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The birds of the air  
make nests in its shade

MARK 4:32



*Service of Holy Communion*  
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# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Prelude

*Les Bergers*

Messiaen

## Welcome

*As we gather for worship in the church building and online in our homes or gardens, today's liturgy helps us pause to lament what we have lost during the pandemic and give thanks for God's sustaining presence. Then we hear Bible stories about God planting seeds and trees that provide shelter for many birds. The seed of God's good news will be spread in ever widening circles this summer. Then like seeds that were sown and harvested, God forms us into one bread with Jesus in Holy Communion. Finally, we conclude today's worship blessing seven graduates. The Spirit is moving! She is moving, indeed!*

## Gathering In-Person and Online

*This gathering rite is adapted from a resource from the ELCA worship director, Deacon John Weit.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who upholds us through adversity,  
who consoles us in our sorrows,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed,  
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,  
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,  
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 54:10

We lament before you, O God, Comforter in our distress,  
the losses that our congregation and this community has suffered.  
We have missed our weekly in-person worship,  
our sharing of bread and cup,  
our communal song,  
our greetings of peace;  
the full observances of Christmas and Easter;  
baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals;  
in-person gatherings for education;  
fellowship hours;  
the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted each Sunday,  
and we mourn members, friends, and family who have died of COVID-19.  
O God, we lament our losses, for they are many.  
Restore us, gracious God.  
**Restore us, gracious God.**

We lament before you, O God, Sustainer of the universe,  
the tragedies that our world has experienced.  
We lament the millions sickened;  
the countless dead;  
thousands unemployed;  
medical systems depleted;  
economic security threatened;  
government assistance inadequate;  
political discord escalated;  
despondency rampant;  
racial injustice intensified;  
communal engagements canceled.  
O God, we lament the world's tragedies, for they are incalculable.  
Heal us, compassionate God.  
**Heal us, compassionate God.**



Verse 1, soloist. Verse 2, all sing.

*The lyrics by Adam Tice (b. 1979) are set to an early American hymn "I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger." This is a communal song which expresses deep longing and lament. Redemption is evident with the Spirit singing and Christ sharing our cries so that we may join God's song.*

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and expressive, with many notes tied across measures. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words on multiple lines to align with the notes. The score is divided into two verses, with the first verse being a soloist part and the second verse being for all singers.

1 Some-times our on - ly song is weep - ing; our on - ly  
2 Some-times we catch the faint-est hum - ming, a far - off

sound is gasp - ing breath. Some-times it seems that God is  
tune our hearts know well. Some-times we sense the Spir - it

sleep - ing while our brief lives are bound in death.  
com - ing. Our song re - turns; our voic - es swell.

Who hears the song our sor - rows swal - low and of - fers  
The Spir - it sings though we are shak - en, and Christ has

hope to calm our fears? When all our words seem frail and  
shared our heart - felt cries. Re - stored, our wea - ry souls a -

hol - low, God heeds the prayers with - in our tears.  
wak - en to join God's song that nev - er dies.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: WAYFARING STRANGER, North American traditional

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Yet today, O God of the everlasting arms,  
we rejoice at this gathering of our congregation in-person and online:  
we praise you for Sunday worship in word and sacrament;  
for the personal presence of our pastors and ministers;  
for infants, children, youth, adults, and the elders together;  
for communal song and live music;  
for coffee hours;  
for Bible study;  
for service with one another for the wider community;  
for the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted on Sundays and weekdays . . .  
O God, we rejoice at this gathering for baptismal life together.  
Empower our church, faithful God.  
**Empower our church, faithful God.**

And we pray, O God of safe harbor, for the emergence of a wholesome world:  
with health restored;  
mourners consoled;  
vaccines available;  
hospitals restocked;  
employment reinstated;  
poverty averted;  
sustenance shared;  
science respected;  
travel resumed;  
fear replaced with confidence;  
sorrow turned to joy.  
O God, we pray for the emergence of a wholesome world.  
Renew the whole world, merciful God.  
**Renew the whole world, merciful God.**

Give us your peace, eternal God.  
**Give us your peace, eternal God.**

Mark 1:14-15

Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying,  
"Now is the time! Here comes God's reign!  
Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

*Please greet one another with a bow, wave or text message during the musical introduction to the Gathering Hymn.*

