

Sunday, October 27, 2024
M&O Awareness Month in October
Open and Affirming Covenant Vote & All Church Visioning Retreat

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit ***“The Church Is Wherever God’s People Are”*** *by Carol Ikeler*

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Call to Worship

The heavens are telling the glory of God!

**Day to day and night to night,
unending is their silent speech of beauty and wonder.**

How shall we join their joyful witness?

**With words that proclaim God’s inclusive love, with works that bring forth
God’s powerful justice, with worship that rejoices in God’s wondrous
presence, now and always. Amen!**

***Hymn**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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Prayer for Illumination

**God, when you called each of us into being, you delighted in your creations.
You gifted us with differences that illuminate the breadth of beauty,
wisdom, and practices of love in your creation. May we come together in
ways that celebrate our unique creations. Gather us together, your Beloved
Children, and quiet all that turns us against ourselves, one another, or any
of your creatures and creations. Lead us in love that mends and restores.
Amen.**

Anthem

“Let There Be Peace On Earth” *by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson*

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Scripture

John 13:31-34

Carol Hacker

***Hymn**

“As We Are ” Refrain only x2

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Mission and Outreach Message “Hillside Food Outreach” **Anna LaRochelle**

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 “*God Is In This Holy Place*” arr. by Hal Hopson

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Call to Generosity

Offertory

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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, receive these gifts - and give us open hands. Fill our lives – and give us open hearts. Touch us with your word – and give us open minds. Bless this church – and give us open doors. Amen.

Open and Affirming Covenant Vote

***Hymn**

“As We Are ”

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Benediction

Benediction Response “Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

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Postlude

Liturgy:

Call to Worship: The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God. By Rev. Ann B Day. Originally published in *Shaping Sanctuary*.

For the Beauty of the Earth

*St. 1-3, Foliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.**St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993*

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

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,
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
 For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Foliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7. with refrain
 Conrad Kocher, 1838
 Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

AS WE ARE

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Verses



