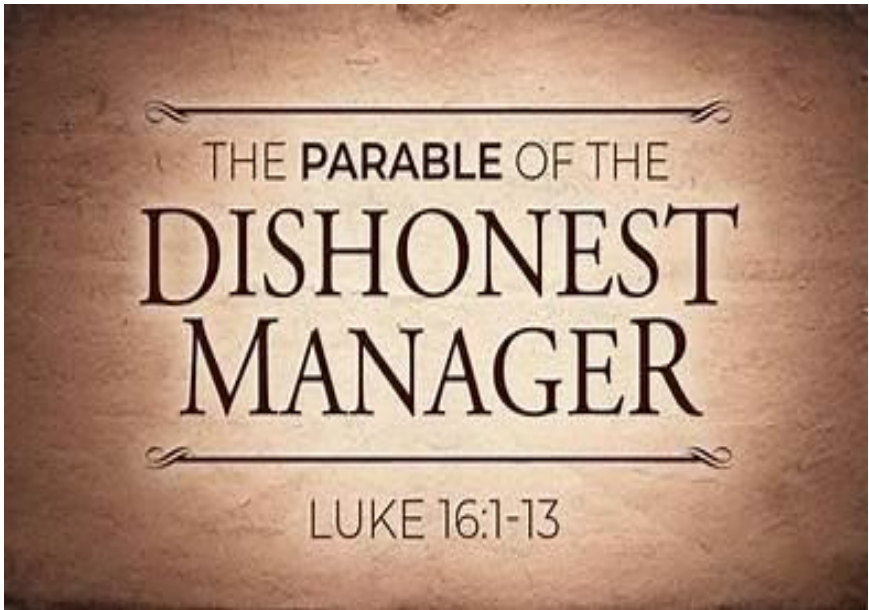


**Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time  
Festival of Harvest Home**

**New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ**



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*"Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people."*

**September 21, 2025**

**8:00 a.m. In Person in Sanctuary**

**10:30 a.m. In Person in Sanctuary and Livestream**

## ***Welcome to New Goshenhoppen. . .***

The city of Cairo has its own unique version of poverty called Garbage City .... Each morning at dawn some seven thousand garbage collectors on horse-carts leave for Cairo, where they collect the garbage left behind by the city's seven million citizens. After their day's work they return to Garbage City, bringing the trash back to their homes, sorting out what's useful .... In Muslim countries there are certain religious restrictions on sifting through refuse, so the inhabitants of Garbage City are either nonreligious or from some Christian heritage .... These are the poorest of the poor—outcasts among outcasts.

In 1972, a young Egyptian businessman lost his wristwatch, valued at roughly \$11,000. As you can imagine, it would have been unthinkable to have a valuable timepiece returned by a member of Garbage City. Yet an old garbage man dressed in rags, found the man's name on the watch and returned it, saying, "My Christ told me to be honest until death."

Because of the garbage man's act of obedience, the Egyptian businessman later told a reporter, "I didn't know Christ at the time, but I told the garbage man that I saw Christ in him. I told him, 'Because of what you have done and your great example, I will worship the Christ you are worshiping.'"

The businessman, true to his word, studied the Bible and grew in his faith. Soon he and his wife began ministering to Egypt's physically and spiritually poor. In 1978, he was ordained by the Coptic Orthodox Church and now leads a church that meets outside Garbage City.

***We Praise and Confess***  
***The \* invites you to rise in body or spirit.***

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship *---from "Our World Belongs to God"*

God is King! Let the earth be glad.

**Christ is victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!**

The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation!

**Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn of Praise: No. 14 ***For the Beauty of the Earth*** - Dix

\*Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

Invitation to Confession *from Our World Belongs to God – St. 10*

As God's creatures we are made in his image

to represent him on earth

and to live in loving communion with him.

By sovereign appointment we are earth-keepers and caretakers:

loving our neighbor,

tending the creation,

and meeting our needs.

God uses our skills

in the unfolding and well-being of his world.

