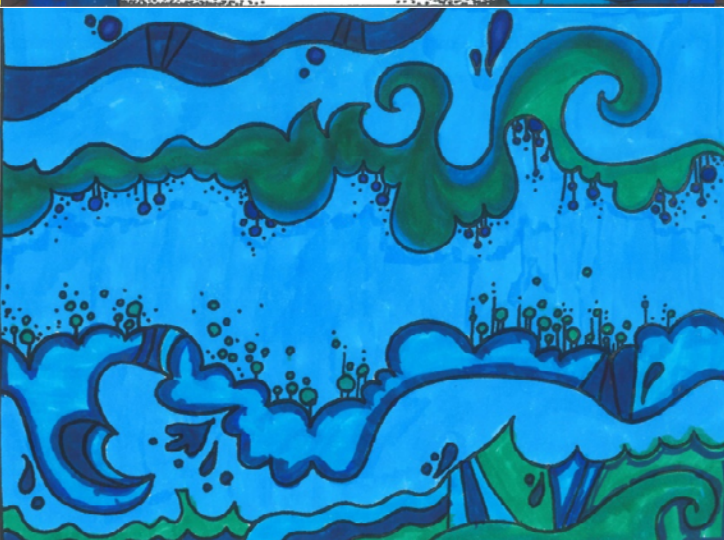
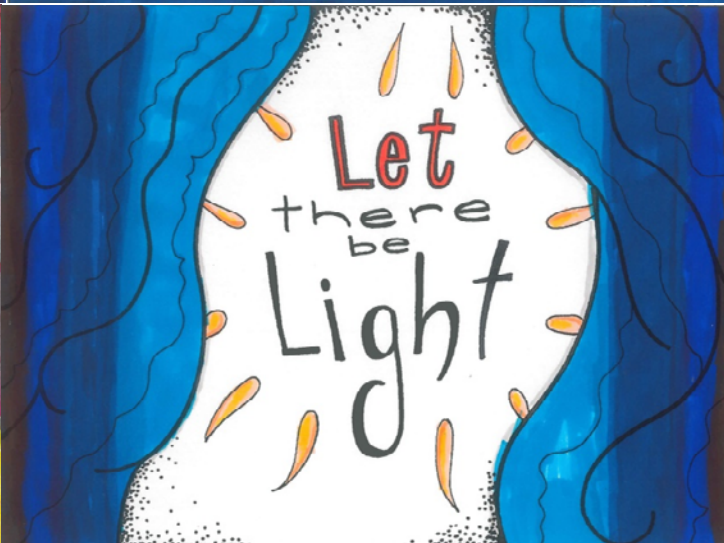
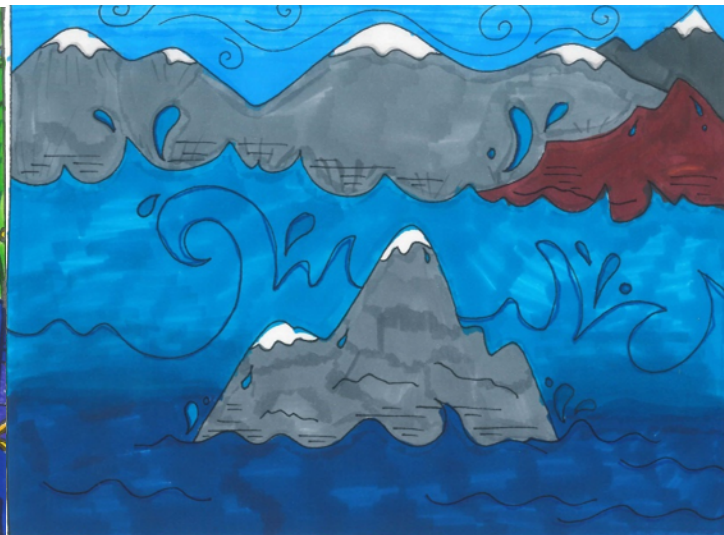


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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Youth Sunday – The Noisy Offering**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Magnificat: Secundi Toni

Frescobaldi

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”V507

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God has made this day.

**PEOPLE: Let us rejoice and be glad.**

Leader: The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

**ALL: Glory be to God our Creator, to Jesus our risen Christ,  
and to the Spirit our Comfort. Amen.\*\***

**\*LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison**

Creator God, Thank you for the gift of beautiful planet Earth.