# Gathering Hymn

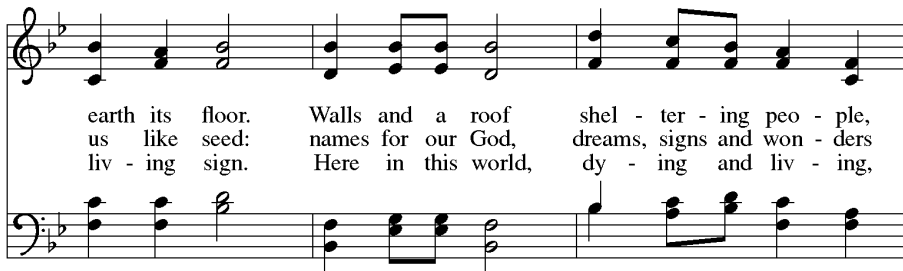
## What Is This Place

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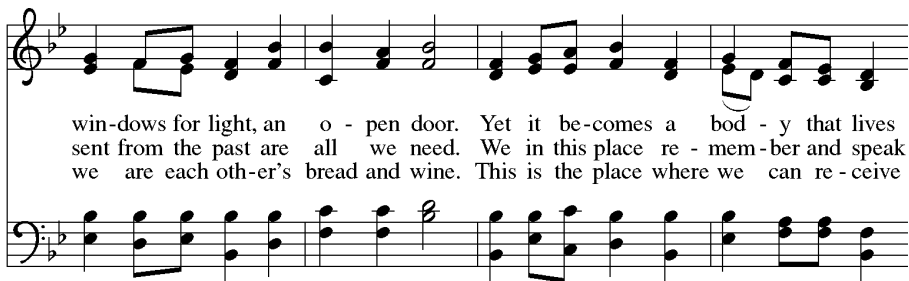
*The text of this hymn was written in the 1970s by a Dutch Roman Catholic and set to a 17th century hymn tune. The text ties together today's worship service themes: gathering in this place in-person and online; the seed of good news planted in us; and how we serve one another in the world.*



1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the  
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in  
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,  
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders  
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives  
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak  
we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.  
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, b. 1906

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## Greeting

*The presiding minister and congregation welcome each other with a greeting shared by Jesus' early disciples and then join their hearts in prayer.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

*After a brief silence for personal prayer, the presiding minister continues:*

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*





# WORD

*God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

## Children's Message

*A pastor has a special message just for the children! Jesus embraced children and placed them in the center of the Christian community as models for discipleship.*

## First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

*Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.*

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

*In response to the ancient poem about the tree of life, we pray Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15. Our praise to God likens those who thrive in God's house to palm trees, which were often used in religious art in ancient Near Eastern and Egyptian temples, and to the mighty cedars of Lebanon, which grew to be 130 feet high.*

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night;**

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre,  
and to the melody of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how up- right the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

## Second Reading

Mark 4:1-9, 13-20

*Jesus begins his ministry teaching the Parable of the Soils. This parable becomes the ground for much of Jesus' ministry. Some contexts are fertile soil for the seed of God's good news, while others are rocky ground.*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus began to teach beside the lake again. Such a large crowd gathered that he climbed into a boat there on the lake. He sat in the boat while the whole crowd was nearby on the shore. <sup>2</sup>He said many things to them in parables. While teaching them, he said, <sup>3</sup>"Listen to this! A farmer went out to scatter seed. <sup>4</sup>As he was scattering seed, some fell on the path; and the birds came and ate it. <sup>5</sup>Other seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because the soil wasn't deep. <sup>6</sup>When the sun came up, it scorched the plants; and they dried up because they had no roots. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorny plants grew and choked the seeds, and they produced nothing. <sup>8</sup>Other seed fell into good soil and bore fruit. Upon growing and increasing, the seed produced in one case a yield of thirty to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in

another case a yield of one hundred to one.” <sup>9</sup>He said, “Whoever has ears to listen should pay attention!”