**Yet often we neglect our task.**

**Recalling our task leads us to confess our sin  
and to yearn for God's forgiveness.**

Prayer of Confession ---based on The Creation Story of Genesis1

God of all creation:

**On the first day you made day and night.**

Forgive us for taking for granted the dependable patterns of your world.

Open our eyes to see the beauty of the cosmos you created as our home.

**On the second day you made the sky.**

Forgive us for polluting the air.

Help us see how best to restore and renew your creation.

**On the third day you made the seas and plants.**

Forgive us for spoiling the seas.

Give us resolve to change our hurtful habits.

**On the fourth day you made the sun and moon.**

Forgive us for failing to pause in praise of their splendor.

Open our lips so that we will sing your praise.

**On the fifth day you made swarms of living creatures.**

Forgive us for seeing their value only in terms of serving our interests.

Give us new opportunities to delight in their beauty and diversity.

**On the sixth day you made humankind in your image.**

Forgive us for denying dignity to all your people.  
Work through us until all know their worth as your creatures.

**On the seventh day you rested.**

Forgive us for failing to take joy in our rest.  
Help us enter your rhythm of rest, even in this day of worship.  
Through Christ, our Lord, firstborn of all creation. **Amen.**

*Silence*

Declaration of Pardon      ---based on Romans 8:1-2, 18-21, NRSV

Hear the good news of the gospel about our life in Christ:  
There is therefore now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus  
has set you free from the law of sin and of death.  
Hear the good news of the gospel about all of creation:  
I consider that the sufferings of this present time  
are not worth comparing  
with the glory about to be revealed to us.  
For the creation waits with eager longing  
for the revealing of the children of God;  
for the creation was subjected to futility,  
not of its own will  
but by the will of the one who subjected it,  
in hope that the creation itself  
will be set free from its bondage to decay  
and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

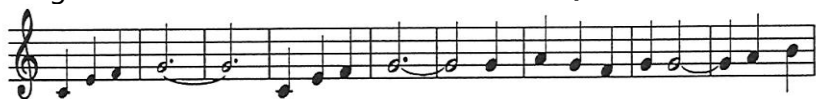
Praise

O Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

\*Song of Praise

**Benedictus es, Domine** — John Rutter



Glo-ry to you, — Lord God of our fa - thers; you are



wor - thy of praise; glo-ry to you. — Glo-ry to you — for the ra - di - ance



of your ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —



Glo-ry to you — in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; — on the throne of your



ma - jes - ty, glo-ry to you. — Glo-ry to you, seat - ed be - tween the



Cher - u - bim; — we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —



Glo-ry to you, — be - hold - ing the depths; — in the high vault of



hea - ven, glo-ry to you. — Glo-ry to you, — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Spir - it; — we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —

\*Collect

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. . .

## ***We Hear and Respond***

From the Psalter

Psalms 113

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD,

**praise the name of the LORD!**

<sup>2</sup> Blessed be the name of the LORD

**from this time forth and forevermore!**

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

<sup>4</sup> The LORD is high above all nations,

**and his glory above the heavens!**

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God,

**who is seated on high,**

<sup>6</sup> who looks far down

**on the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup> He raises the poor from the dust

**and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**

<sup>8</sup> to make them sit with princes,

**with the princes of his people.**

<sup>9</sup> He gives the barren woman a home,

making her the joyous mother of children.

**Praise the LORD! <sup>1</sup>**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
as it was in the beginning and will be now and forever. Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. <sup>2</sup>

\*Gospel Acclamation: No. 20

***All Things Bright & Beautiful*** – Royal Oak

\*The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

St. Luke 16:1-13

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

**Glory to Christ our Savior.**

He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He said, 'A hundred measures<sup>1</sup> of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit

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<sup>2</sup> *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).



down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup> Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures<sup>2</sup> of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup> The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world<sup>3</sup> are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth,<sup>4</sup> so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup> “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” <sup>3</sup>

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

The Word of God Proclaimed

Dr. Williams – “PD”

## ***Generosity!***

\*Affirmation of Faith ---***from Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60-61***

**I am made right with God  
only by true faith in Jesus Christ.  
Even though my conscience accuses me  
of having grievously sinned against all God’s  
commandments  
and of never having kept any of them,  
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,  
nevertheless,  
without my deserving it at all,**