May we share it as one global family and together commit to its holy healing. Give us compassion and peace;

...among nations

...within communities

...and in our families.

We are the earth become conscious!## Amen. Amen.

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI**

**P513**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison**

God, you are the source of our life. Gather us now together, we pray.

Form us into a holy communion of your own people, molding us by the breath of your Holy Spirit, and revealing in this corporate body the face of your anointed Christ.\*\* Amen.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*trespasses*)

Choral Amen

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\* **HYMN:** "What Does the Lord Require of You"

**V701**

## **THE NOISY OFFERING**

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Genesis 1:1-2:2 selections Pg 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.... God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.".... God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so.... Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.... And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.... And there was evening, and there was morning – the fourth day. So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.... And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.

HERE ENDS THE READING. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

\* **HYMN:** “Touch the Earth Lightly” **V307**

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Psalm 8:3-8 **Pg 485**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

HERE ENDS THE READING. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *God Is So Good* Traditional Spiritual  
Sung by the Chancel Choir & Children’s Choir

**SERMON:** “Guardeners of God's Creation” Karlee Etter

**PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Choral Response

**THE OFFERTORY**

\*Doxology Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

**GREETING OF PEACE** *~unison*

*May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!*

\***CLOSING HYMN:** “All Things Bright and Beautiful” **V291**

\***THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** No. 2 *Canon* Cesar Franck

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**Worship Leaders** are Scott Morrow and Karlee Etter.

**Scripture Readers** are the children of the church school.

**Today's flowers** are dedicated to the teachers past and present and the children of the North Haven Congregational Church.

**In Our Prayers This Week are:** Ellie Harple, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Meg Adams, David Gould, and Sarah.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Danielle Powers 04/29, Rhonda Masnato 5/01, Robin Rose 05/04, George Coulston 05/05.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Kevin & Cheryl Studley 04/30, Carla & Michael Hill 05/01.

**Church Staff:** All the Members, Ministers to the World  
The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor  
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children  
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music  
Heather Meachen, Organist  
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager  
Dave Nelson, Sexton

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Mission Team Spotlight**

**The mission team spotlight this week is the Faith Formation Team.**

"Faith formation is at the heart of what the Christian life is all about. In many ways, we engage in the practice of our daily lives and the rituals of our faith communities - through worship, mission, working for justice and peace, evangelism, and education - so that our faith may be nurtured." (The United Church of Christ).

The members of the Faith Formation team at North Haven Congregational Church include Karlee Etter (Ministry Coordinator for Children), Sue Baldino, Wendy Civitello, Jen Febboroiello, Jackie Jennings, Lori Murphy, and Steve Simonson. NHCC Faith Formation Team (FFT) meet every other month; from August through June, immediately after Sunday worship. This year's Christian education theme is "What does the Lord Require of You? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8).

The Faith Formation Team recruits church school teachers and coordinates Christian Education programming for the church school. The highlights of the year are Rally Day, an annual mission project, gifting Bibles from the church to the 4th graders in October, special Advent programming, including Advent Night and the annual Christmas Pageant, as well as an Easter Egg Hunt, and Youth Sunday worship towards the end of each school year. The year's NHCC teachers are Brianne Goldfuss (Nursery), Sue Baldino (Grades PreK to Grade 2); Steve Simonson (Grades 3-5), and Karlee Etter (Grades 6-8).

### **Summer Sunday School**

This year Summer Sunday school is scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month during July and August.

July 14 & 28

August 11 and 25

Priscilla Noriega has graciously agreed to coordinate the program. If you would like to learn more about the program or volunteer to help, please contact Karlee.

**North Haven Day of Prayer Breakfast** will be held on Wednesday, May 1, at 7:30am in the Emerald Ballroom at the Best Western Plus North Haven Hotel, 201 Washington Ave., North Haven. This event is held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer through a collaboration of the churches of North Haven. There is no cost to attend. All are welcome!

Please register now – seating is limited. To register for this event, scan the code below or go to <https://tinyurl.com/4895z9e8> You will receive an email confirmation. Questions? Call 203-234-7328 or email [office@hopeag.com](mailto:office@hopeag.com).

