

Sunday, September 20th, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“Lift Your Light” by Mary McDonald

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Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 105)

Dan Storrs

O give thanks to the Holy One! Tell of God’s wonderful works.

Declare God’s marvelous deeds among the peoples.

O give thanks to the Holy One! Give glory and rejoice!

Sing praises to our God! Let our hearts be glad!

O give thanks to the Holy One: Remember the miracles and the judgments.

The Holy One has remembered us. Praise God!

***Hymn**

“Morning Has Broken”

Pilgrim #38

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Prayer for Illumination

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Sovereign and Awesome God, we come to worship you, to know you and to be known by you. Expand our hearts to love fully. Build our courage to receive the truth. Nurture our spirits to be gracious, merciful, and kind. Transform us in your image and for your glory as we dwell in your presence. Amen.

Anthem

“Dona Nobis Pacem” arr. by Neil Ginsberg

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Scripture

Exodus 16:2-15

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***Hymn**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

NCH #23

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Sermon

God Provides

Rev. Abby Gackenhaimer

Music of Reflection

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

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.

Prayer Response

“May the Peace of God” by K. Lee Scott

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Call to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology** Pilgrim Hymnal #515 *[alternative words]
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him [God], all creatures here below
Praise Him [God] above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father [Creator], Son [Christ], and Holy Ghost. Amen***

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

God, we offer you these gifts, and pray that you would take this offering and turn it into ministry. Use these gifts to transform the world we live in to better reflect the home you have envisioned for us—a home of peace, a home built on the foundation of love. Gratefully we pray, amen.

*Hymn

“For the Fruits of All Creation”

NCH #425

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Benediction

Benediction Response

“O Lord, Seek Us” by K. Lee Scott

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Postlude

Liturgy: ***Heard Your Complaining: Service Prayers for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Year A*** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

Morning Has Broken

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Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4.D.

Gaelic Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

In unison

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

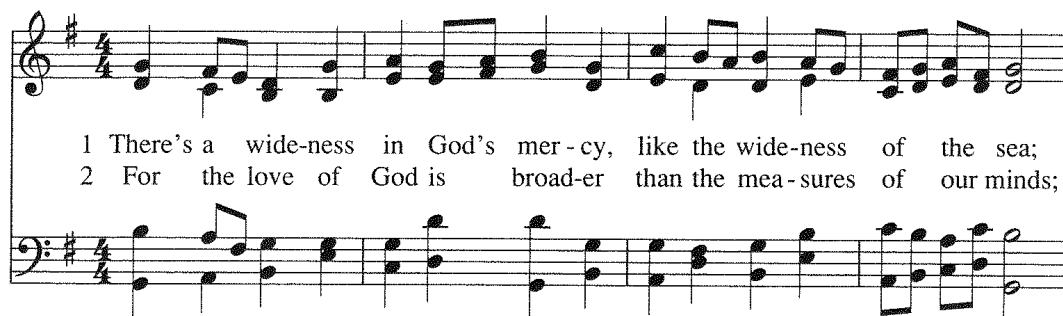
spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!
 dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,

Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
 Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com-plete - ness Where his feet pass.
 Praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