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<sup>3</sup> *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

out of sheer grace,  
God grants and credits to me  
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of  
Christ,  
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,  
as if I had been as perfectly obedient  
as Christ was obedient for me.  
All I need to do  
is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.  
When I say that by faith alone I am right with God;  
it is not because of any value my faith has  
that God is pleased with me.  
Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness  
make me right with God.  
And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine  
in no other way than by faith alone.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Morning Prayer

Our Savior's Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

Welcome and Announcements

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings  
Give via PayPal, a Credit Card, or Debit Card by  
scanning the QR code with your camera



\*Offertory Response: No. 606

*The Doxology*

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Praise: No. 32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God* - Ellacombe

Following the Light of Christ into the World

***We go. . .  
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus  
with all people!***

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude

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## SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

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**WELCOME VISITORS** ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship!

**WiFi PASSWORD:** Network: NewGoshGuest, password: **wearethechurch**

**NEXT SUNDAY** please read Luke 16:19-31.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS:** Activity books, cards and small craft kits are being collected to give to children and youth at CHOP (Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania). These items will help to occupy their time as they deal with medical needs. There is a collection box in the Social Room for your contributions.

**DISHES:** Are you missing any dishes from your kitchen? Check the Social Room "Lost and Found!" They are located behind the table on top of the wood cabinet. Check it out, maybe something you thought was lost, is FOUND! We have several items that need a home.

**HEADSTONE CLEANING:** If you would like to have the lichen cleaned off of a family headstone, you may reach Ken Vincent at 215-266-2498.

**CEMETERY WORKDAY:** Sept. 27. We begin the morning with a cup of coffee and a planning meeting at 7:30 a.m. with work commencing at 8:00 a.m. We appreciate any time your schedule will allow. *More helpers make tasks easier.*

### **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

***The church is grateful for financial gifts received in the name of loved ones and friends.***

### **GENERAL FUND**

**In loving memory of the birthday anniversary of  
Dean Steinman**

Love, Mom, sister, Stacie, and brothers

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS – SEPTEMBER 28:** Emma George has asked to renew her baptismal vows with a special service in our sanctuary. The Rev'd Fr. Wicky L. Barnes III, will be our guest preacher and presider. Fr. Barnes is pastor of Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church near Harrisburg. He is a nephew to Ed & Joanne George. Pastor Dave will go to Shells Lutheran that morning to lead worship. The two clerics have known each other nearly 20 years. We celebrate with Emma as she gives witness to her faith.

**A “SPOOKTACULAR” ORGAN CONCERT – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 3:00 P.M.:** Dylan David Shaw who is Assistant Grand Court Organist of the Wanamaker Building and also on the Music Staff of the Boardwalk Hall Organ, Atlantic City, will be here at New Goshenhoppen to present a “Spooktacular” Concert including the great themes of *Star Wars*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *The Toccata and Fugue in D Minor (Bach)*, and other haunted favorites! This is not a “stuffy concert!” This is a family fun concert – even PD will be dressed up as The Count to make the introduction. The concert is sponsored by New Goshenhoppen and Rudy Lucente. Bring the kids and be prepared to smile!

### **THE BOX IS BACK!**

**We are looking for that special LOGO to celebrate**

**New Goshenhoppen’s 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

**The committee is looking for YOUR ideas.**

**Design it, draw it and put it in the marked box in the Social Room.**

**Winner gets free CHOICE from the variety of items planned.**

**Contest is open until Halloween!!!**

**BULLETINS** are presented in memory of husband, Paul Gehman, parents, Catherine & Paul Krauss and sister, Marion Weikel by Marlene Gehman.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented in memory of departed loved ones by Conrad Fisher; and in memory of mother, Barbara Haas by Deb Nester.