### Information



**A springtime choral music concert featuring the United Girls' Choir** On Saturday May 4, at 7:00 pm the North Haven Congregational Church is delighted to host a spring concert featuring the world renowned United Girls' Choir (UGC). This concert is a follow up to UGC's holiday concert offered at NHCC in December. If you missed that concert you won't want to miss this one!

The United Girls' Choir is known for performing complex and advanced musical arrangements with pristine intonation and phrasing. To hear this kind of singing in a spacious and historic church is a real gift.

Over the past two decades, UGC has given thousands of choristers, ages 5-18, the chance to sing for joy, develop confidence and leadership skills, and build lifelong friendships in a safe, supportive environment.

The Pierpont Concert series has been hosted at North Haven Congregational Church since the year 2000. The concert will take place at the North Haven Congregational Church, located at 28 Church Street, North Haven, across from the Town Green. There is ample parking and the church is handicapped accessible. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

Student tickets are \$10 and children under age 12 are free admission.

Please call 203-239-5691 to reserve your tickets. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Cash, check, and Venmo accepted at the door.

## **TAG SALE MAY 18, 9:00-2:00 p.m.**

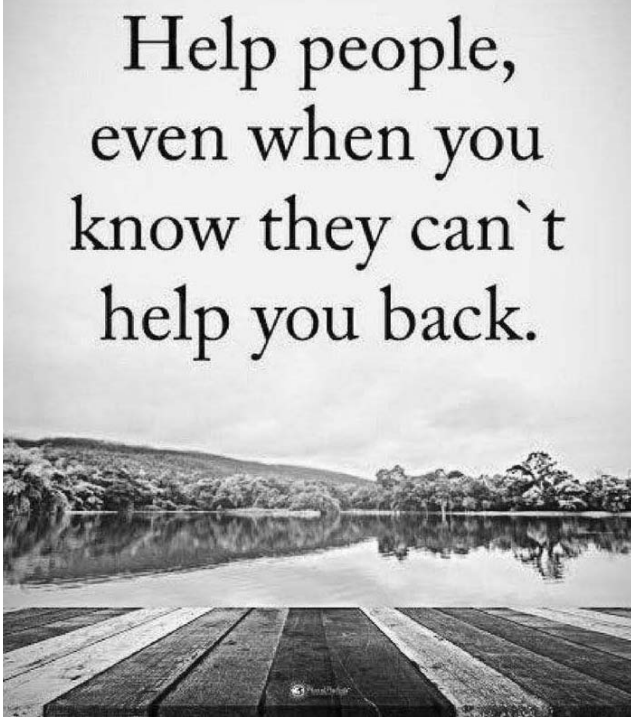
Spring is here, time to freshen up your home and help Women's Fellowship with our fun raiser! We will be holding our Annual Tag Sale and your help is needed! The more items we have, the more money we will raise for the church.

We are looking for any items that you are ready to get rid of (not junk or clothing) dishes, glasses, kitchen items, pots, pans, anything kitchen. Any tools, towels, lamps, wall hangings, throw pillows, table cloths, napkins or anything decorative, Knick knacks, photo frames, etc. are all acceptable!

Please bring your items to the church before May 6th.

We will also need help pricing, setting up, cleaning up and selling during the tag sale!

Please let Carol Mitchell or Dot Pierce know if you are able to help!!



Help people,  
even when you  
know they can't  
help you back.

Women's Fellowship will be donating a portion of the proceeds raised from the Tag Sale to help a young couple and their two young daughters, from Peru, who are getting settled in North Haven.

Their needs, currently, are clothing for both girls ages 9 & 7. Women's Fellowship will use the money to purchase some clothing and also give them a gift card to help get started.

We will be accepting monetary donations, checks payable to Women's Fellowship Tag Sale.

Thank you all for helping!





