

Memorial and Celebration  
of the life of  
*Betty Jane Gray*



October 25, 2020



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Memorial and Celebration  
Betty Jane Gray  
July 20, 1934 — September 25, 2020

Prelude

Susan DeSelms  
Minister of Music

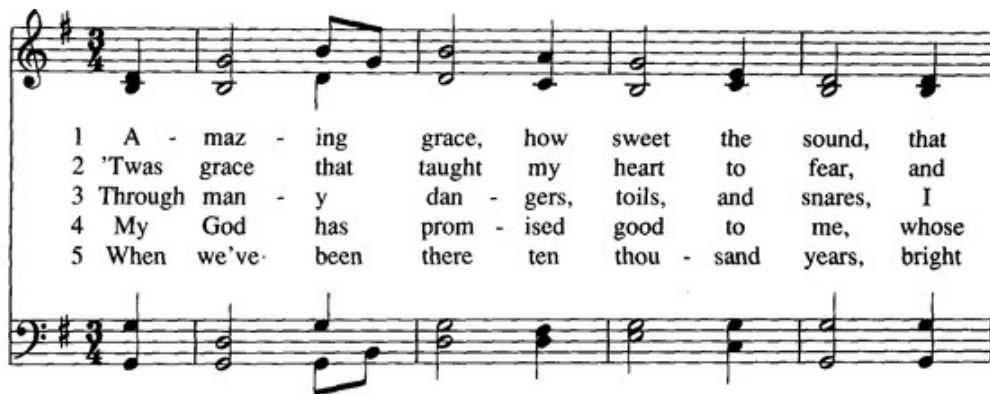
Welcome

Kent French  
Senior Pastor

Opening Hymn

Amazing Grace  
led by Paul or Vena Priestly

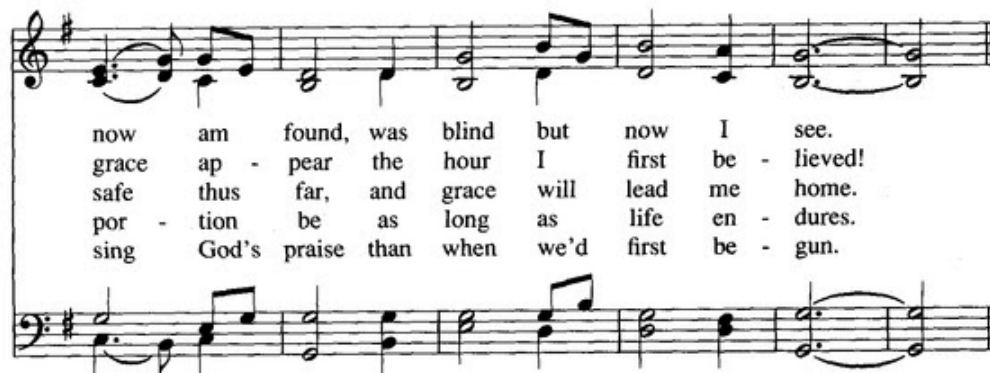
Hymn #547  
TUNE: AMAZING GRACE



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
4 My God has prom - ised good to me, whose  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; God will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## Words from Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

