

Hope Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 2020

10:30 A.M.

Prologue

Comfort Ye, My People

Georg Boehm

Welcome

Peter Loveman

Prelude

Gavotte in G

G.F. Handel

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Lewis & Margie Agnew

God's love is amazing to all of us.

We come seeking to experience that Amazing Grace.

The goodness of God has called us here.

We are recipients of God's gracious Love.

Sometimes we fail to live up to God's standard of living,

Yet God is still gracious and loving.

Come let us experience the refreshing love of God.

We praise you Holy God for your abundant compassion for all people.

Hymn 37

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

Invitation to Confession (From the Second Helvetic Confession)

Lewis & Margie Agnew

The doctrine of repentance is joined with the Gospel. For so has the Lord said in the Gospel:

"Repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in my name to all nations" (Luke 24:47)

This is true repentance, sincerely turning to God and all good and earnestly turning away from the devil and all evil. Let us come together and confess our sins in repentance.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal and Holy God, your love never ceases to amaze us. Jesus came to shine light in the darkness yet we have not welcomed that light to all people. Sometimes we only want forgiveness and grace when it is for ourselves. We want to limit your love and grace for only us. We ignore people who are hurting. We are unforgiving to people, allowing the past to hold us hostage. We cling to destructive habits. We remain preoccupied with ourselves. Forgive us God. Have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of your amazing grace, love and forgiveness so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. (A moment for silent confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Lewis & Margie Agnew

Believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Congregational Response

Alleluia
Alleluia! Allelu-u-u-ia!
Alleluia! Allelu-u-u-ia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Allelu-u-ia!

Nina Alspaugh

Passing of the Peace

Lewis & Margie Agnew

Scripture Lesson

Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8

Message

Captured by Grace

Rev. Michael Bowe

Hymn 308

O God, in Whom All Life Begins

Noel

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together the prayer Christ taught us ...

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 649

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace

Blessing and Sending

Congregational Response

Hymn 802

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is
(verse 6)*

St. Columba

*And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.*

Postlude

Courante from French Suite in G

J.S. Bach

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1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