North Haven Congregational Church

SPRING

# Tag Sale



HOSTED BY THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Date: May 18th

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Set up: 7:30 am

Location: North Haven Congregational Church  
28 Church St North

Haven, CT 06473 | 203-239-5691



**SPACES AVAILABLE:**

**OUTSIDE ON THE CHURCH LAWN**

\$30.00 (BRING YOUR OWN TABLE AND CHAIR)

**INSIDE THE CHURCH**

\$35.00 (TABLE AND CHAIR PROVIDED)

**CALLING ALL VENDORS:**

- COMMUNITY VENDORS WELCOME
- CHURCH MEMBERS CAN RESERVE SPACES TOO

**DONATE & SELL:**

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP WILL HAVE A TABLE AND WELCOMES DONATIONS OF ITEMS TO SELL

**LUNCH SPECIAL:**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP WILL COOK UP DELICIOUS HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT:**

- LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
- CHURCH PROJECTS AND BUDGET

**LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR'S TAG SALE THE BEST ONE YET!**

FOR INQUIRIES AND RESERVATIONS, CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE (203) 239-5691



**COME SHOP WITH US**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4/28</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP – YOUTH SUNDAY (In-Person/Live Stream)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4/29</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 1:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4/30</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	<b>Al-Anon (K)</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (L) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) Bible Study (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5/1</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:00 5:15 p.m. 6:00 7:00	<b>North Haven Day of Prayer Breakfast (Best Western)</b> Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN COMMUNICATIONS (Zoom) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (K) Lions Club (CH)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/2</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> 6:30 7:00	<b>Music Together: Ukulele 1 (DBL)</b> Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Al-Anon Area (CH)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5/4</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30 7:00 p.m.	<b>MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH)</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) ECGC/UGC CONCERT
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP – (In-Person/Live Stream)</b>

\*Small print indicates non-Church function  
**Bold print starts new day.**

## **MISSION**

Our church's mission is to bind ourselves with Jesus Christ in:

- Worship together;
- Nurture of Christian discipleship; and
- Compassionate service to our community and beyond.

## **VISION**

We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- Conducting regular, robust worship in a responsible and relevant way in an ever changing and challenging world;
- Welcoming all people from different and diverse backgrounds to become a community of disciples together; and
- Involved in purposeful action and activities through the structure of self-directed Mission Teams.

## **VALUES**

We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

**\*OPENING HYMN: "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" V507**

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 Word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plough - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry,  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the

quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to  
 sad - ly proud, we sow not peace but strife, our  
 to re - store an earth where con - flicts cease, a  
 earth may we give thanks in one ac - cord to

serve the poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
 dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
 world that was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
 God who calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.



1 What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2 Jus - tice, kind - ness,

3 To seek jus - tice, and love kind - ness,

The first three lines of the hymn are set in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: "1 What does the Lord re - quire of you? 2 Jus - tice, kind - ness, 3 To seek jus - tice, and love kind - ness,"

Repeat ad lib Last time

What does the Lord re - quire of you? you?

walk hum - bly with your God. God.

and walk hum - bly with your God. God.

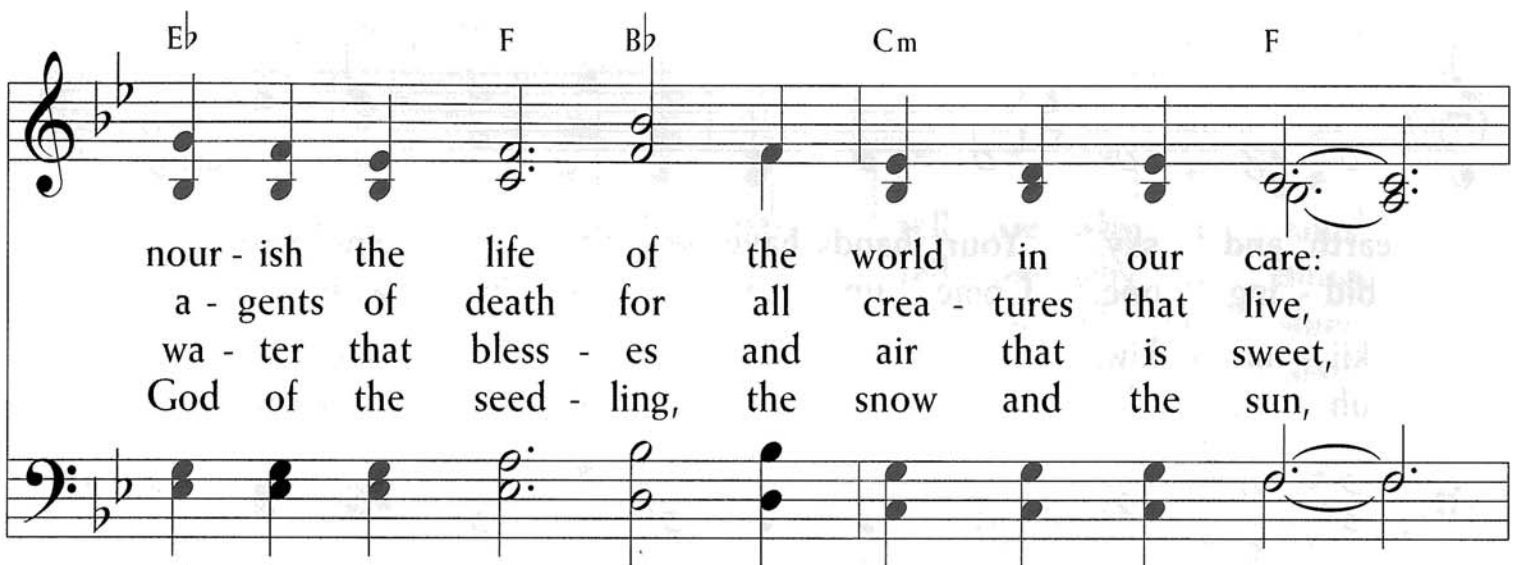
The final two lines of the hymn are also in 3/4 time with two flats. The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the grand staff. The lyrics are: "What does the Lord re - quire of you? you? walk hum - bly with your God. God. and walk hum - bly with your God. God." The score includes a repeat sign with "Repeat ad lib" above it and a final double bar line with "Last time" above it.