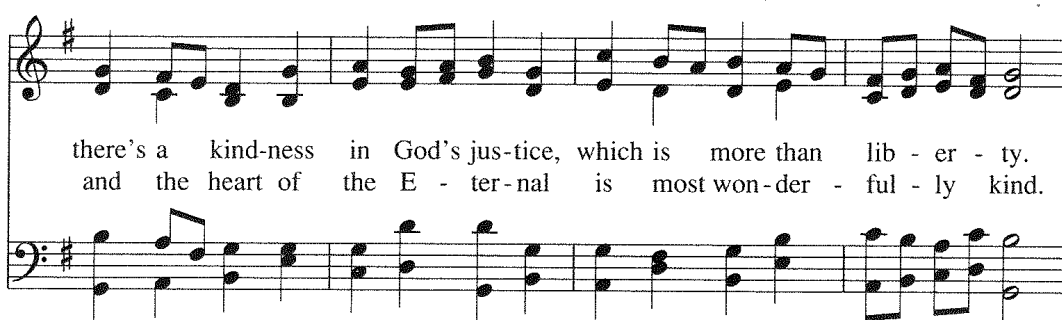
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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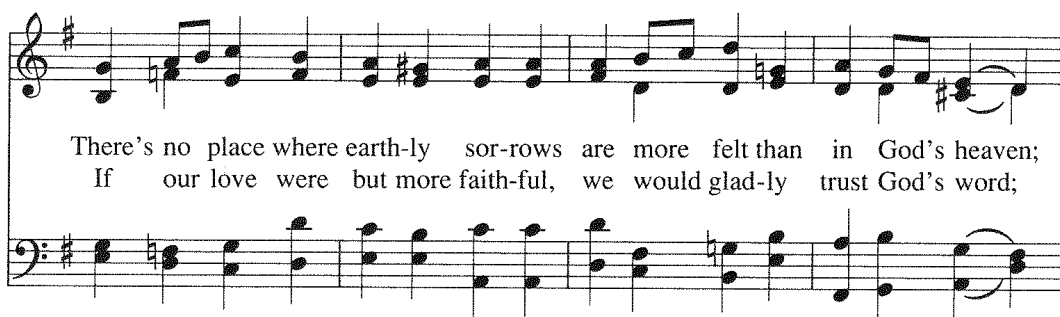
Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.



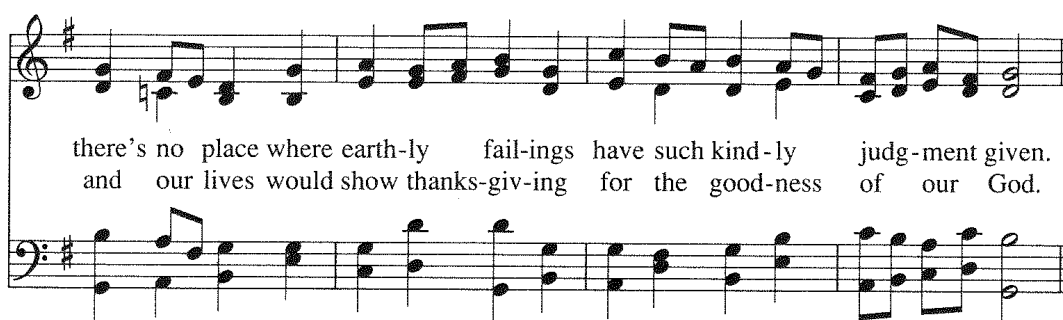
1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.



There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;



there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

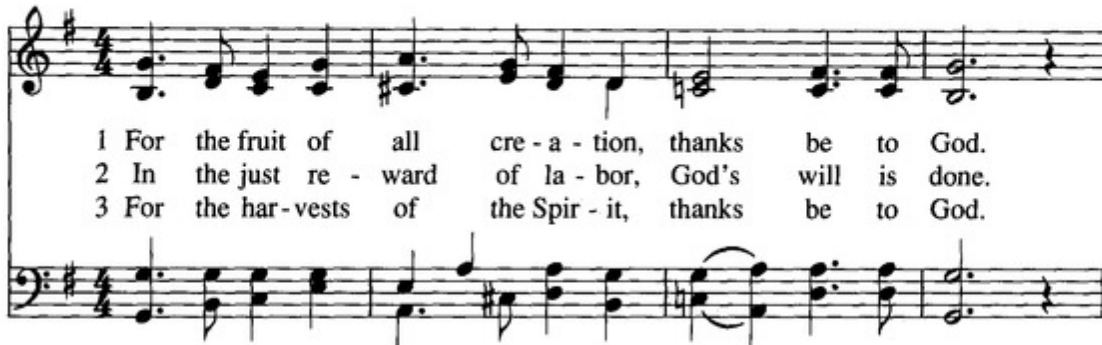
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Dutch melody

Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906

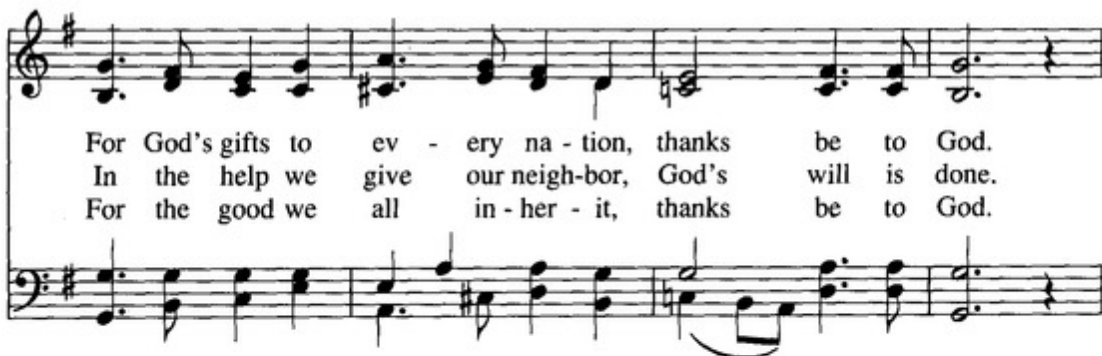
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

For the Fruit of All Creation

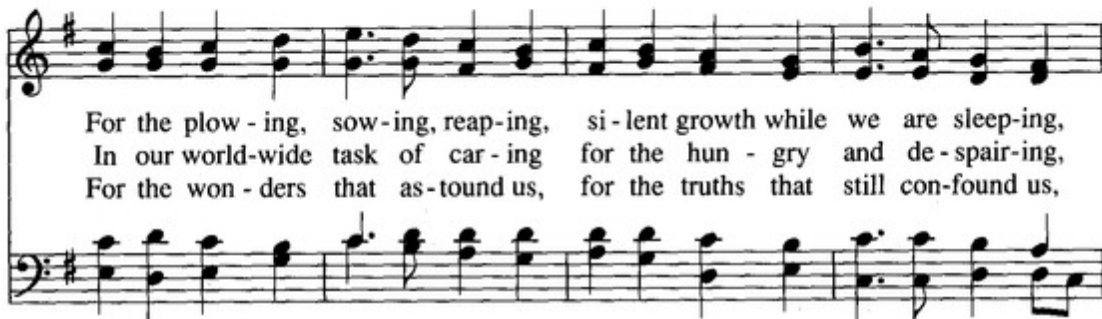
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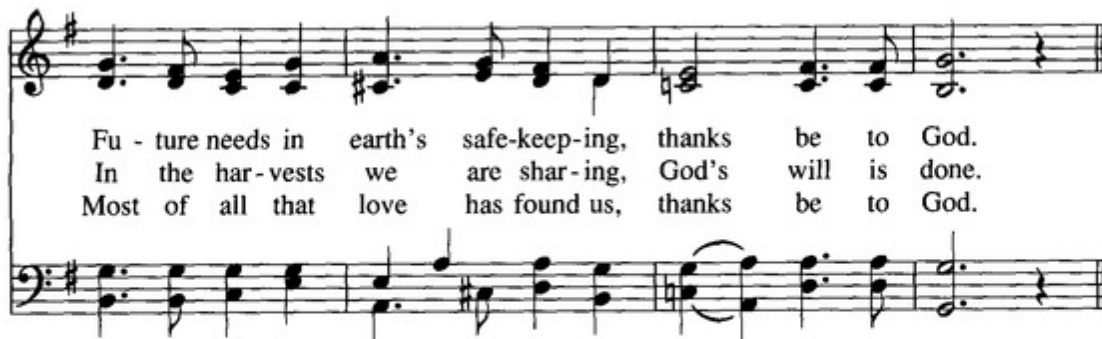
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

This text was written in response to a request for a new harvest hymn for an existing tune. After its publication in England in 1970, it became popular in many countries and can be found set to various tunes.

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Tune: AR HYD Y NOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.8.4.
Welsh traditional melody
 Musical Relicks of the Welsh Bards, Dublin, 1784
 Harm. L. O. Emerson, 1906
 For another harmonization, see 82