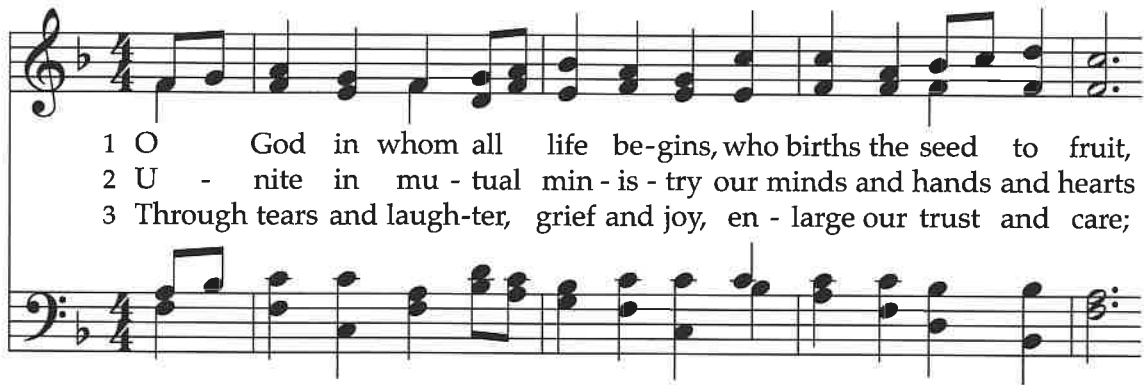
Harmony

God's ban-ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

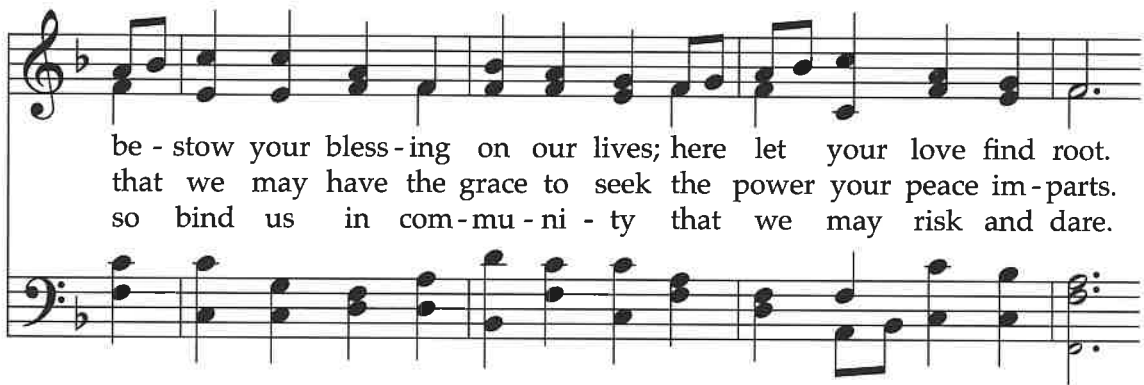
a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

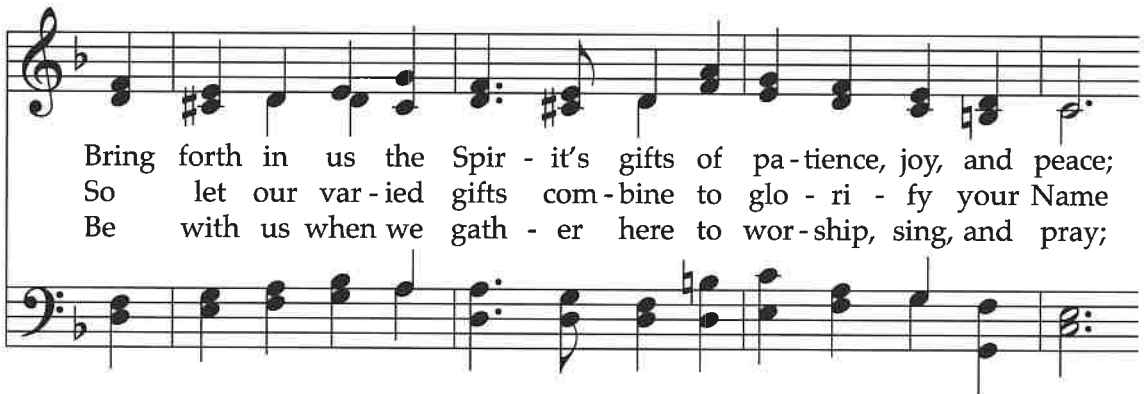
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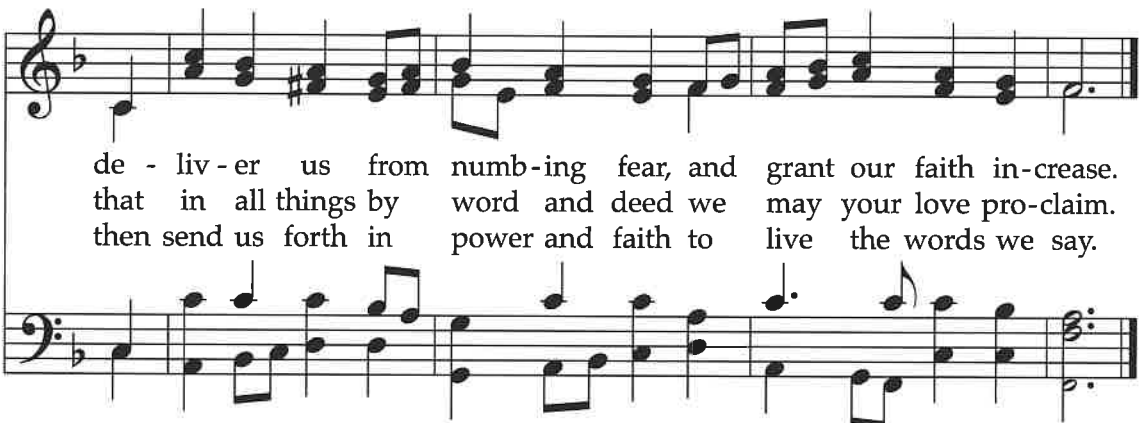
1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;



de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshipping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and O what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.