**ATTENDANCE: 9/14/25** – 8:00 a.m. 46; 10:30 a.m. 35; Livestream 36. Sunday School 47. Above is the “Live” Concurrent Household Number - (*Note: “number of households” is less than “number of people”. If on average each household has two people watching, then our numbers are 2x the number of households that tuned in.*)

**OPERATING INCOME 9/14/25:** Current & Benevolences \$1,774; Building, Improvement & Maintenance \$97. Monthly EFT income \$5,060.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Year to Date Income	\$492,914.24
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$59,424.00</u>
	\$433,490.24
Year to Date Expenses	\$457,967.90
Special Income	\$148,847.00
Capital Campaign Income	\$22,684.81
Special Project BIM Expenses	\$44,583.13
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$92,500.00

**CELEBRATION OF THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION FOR The Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Marlin** will occur in January 2026. His daughter, Mariah Marlin-Warfield is asking for your help. Will you kindly email her a favorite memory from his ministry with you...a moment that was funny; a story that begins, “Remember that time when ...”; or something that you have learned from him that has blessed you on your journey of faith. Email memories to Mariah at [mariahmarlinwarfield@gmail.com](mailto:mariahmarlinwarfield@gmail.com) by November 1, 2025. *Please keep this a secret as the family wishes to surprise Dr. Marlin with this scrapbook of memories at his celebration. Thank you!* Also, if you would like more information on their plans for celebration, please contact Dr. Marlin’s wife, Julie Marlin, at [jkmartin7@gmail.com](mailto:jkmartin7@gmail.com).

**VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED!** New Goshenhoppen congregation will be preparing and serving the Monday Meal on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Our menu will be PA Dutch Ham and Green Beans! If you are able to help with food/supply donations or would like to volunteer, please sign up at one of the links below, or on the bulletin board in the Social Room.

to sign up to purchase food or supplies go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E49AEAA2DA3F49-57998117-october>

to sign up to volunteer go here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E49AEAA2DA3F49-57998119-october>

If you would like to make a monetary donation in lieu of purchasing supplies, please place your donation in the offering plate, marked FMM, or give to the Church Office noted First Monday Meal. If you have any questions or need help signing up, please contact Lori Horning 267.261.7273.

**2026 CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS:** Nominations are being received to serve on the 2026 Consistory. Qualifications include sound faith, wisdom and good discretion, regular attendance, and a positive attitude about the church. Members who serve on Consistory are elected to a three-year term and must be a member of New Goshenhoppen for at least one year before serving. Each year two Elders, two Deacons, and one Trustee are elected.

- Elders focus on nurturing the faith and spiritual life of the congregation. Elders must previously have served on Consistory as a Deacon or Trustee.
- Deacons are persons who practice good stewardship. Deacons lead the church in service and love, encouraging and stimulating the connection and care between people in the church and the community.
- Trustees manage and care for the facilities and grounds. They are concerned with maintenance, improvements, and matters of security and safety.
- Submit nominations to the Church Office ([office@newgoshucc.org](mailto:office@newgoshucc.org) or 215-679-2041) by Sunday, September 21st with nominee name and office (Elder, Deacon, Trustee). Please obtain permission from the nominee before submitting their name.

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA FUNDRAISER:** Who doesn't want to cook dinner on Monday, September 22nd? Treat yourselves and go out to eat at Red Robin in Quakertown and help us raise funds to purchase wreaths for all the veterans at New Goshenhoppen UCC Cemetery in East Greenville for Wreaths Across America Day on December 13th! Please bring the flyer (located on the bulletin board at the back of the Sanctuary) and/or mention the Lt. Matthew Smith DAR Chapter fundraiser for Wreaths Across America. Red Robin will donate 20% of your meal toward our benefit if you go between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. It's a win-win! You get a yummy meal and they pay us for the purchase of wreaths for our veterans! Thank you very much for supporting PA0792 - Lt. Matthew Smith Chapter DAR.

Also, if you would like to have dinner and a movie, there is a special, one week only, showing of Sight & Sounds' production of NOAH — Live!