John 14: 1-6

Romans 8:31-39

Kent French and Amy Norton

Senior and Associate Pastors

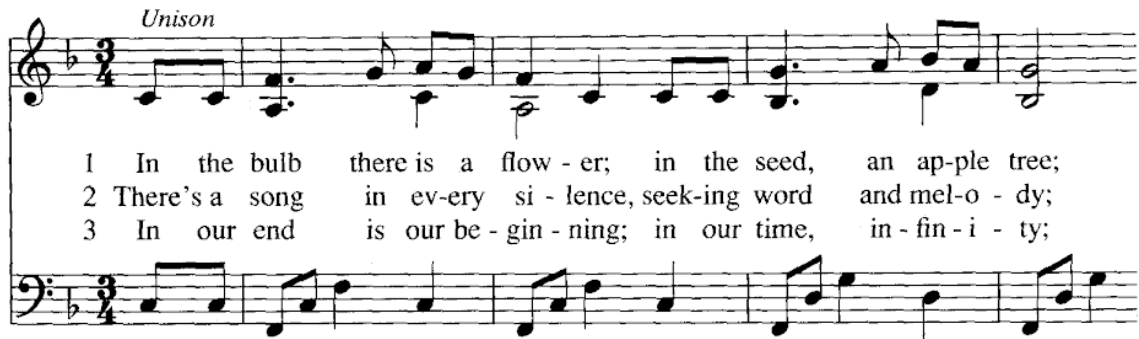
## Hymn

*In the Bulb There is a Flower*

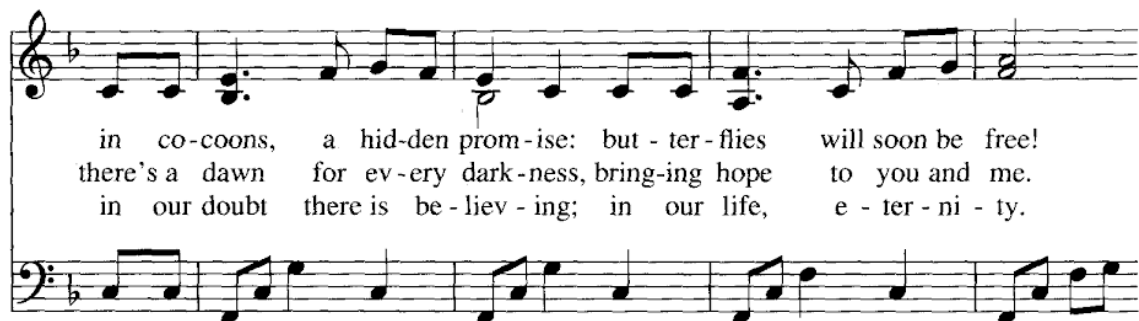
Hymn #433

TUNE: PROMISE

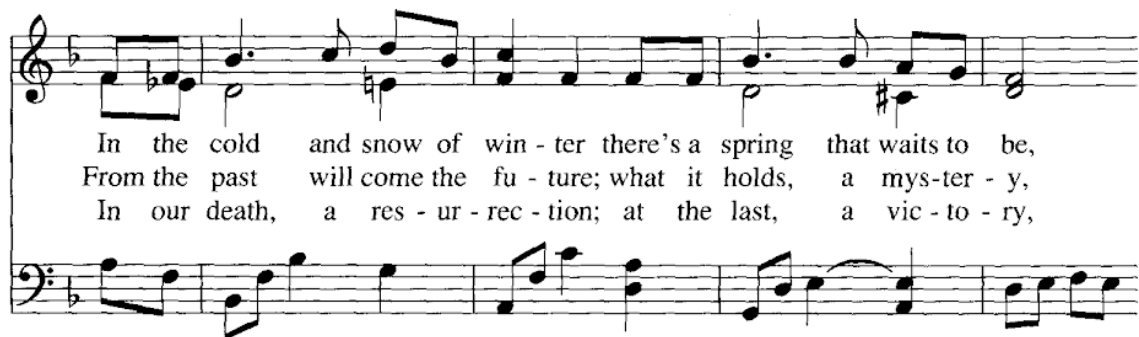
*Unison*



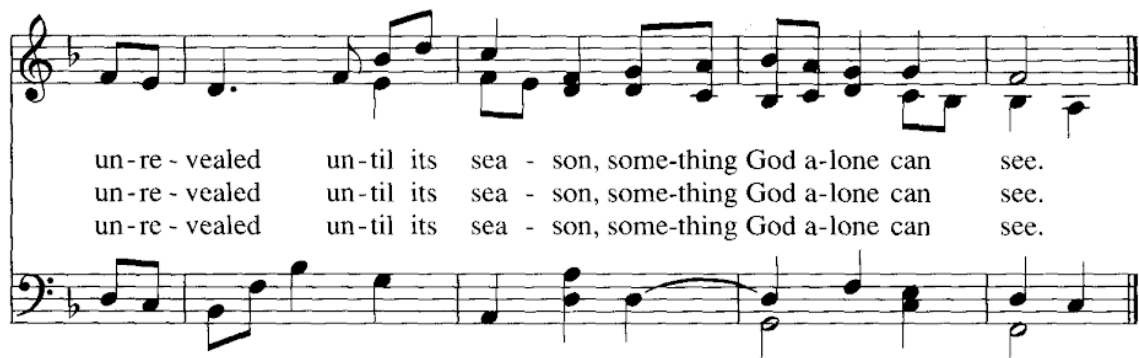
1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
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## Prayer of Invocation

