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**Gathered together  
To worship God**


June 25, 2017



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**Come, let us all  
unite to sing**

Hymnal #12  
words anonymous,  
attributed to Howard Kingsbury, 1876  
music by Edmund S. Lorenz, 1886



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**Come, let us all unite to sing,  
God is love.  
Let heaven & earth their praises bring,  
God is love.  
Let every soul from sin awake,  
let every heart sweet music make,  
and sing with us for Jesus' sake,  
for God is love.**




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Refrain:

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Men: God is love!

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Men: God is love!

All: Come let us all unite to sing  
that God is love.



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2.

O tell to earth's remotest bound,  
God is love.  
In Christ we have redemption found,  
God is love.  
His blood has washed our sins away,  
his Spirit turned our night to day,  
and now we can rejoice to say  
that God is love.




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3.

How happy is our portion here,  
God is love.  
His promises our spirits cheer,  
God is love.  
He is our sun and shield by day,  
our help, our hope, our strength & stay;  
he will be with us all the way,  
our God is love.



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**Announcements**



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**Prelude**


**"Andantino"**  
by Edgar Elgar



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**Call to Worship**


Psalm 86:1-10  
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**Crown him with  
many crowns**

Hymnal #116  
words by Matthew Bridges, 1851  
and Godfrey Thring, 1874  
music by George J. Elvey, 1868




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and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven...*

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon the throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem  
drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him  
who died for thee,  
and hail him as the matchless king  
through all eternity.



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Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed over the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing  
who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.



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Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side.  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes  
at mysteries so bright.



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**Opening Prayer**


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**Unison  
Confession**

Hymnal #703  
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*God heard the boy's cries,  
and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven...*

Gracious God,  
hear our confession.  
Our faith is uncertain,  
our forgiveness slow,  
our conviction weak,  
our compassion wavering.



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and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven...*

"Hagar in the Wilderness"  
by Camille Corot, 1835


We have exalted the proud  
and powerful,  
put down the weak,  
saturated the rich  
with good things,  
neglected the poor,  
sent the hungry away  
empty-handed.  
We have helped ourselves.



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Show us your mercy,  
Help us show mercy,  
through your Son,  
our Savior.  
AMEN



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## Romans 6:1-11


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## Returning our Tithes & Offerings




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1. Do you find that powerpoint:  
*circle one*

- helps you to worship
- hinders your worship
- neither helps nor hinders
- I'm not sure




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2. Do worship videos:  
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3. Can you read the following  
text sizes: *check all that apply*

28 \_\_\_\_\_  
32 \_\_\_\_\_  
36 \_\_\_\_\_  
40 \_\_\_\_\_  
44 \_\_\_\_\_



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4. Which size text helps you  
to read best? *choose one*

28 \_\_\_\_\_  
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36 \_\_\_\_\_  
40 \_\_\_\_\_  
44 \_\_\_\_\_




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5. Order these fonts as to how helpful they are for you to read  
\_\_\_\_\_ Calibri (1-7)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Comic Sans  
\_\_\_\_\_ Papyrus  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tempus Sans  
\_\_\_\_\_ Times New Roman  
\_\_\_\_\_ *Viner Hand*



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5. How often should we use powerpoint? *circle one*  
every week  
every other week  
once a month  
once "in a blue moon"



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Offertory  
"The Quiet Hour"  
by Christopher



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Sharing a joy,  
a concern,  
a word of testimony  
or praise  
(please be brief, and aware of God's listening presence)



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Lord, listen to your children praying  
Hymnal #353  
by Ken Medema  
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Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love,  
send us power,  
send us grace!




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Pastoral Prayer



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# El Shaddai


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*God heard the boy's cries,  
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Chorus:


El-Shaddai, El-Shaddai,  
El-Elyon na Adonai.  
Age to age, You're still the same  
by the power of the name  
El-Shaddai, El-Shaddai,  
Erkamka na Adonai.  
We will praise and lift You high,  
El-Shaddai



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1.


Thru Your love and thru the ram  
You saved the son of Abraham.  
Thru the power of Your hand,  
turned the sea into dry land.  
To the outcast on her knees,  
You were the God who really sees.  
And by Your might  
You set Your children free.



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El-Shaddai, El-Shaddai,  
Erkamka na Adonai.  
We will praise and lift You high,  
El-Shaddai



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2.

Thru the years, You made it clear  
that the time of Christ was near.  
Tho' the people could not see,  
what Messiah ought to be.  
Tho' Your Word contained the plan,  
they just could not understand  
Your most awesome work was done  
thru the frailty of Your Son.



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We will praise and lift You high,  
El-Shaddai


*(sing chorus twice)*



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Today's Message:


*"when paths  
diverge ...  
God hears"*



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## Lead on, O cloud of Presence


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music by Henry T. Smart, 1835



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and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven...*

3.


Lead on, O cloud of Presence,  
the exodus is come.  
In wilderness and desert  
our tribe shall make its home.  
Our slavery left behind us,  
new hopes within us grow.  
We seek the land of promise  
where milk and honey flow.



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2


Lead on, O fiery Pillar,  
we follow yet with fears,  
but we shall come rejoicing  
though joy be born of tears.  
We are not lost, though wandering,  
for by your light we come,  
and we are still God's people.  
The journey is our home.



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3


Lead on, O God of freedom,  
and guide us on our way,  
and help us trust the promise  
through struggle and delay.  
We pray our sons and daughters  
may journey to that land  
where justice dwells with mercy,  
and love is law's demand.



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# Benediction

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a retired minister in the *Uniting Church in Australia*



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# Postlude

"Postludium"  
by Armstrong



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