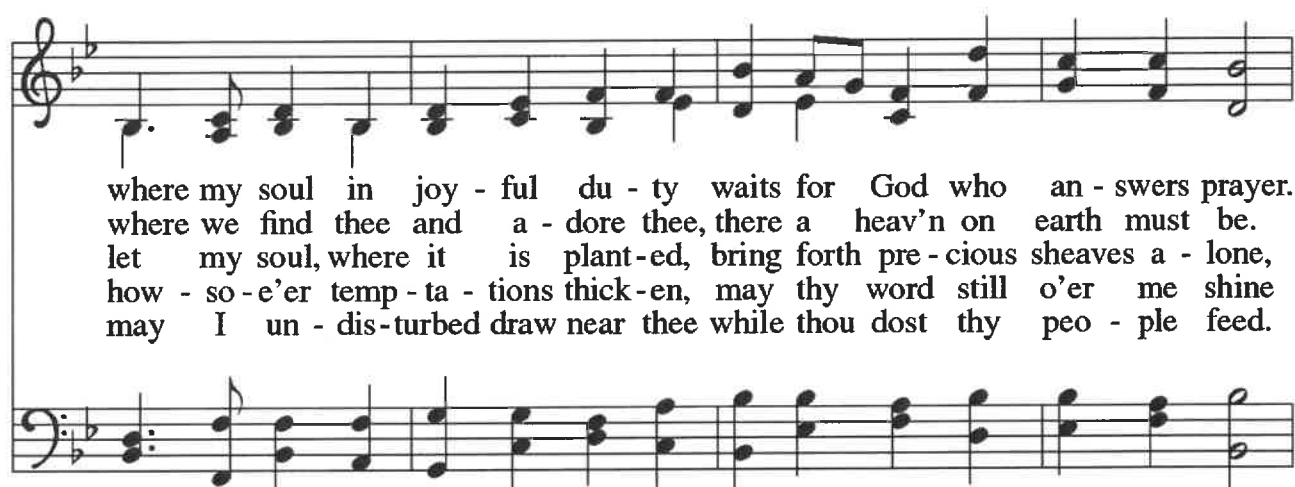
We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and, by grace, is called a child of God, without exception and regardless of gender, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, age, station in life, or political affiliation.

For more information and a calendar of activities visit www.valleyofpeace.org

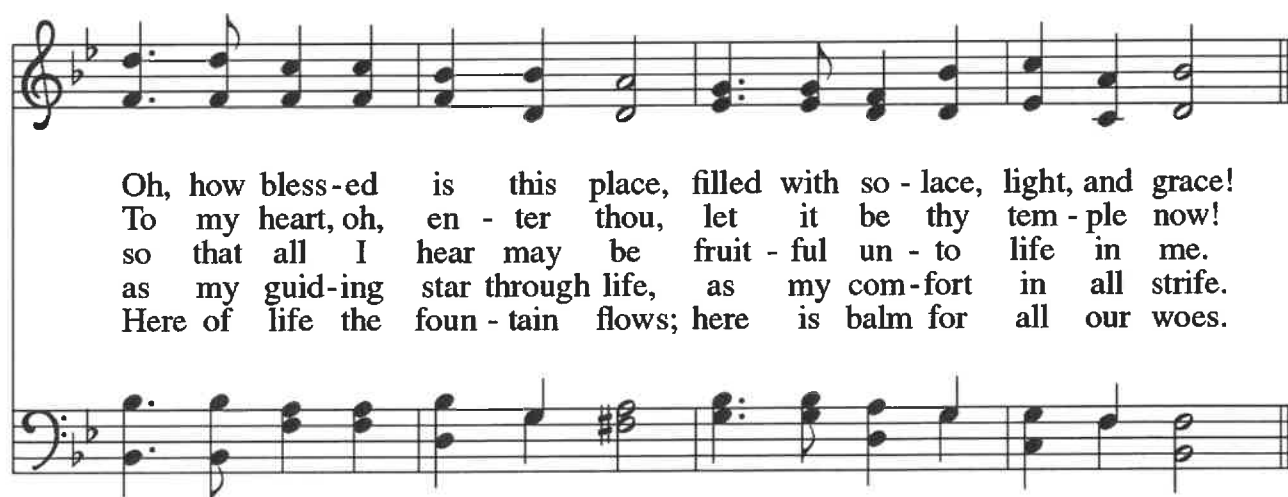
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



