

Ashland Area Ministerial Association
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
November 24th, 2021
Thanksgiving Worship Service

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN

PRELUDE For the Fruit of All Creation.

T. Keesecker

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We dwell in a land God has loaned to us.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

We come with gladness to worship God.

We enter God's presence with joyous song.

The first fruits of our labor belong to God.

Rejoice in the privilege of sharing God's bounty.

God has made us, and we belong to God.

We are the sheep of God's pastures.

The God of peace greets us in this time of worship.

Enter with thanksgiving and heartfelt praise.

We thank God for steadfast love to sustain us.

We praise God for faithfulness to all generations.

***HYMN** For the Beauty of the Earth (verse 1)

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INVOCATION

Our baskets are full, gracious God, with the bounty you have provided. Our hearts are full of thanksgiving and praise. We are eager to meet you here, to learn from you, to be changed by you, to become more fully the people you intend for us to be. Show us how to do the work you have planned for us. Equip us as your faithful stewards. Amen.

***HYMN** For the Beauty of the Earth (verse 2)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we like to think we have nothing to confess. If our thoughts are pure, our actions kind, and our thanksgiving genuine, have we not lived up to your standards? Yet you call us to put you first in all things, and we have not done that. You call us to be peacemakers, but we do little more than try to avoid conflict. You call us to a passionate faith and compassionate sacrifice, and both are difficult for us. Feed us, God, with food that endures for eternal life and answers our thirst with life-giving water. Amen.

***HYMN** For the Beauty of the Earth (verse 3)

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not worry. The God of peace will be with you, guarding your hearts and minds. Let your thoughts center on all that is true, honorable, just, pure and commendable. Keep on doing the things you have learned. God's transforming spirit dwells with those who seek to be faithful.

***HYMN** For the Beauty of the Earth (verse 4)

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SCRIPTURE AND MEDITATION Pastor Racheal

***HYMN** Amazing Grace (verse 1)

#502

SCRIPTURE AND MEDITATION Pastor Teena

***HYMN** Amazing Grace (verse 3)

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SCRIPTURE AND MEDITATION Pastor Jim

***HYMN** Amazing Grace (verse 4)

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

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***HYMN** Amazing Grace (verse 5)

#502

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and the Lord's Prayer

***HYMN** Be Thou My Vision

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COMMISSION AND BLESSING

The bread of heaven gives life to the believer.

Receive the bread, eat, and live.

We will turn to God daily for nourishment.

We will give thanks with grateful hearts.

The bread of heaven gives life to the church.

Share the bread; share your stories.

We will gather in the community of faith.

We will share the bread and share our lives.

The bread of heaven gives life to the world.

Pass on the gift with joy to neighbors near and far.

We will bless the world with acts of love.

This is our highest thanksgiving to God.

Amen. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** God Be With You

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POSTLUDE. Be Thou My Vision. P. Manz

*All those who are able, please stand.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am

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Phillippians 4:4-7

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Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

John 6:25-35

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When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven and sitteth at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.

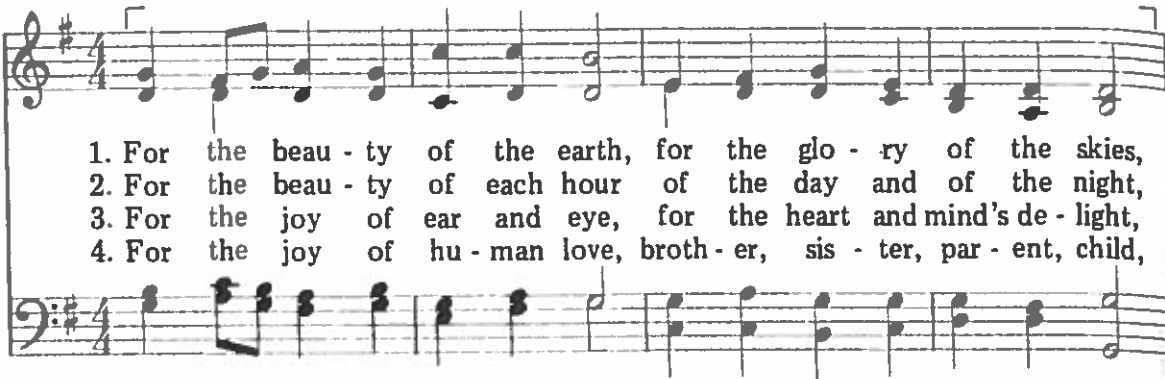
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