\* HYMN: "Touch the Earth Lightly"

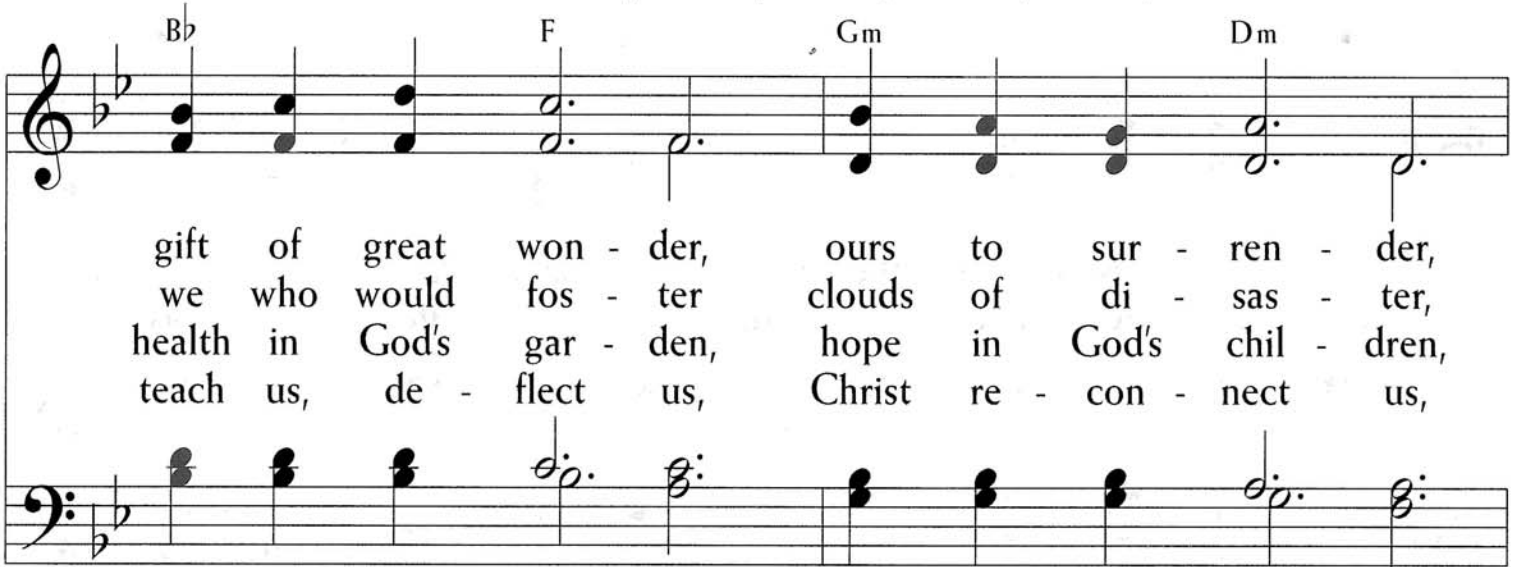
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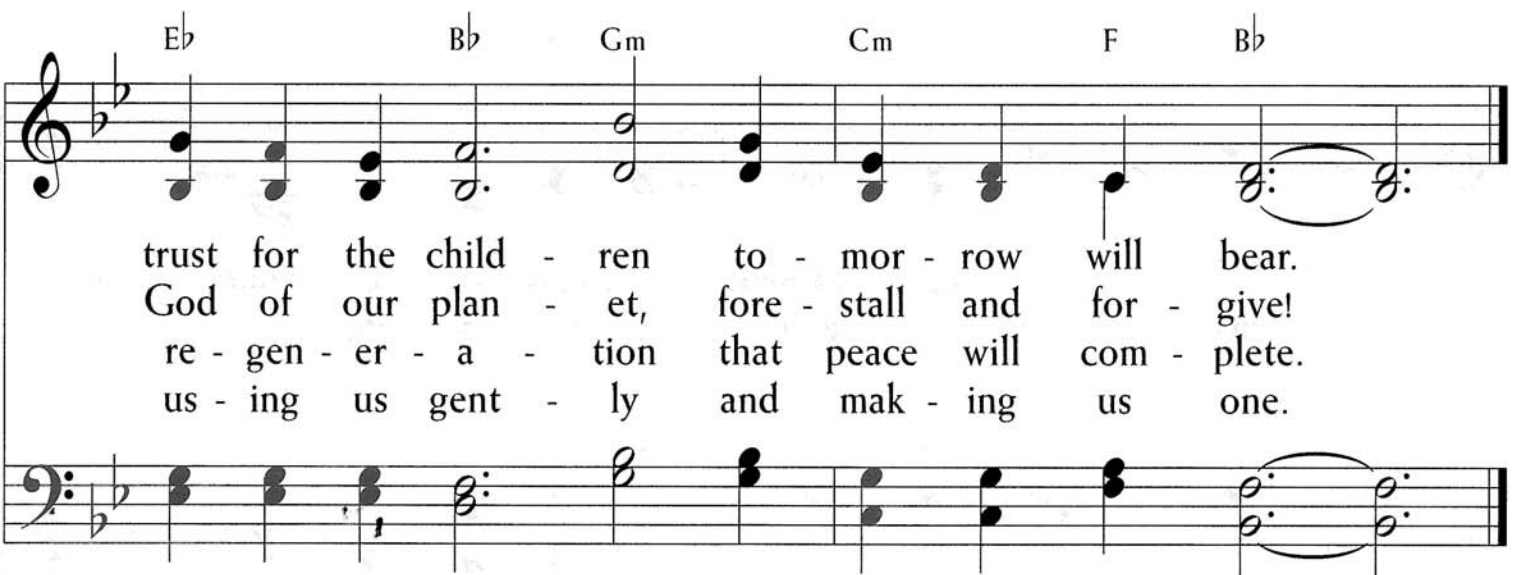
1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,  
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,  
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,  
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,



nour - ish the life of the world in our care:  
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,  
 wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,  
 God of the seed - ling, the snow and the sun,



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,  
 we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter,  
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,  
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