<sup>13</sup>“Don’t you understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup>The farmer scatters the word. <sup>15</sup>This is the meaning of the seed that fell on the path: When the word is scattered and people hear it, right away Satan comes and steals the word that was planted in them. <sup>16</sup>Here’s the meaning of the seed that fell on rocky ground: When people hear the word, they immediately receive it joyfully. <sup>17</sup>Because they have no roots, they last for only a little while. When they experience distress or abuse because of the word, they immediately fall away. <sup>18</sup>Others are like the seed scattered among the thorny plants. These are the ones who have heard the word; <sup>19</sup>but the worries of this life, the false appeal of wealth, and the desire for more things break in and choke the word, and it bears no fruit. <sup>20</sup>The seed scattered on good soil are those who hear the word and embrace it. They bear fruit, in one case a yield of thirty to one, in another case sixty to one, and in another case one hundred to one.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

ELW 512

*Handt Hanson (b. 1950), a Lutheran musician and worship director in Minnesota, wrote this text and tune for a children's musical set in a rural community. This song was sung by a farm and garden seed store owner.*

The musical score is written for a single voice on a treble clef staff in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps: F# and C#). The time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and accessible, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The song concludes with a double bar line.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

*Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Michael Wilker



Please stand as you are able, proclaiming the word of God in song. Martin Luther added the Hymn of the Day to worship services so that the entire congregation could preach the sermon together in song, rather than only one preacher or soloist.

## Hymn of the Day

## The Reign of God, like Farmer's Field

ACS 952

Verses 1, 4, and 5

*In this hymn, Delores Dufner, OSB (b. 1939) brings a fresh perspective to familiar parables of the kingdom of God, emphasizing its surprising and unexpected nature. God's reign is not triumphalistic or dominating but persistent and liberating. The contemporary text is set to Dunlap's Creek, a nineteenth-century shape-note tune that gives it joy and openness.*

1 The reign of God, like farm - er's field, bears  
4 Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God from  
5 The reign of God is come in Christ; the

weeds a - long with wheat; the good and bad are  
ti - ny seed will spread, till birds of ev - 'ry  
reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,

in - ter - twined till har - vest is com - plete.  
feath - er come to nest, and there be fed.  
kin - dling hearts, the reign of God is here!

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musician. We dedicate to you the joyful noise that comes from this place; the cries of children, the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs from our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.  
**Amen.**

## Exchange of Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with your friends and family while we listen to a musical offering. You may also take this time to text "Peace be with you" to another person -- maybe a friend you miss seeing in person at worship or even a neighbor in another city or state. Please be seated during the announcements.*

## Ministry Announcements

### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Offering of Gifts and Musical Offering

*Although we are not gathering in the sanctuary, Reformation's ministries continue every day. Staff members are providing individual and communal pastoral care, coordinating lay leaders and volunteers, caring for our facilities, connecting us with one another, and developing resources for worship and spiritual growth. This time has disrupted the usual way we gather offerings and severely restricted the gifts of some households. We invite you to give as you are able.*

*Please give online at [www.ReformationDC.org/give](http://www.ReformationDC.org/give) or send your checks to the church office. If you want to begin or change your Simply Giving weekly or monthly donation, email [office@ReformationDC.org](mailto:office@ReformationDC.org).*

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*I Believe*

Mark Miller

*Offering lyrics are printed on the following page.*

## I Believe

*I believe in the sun  
Even when it's not shining*

*I believe in love  
Even when I don't feel it.*

*I believe in God  
Even when God is silent*





## Presentation of Gifts

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

**Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!  
Before all that is, you were God.  
Outside all we know, you are God.  
After all is finished, you will be God.  
Archangels sound the trumpets,  
angels teach us their song,  
saints pull us into your presence.

And this is our song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, mighty and merciful,  
your people praise you, saying:  
Your mercy endures forever.  
**Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise  
you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures,  
granting them life and calling them to flourish,  
setting the sign of your rainbow in the clouds,  
the colors of your love and faithfulness.

Your mercy endures forever.

**Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise  
you bound yourself to your people,  
blessing them with family outnumbering the stars  
and calling them to be a blessing to others,  
showing them steadfast love in every generation  
and calling them to be a light to the nations.

Your mercy endures forever.

**Your mercy endures forever.**

By your promise  
you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved,  
grafting us into your living Vine,  
and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

In the night in which he was arrested,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember his life laid down and lifted up  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless us to be a blessing.  
Make us a sign of your faithfulness.  
Send us to tend and cherish the earth  
and to serve the world with mercy and love.