God's Work in Nature

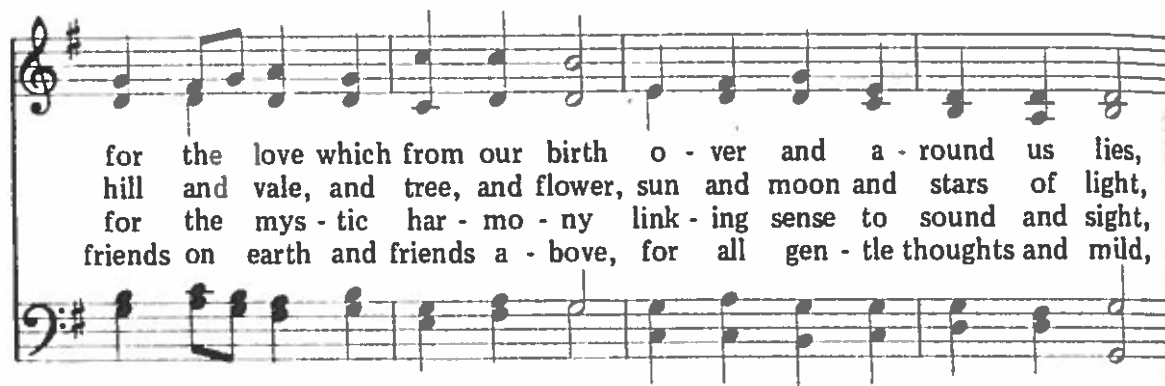
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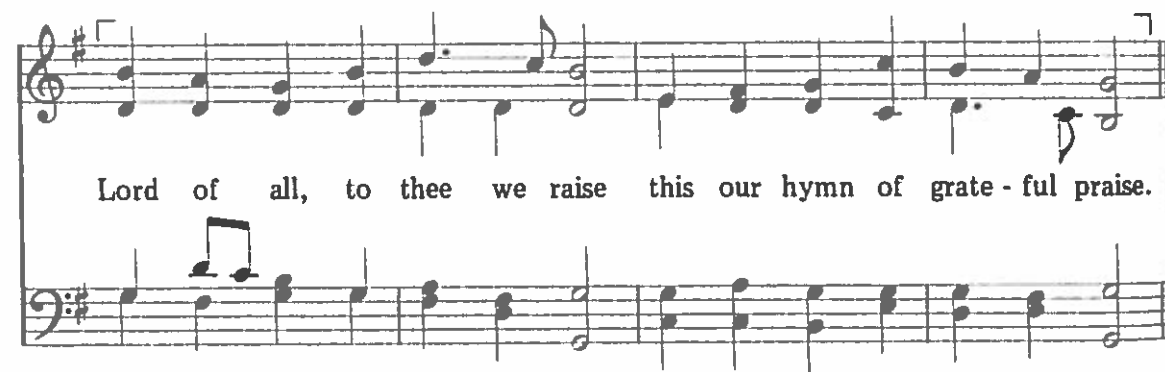
Every good and perfect gift is from above . . . Jas. 1:17



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,



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,



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

5. For the Church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

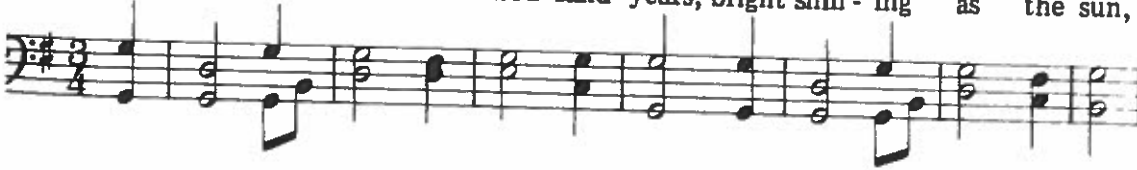
6. For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound 502

God is able to make all grace abound to you . . . 2 Cor. 9:8



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-lieved;
3. The Lord has prom-ised good to me, his word my hope se-cures;
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come;
5. When we've been there ten thou-sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,



I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be-lieved!
he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en-dures.
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.



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Be Thou My Vision 532

When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. Mt. 17:8

Unison

1. Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word, I ev - er
 3. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought, by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou on - ly,
 heav-en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what-

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 first in my heart, high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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