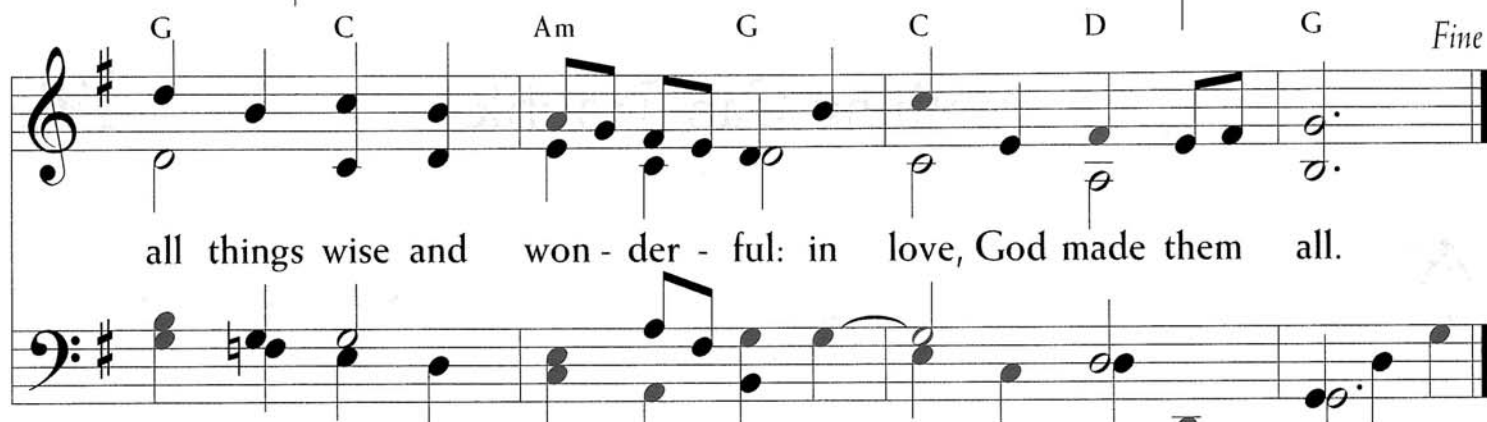


trust for the child - ren to - mor - row will bear.  
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!  
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.  
 us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