*"With a catastrophic storm on its way, Noah is given a monumental task: build a boat big enough to save his family - and two of every kind - from a flood that will cover the entire earth. As Noah endeavors to live faithfully in the midst of an increasingly chaotic world, can he trust that God's promises run deeper than the rising waters around him?"* Filmed in front of a live audience, this special event invites you to gather your crew two by two and join us onboard the ark for an unforgettable adventure — in movie theaters for one week only, starting September 18th. Tickets available for NOAH—Live! RC Theatres, Quakertown, September 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Reserved Seating. Show is 2 hours 45 minutes. \$15.50 per ticket (when purchased at theater); \$17.50 per ticket (when purchased online).

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE BENEFIT BANQUET FOR THE WORM PROJECT** to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, at the Franconia Heritage Restaurant. Hear inspiring stories from our keynote speakers, Ana Cespedes, CEO of Vitamin Angels, and Rev. Dr. Richard Stryker, Healthy Women Healthy Liberia. The meal is free but reservations are required no later than October 12. Leave the names of your attendees by email to [info@wormproject.org](mailto:info@wormproject.org) or by phone at 267-932-6050 Ext. 201.



### **ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

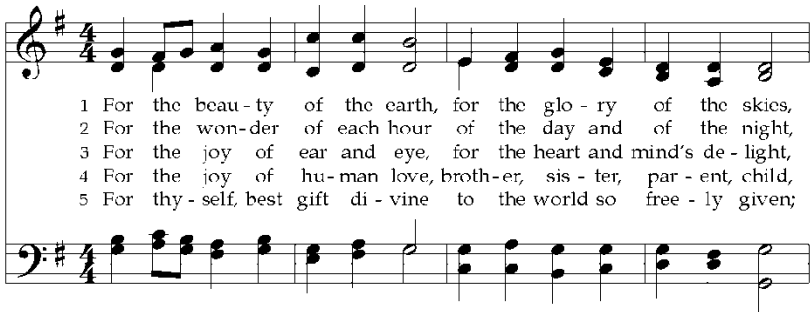
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary) – Harvest Home
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary and Livestream) – Harvest Home
	12:00 p.m.	Christman Reunion (Park)
Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Friendship Committee (Heidelberg Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Consistory (Bible Fellowship Room)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Nursery School trip (Hamilton Orchards)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Confirmation Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Historical Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
	6:30 p.m.	300 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (Bible Fellowship Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Confirmation Room)
Sat.	7:30 a.m.	Cemetery Work Day
	2:00 p.m.	Wedding (Prayer Meditation Wall)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary and Livestream)

### **Thank you to our Service Participants**

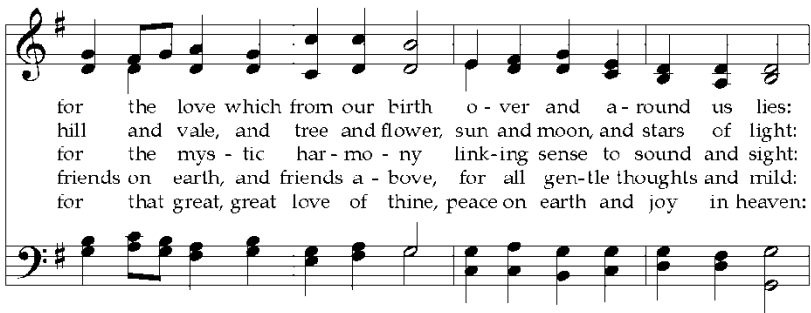
8:00 a.m.      Narthex: Will Howe  
                      Roberts' Church Office: Chris Weikel  
                      Elevator: Frank Eidle  
                      Upper Narthex: Nonna Stankunas  
                      Liturgist/Acolyte: Donna Fried

10:30 a.m.    Narthex: Tom Bancroft  
                      Roberts' Church Office: Cindy Roma  
                      Elevator: Sheri Ackerman  
                      Upper Narthex: Doug Atno  
                      Liturgist/Acolyte: Donna Fried

# For the Beauty of the Earth 14



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.

TEXT: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.

MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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# 20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

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

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord 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-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,  
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

to Refrain  
God made their glow-ing col - ors; 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.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.

MUSIC: English melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915; harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955  
Music Harm. © 1955, ren. 1983 John Ribble (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

ROYAL OAK  
7.6.7.6 with refrain

# 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y  
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.  
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.  
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!  
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.