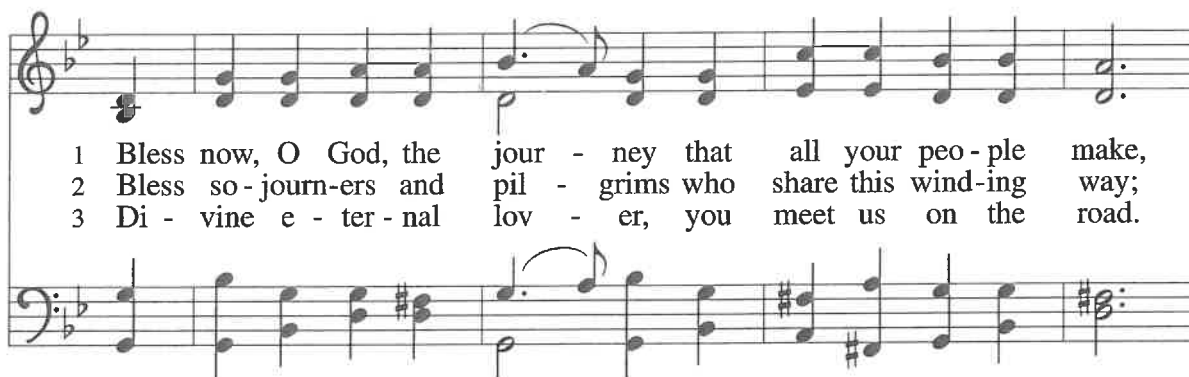
where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



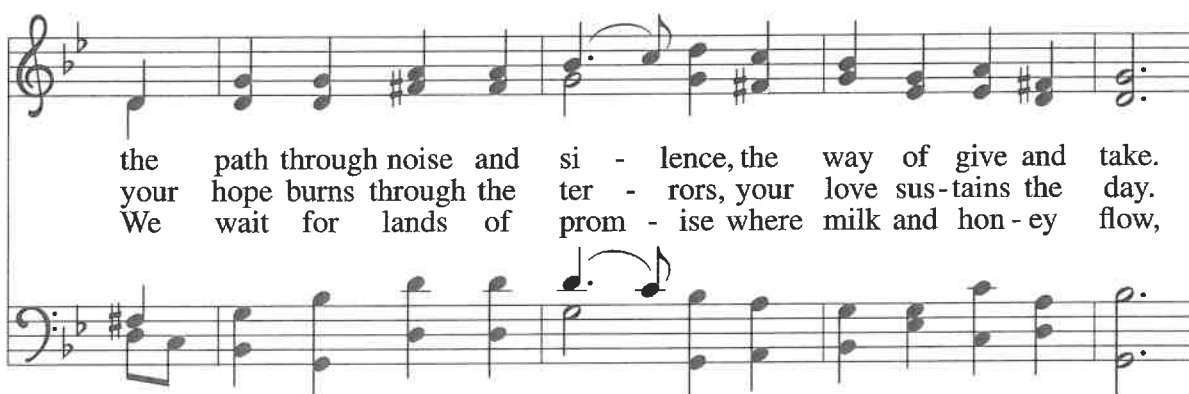
Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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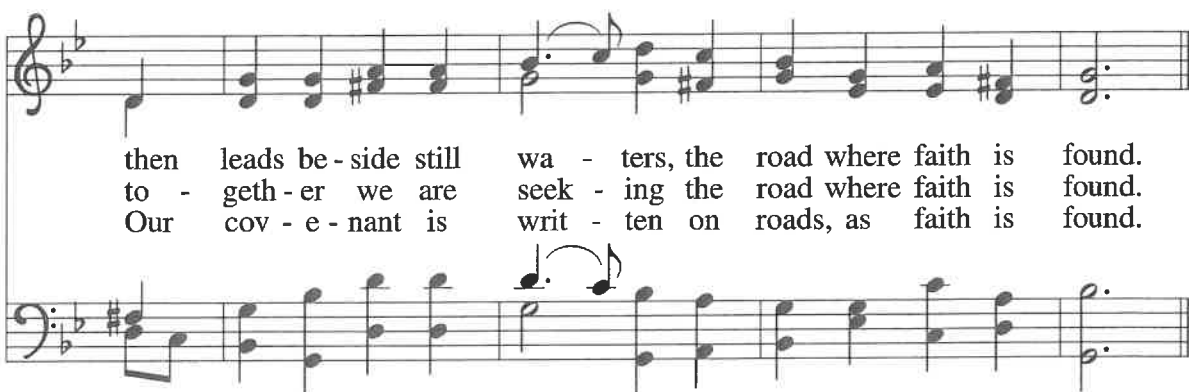
1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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