

Gathered together
to
worship God

July 30, 2017

This is my Father's world

Hymnal #154
words by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
music by Franklin Sheppard, 1915

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas -
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world,
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass,
he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.
Oh, let me never forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world,
the battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heav'n be one.

Announcements

Prelude

Good News

Call to Worship

Psalms 105:1-5
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Good News

One:
Give thanks to the Lord;
call upon his name;
make his deeds known to all people!

All:
Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord;
dwell on all his wondrous works!

One: *Give praise to God's holy name!
Let the hearts rejoice
of all those seeking the Lord!*

All: **Pursue the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always!**

One: *Remember the wondrous works he has done,
all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared...*

Good News

Praise the Lord,
sing hallelujah

Hymn #50
Text based upon Psalm 148,
adapted by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1871, alt.
Music by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1893

Good News

1
Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah,
from the heavens praise his name!
Praise the Lord, our great creator;
all his angels, praise proclaim.
All his hosts, together praise him,
sun and moon and stars on high.
Praise the Lord, you heav'ns of heavens,
and you floods above the sky.

Good News

Refrain:
Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah
for his name alone is high,
and his glory is exalted,
and his glory is exalted,
and his glory is exalted,
far above the earth and sky.

Good News

2
Let them praise the Lord creator;
they were made at his command.
God established them forever,
his decree shall ever stand.
From the earth O praise your maker,
raging seas, you creatures all,
fire and hail and snow and vapors,
stormy winds that hear his call.

Good News

Refrain:
Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah
for his name alone is high,
and his glory is exalted,
and his glory is exalted,
and his glory is exalted,
far above the earth and sky.

Good News

3
All you fruitful trees and cedars,
every hill and mountain high,
creeping things and beasts and cattle,
birds that in the heavens fly,
kings of earth and all you people,
rulers great, earth's judges all;
praise his name, young men & women,
aged ones, and children small.

Good News

Refrain:
Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah
for his name alone is high,
and his glory is exalted,
and his glory is exalted,
and his glory is exalted,
far above the earth and sky.

Good News

Opening Prayer

by the Rev. Dr. Joanne Carlson Brown
pastor at Tibbets United Methodist Church
in West Seattle, WA
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Good News

Good News

Bible Song/Prayer

Psalm 105: 7-11, 45c

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Good News

Unison Confession

Hymnal #699

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The Liturgy of St. Basil of Caesarea, 4th c.,
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Good News

Lord, our God,
great, eternal, wonderful
utterly to be trusted:
you give life to us all,
you help those who come to you,
you give hope to those who cry to you.

Good News

Forgive our sins, secret and open,
and rid us of every
habit of thought
that stands against the gospel.
Set our hearts at peace,
so we may live our lives before you
confidently and without fear,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN

Good News

Mustard seed animation

Good News

Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33

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Good News

today's message:

"Hidden things still surprise"

Good News

Small things, great love

A chorus written on the spot by Ken Medema
at CoB National Youth Conference 2006
following up a sermon by Jim Wallis, in which
he quoted Mother Theresa saying this.

Good News

Small things, great love,
that's how the mountains move.
Small things, each day,
give yourself away.

today's message:

Good News

"Hidden things still surprise"

Good News

To what can
the Kingdom of God
be compared

tune: "To God be the glory"

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Good News

To what can the kingdom of God be compared?
A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,
And there, where predictable plantings should be,
There grows up a wild bush — as big as a tree!

Good News

Refrain:
God of love, here on earth,
hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ...
faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is amazing,
your ways still astound,
Just like that new life
springing forth from the ground.

Good News

2
A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:
A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,
A church reaches out to the youth in the town,
A man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.

Good News

Refrain:
God of love, here on earth,
hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ...
faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is among us,
creation is blessed,
When even a few faithful
lives change the rest.

today's message:

Good News

"Hidden things still surprise"

Communion

Video
"A woman baking bread"

(Deacons come forward to share from Christ's table)

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving
and Blessing

Communion

Eating

(unison)

"This bread which we break
is the communion of the body of Christ"

Communion

Seed, scattered and sown

Hymnal #454
based on Didache, 1 Corinthians 10, and Mark 4:3-6
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Communion

Refrain:

Seed, scattered and sown,
wheat, gathered and grown,
bread, broken and shared as one,
the living Bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land,
wine, work of our hands,
one cup that is shared by all,
the living Cup, the living Bread of God.

Communion

1.

Is not the bread we break,
a sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless,
the blood of Christ outpoured?

Communion

Refrain:

Seed, scattered and sown,
wheat, gathered and grown,
bread, broken and shared as one,
the living Bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land,
wine, work of our hands,
one cup that is shared by all,
the living Cup, the living Bread of God.

Communion

2.

The seed which falls on rock
will wither and will die.
The seed within good ground
will flower and have life.

Communion

Refrain:

Seed, scattered and sown,
wheat, gathered and grown,
bread, broken and shared as one,
the living Bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land,
wine, work of our hands,
one cup that is shared by all,
the living Cup, the living Bread of God.

Communion

3.

As wheat upon the hills
was gathered and was grown,
so may the church of God
be gathered into one.

Communion

Refrain:

Seed, scattered and sown,
wheat, gathered and grown,
bread, broken and shared as one,
the living Bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land,
wine, work of our hands,
one cup that is shared by all,
the living Cup, the living Bread of God.

Communion

Drinking

(unison)
 "This cup which we share
 is the communion of the blood of Christ"

Our Response

From a living letter

Romans 8:26-39

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Our Response

Sharing a joy, a concern, a word of testimony or praise

Our Response

Responsive Prayer

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Our Response

ALL:
*Listening God,
 you hear our prayers
 before we speak,
 yet welcome our praying;
 therefore we come with confidence
 to lay our requests before you.*

Our Response

Leader:
 We pray for Christians everywhere,
 for our denomination
 and our congregation,
 for faithfulness and strength
 to persevere in righteousness.
 We pray for the whole people of God.

People:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Our Response

Leader:
 We pray for the nations
 of the world,
 for all leaders
 and for those who make policy decisions.
 We pray for the commonwealth
 of our global community.

People:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Our Response

Leader:
 We pray for those who are
 overcome by violence,
 for victims of injustice or oppression,
 and for those in poverty and pain,
 We pray for all who need healing and peace.

People:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Our Response

Leader:
 We pray for those
 who endure trials,
 for those who are dying,
 and for those who mourn.
 We pray for all who need comfort and hope.

People:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader:
You have heard the prayers
of your people, O God.
We rest in the comfort of your care,
as we pray in Jesus' name.

ALL:
AMEN

Our
Response

Our
Response

Responding with Tithes and Offerings

Our
Response

Offertory

Sent forth
by God's blessing

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Our
Response

1.
Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God
from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service
in all who believe.

Our
Response

2.
The fruit of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action
for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
his love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom
and answer his call.

Our
Response

3.
With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living
the tasks of our everyday
life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing the children
of each tribe and race.

Our
Response

4.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us,
unite us as one in this
life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Our
Response

Our
Response

Benediction

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