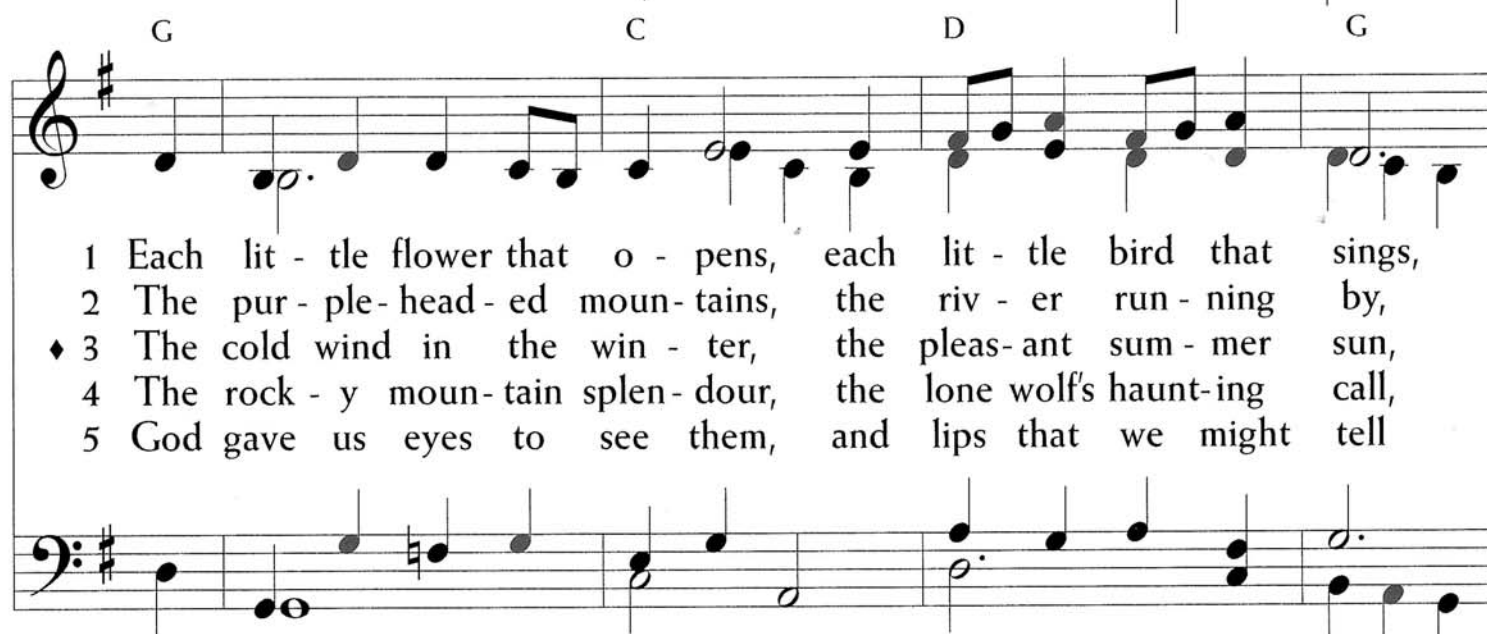
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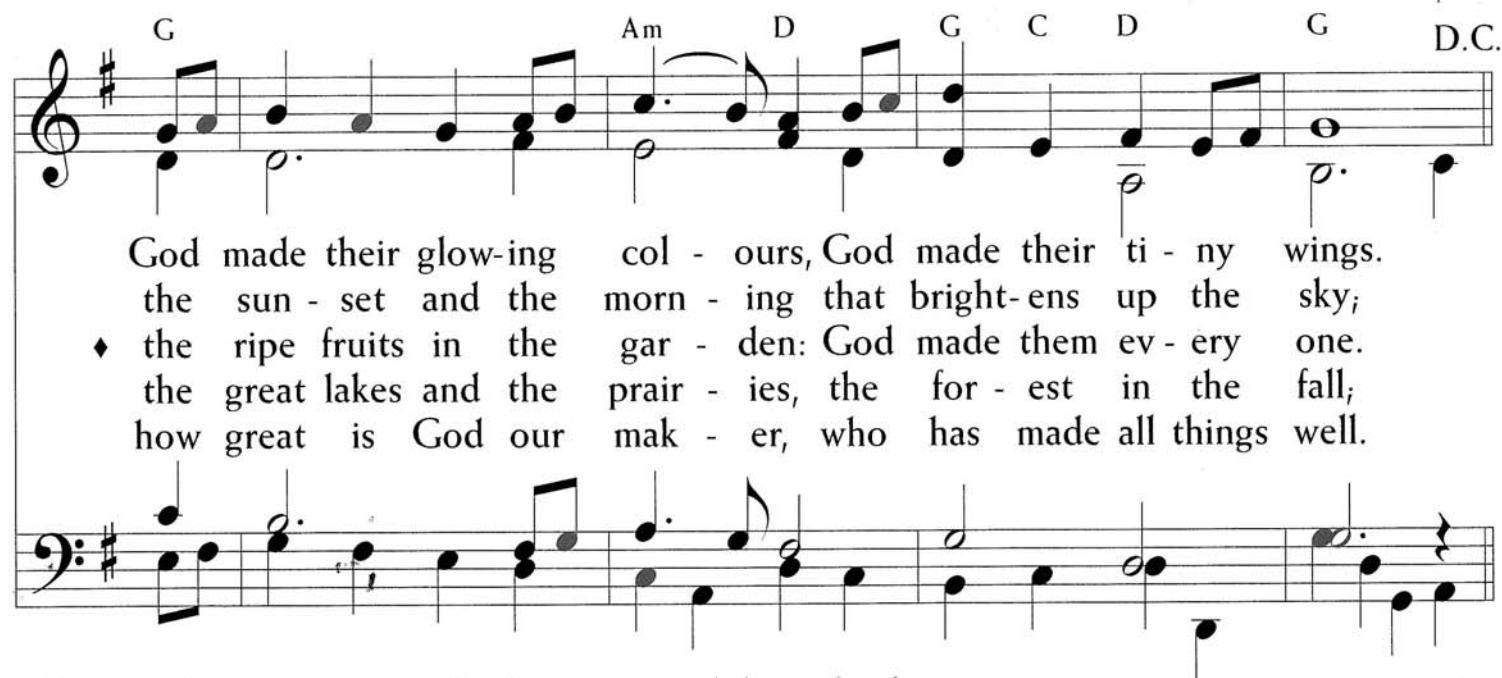
\*All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful: in love, God made them all. *Fine*



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,  
 ♦ 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
 4 The rock - y moun - tain splen - dour, the lone wolf's haunt - ing call,  
 5 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow - ing col - ours, God made their ti - ny wings.  
 the sun - set and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky;  
 ♦ the ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev - ery one.  
 the great lakes and the prair - ies, the for - est in the fall,  
 how great is God our mak - er, who has made all things well. *D.C.*

\* The refrain may be sung at the beginning and the end only.



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