With all the saints in light,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus,  
in your Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4

*Jesus called God Abba, which means papa in Aramaic, and taught his disciples to pray like talking to their beloved parent. In the following version of the Lord's Prayer, we invite you to use the names Abba or Imma, which means mama, to call upon God who embraces you in love.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray:

**Abba/Imma in heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

*We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper to forgive sins and renew our lives. We trust that God who raised Jesus from the dead to be alive with us now also joins us together in this moment of Holy Communion. Whether we are in the sanctuary or in our homes, the Holy Spirit comes and brings Christ's presence in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice when we share this meal together.*

*Those present in the sanctuary will come forward to share the meal. If you are at home, you can commune each other saying, "The body of Christ, given for you" and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are alone, say those words to yourself and know that you are not alone. You are joined to the body of Christ - the church - through this holy meal.*

*Instrumental Musical Offering*

Paul Leavitt

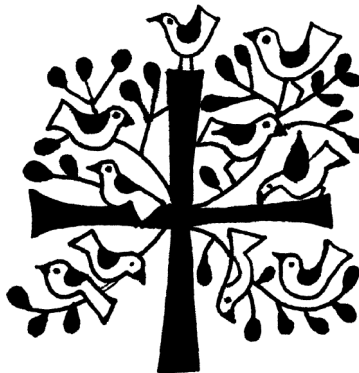
## Prayer after Communion

*Please stand, as you are able.*

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**



# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Blessing of Graduates

### High School Graduates

*Eleanor Grant*

*Karl Kittleson Wilker*

*Sarah Ralston*

*Justin Scofield*

*Quinton Tobler Cunningham*

*Daniel Voss*

### College Graduate

*Skye Carlson*

## Blessing

Numbers 6:23-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*God of Fertile Fields*

ACS 1063

Verses 1,3, and 4

*Having lived from 1891 to 1974, the author of this text, Georgia Harkness, was well ahead of her time. She was the first woman to teach theology in any American seminary. This hymn by Harkness was the winner of a hymn competition in 1955 sponsored by The Hymn Society. It is set to a tune by an Italian composer, Felice Giardini.*

*Hymn music and text are printed on the following page.*

## Sending Forth

Go in freedom. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Sonata No. 4 Finale*

Mendelssohn

# God of the Fertile Fields



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of  
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your  
 trust from you all that you give; help us in  
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our  
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
 love to share, teach us like you to care  
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - busied,  
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.  
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.  
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.  
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

## Prayer List

### WE GIVE THANKS ...

#### For those who celebrate birthdays this week:

*Nicholas Barrette (6/13), Evan Benoit (6/14), Graham Finkenstadt (6/15)*

#### For those who celebrate anniversaries this week:

*Ivy and Dan Finkenstadt (6/13), Barbara and David Ochmanek (6/16)*

### WE PRAY FOR ...

*Ester Hardesty, president of the Langston Terrace Residents Association, as she undergoes radiation treatment for throat cancer.*

*Victoria, niece of Gloria Kenyon, for health and healing from surgery.*

*Karen, Andy Weaver's sister, that she has continued healing.*

*Chester Hart, as he recovers from surgery on his foot.*

*Children and their family members who live with cancer.*

*Jennifer Novak, as she recovers from leg surgery.*

*Robert Pfahl and his family, as he struggles with neurological and physical health matters.*

*Rebecca Pfahl, for health and healing.*

*For those experiencing anxiety, loneliness, and distance from family and friends.*

*For the scientists and healthcare workers producing and distributing Covid-19 vaccines.*

*For the Anacostia River.*

*Members and friends affected by Covid-19.*

*David, the father of Phillip and Harriet Vender's daughter-in-law, who is living with lymphoma.*

#### For our congregational and family members in military and foreign service:

*Drew Shealy, Diane Kohn, Melinda Manning, Paul Cowden, Jon Jones, Lee Patterson and family members of those in service here and around the world.*

#### From our hearts for:

*Tim Allmond, Angela Braxton, Emanuele and Emmajean Crupi, Bob Hedrick, Bernice Hoveland, Leah Jones, Marvin Jones, Emmanuel Kabasaala, Wayne Krumwiede, Margot Lyddane, Valerie Platz, Ron and Daphne Rhine, Bill Scott, Madge Selinsky, Al Stauderman, Helen Vigness, Carolyn Walker, Thomas Winter, and Gloria Wolf.*

**Please email your prayer requests to Pastor Mike at [wilker@ReformationDC.org](mailto:wilker@ReformationDC.org).**

## Thanks be to God for today's Worship Leaders

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Zoom Host	
Facebook Host	
Livestream Tech Team	Christine Goepfert and Andy Weaver
Tellers	Emily Sollie and Andy Weaver

The most up-to-date Worship Schedule, will be found on our website, [www.ReformationDC.org](http://www.ReformationDC.org).

We will continue to follow the guidelines of health professionals, scientists, government officials, and church leaders to make decisions regarding gathering for in-person worship. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

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