**Lord's Prayer** *We invite you to use your chosen words for God: Father, Mother, or . . .*

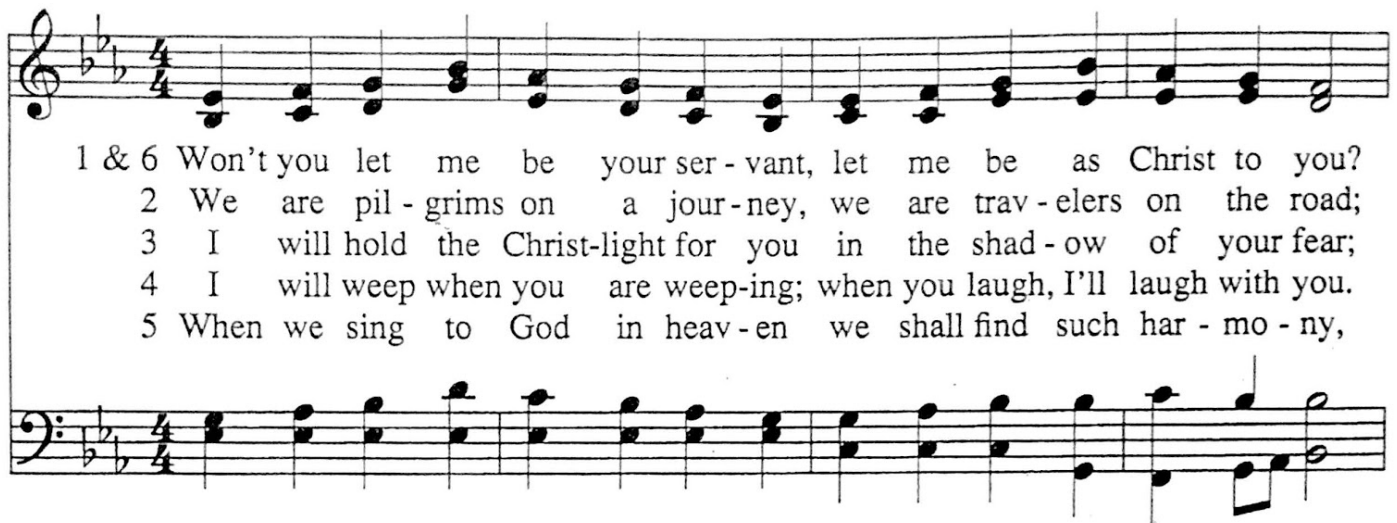
Our Creator, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
On Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

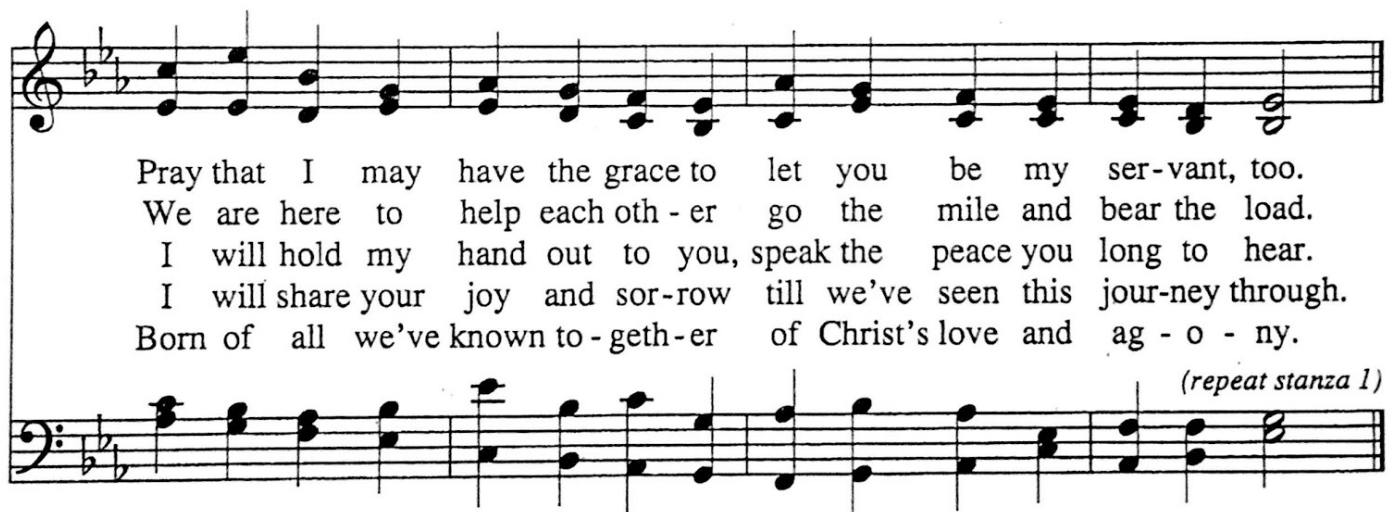
## Hymn

### *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant*

Hymn #539  
TUNE: SERVANT SONG



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.  
(repeat stanza 1)

## Remembrances

Jenifer Gray, *granddaughter*,  
*read by* Pat Howkinson, *friend*  
Mary McConnell, *friend*

## Musical Reflection

and  
Slideshow Remembrance

*You Raise Me Up*  
by Rolf Løvland and Brendan Graham  
of Secret Garden

Josh Groban

## Psalm 23 *unison*

The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down  
in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

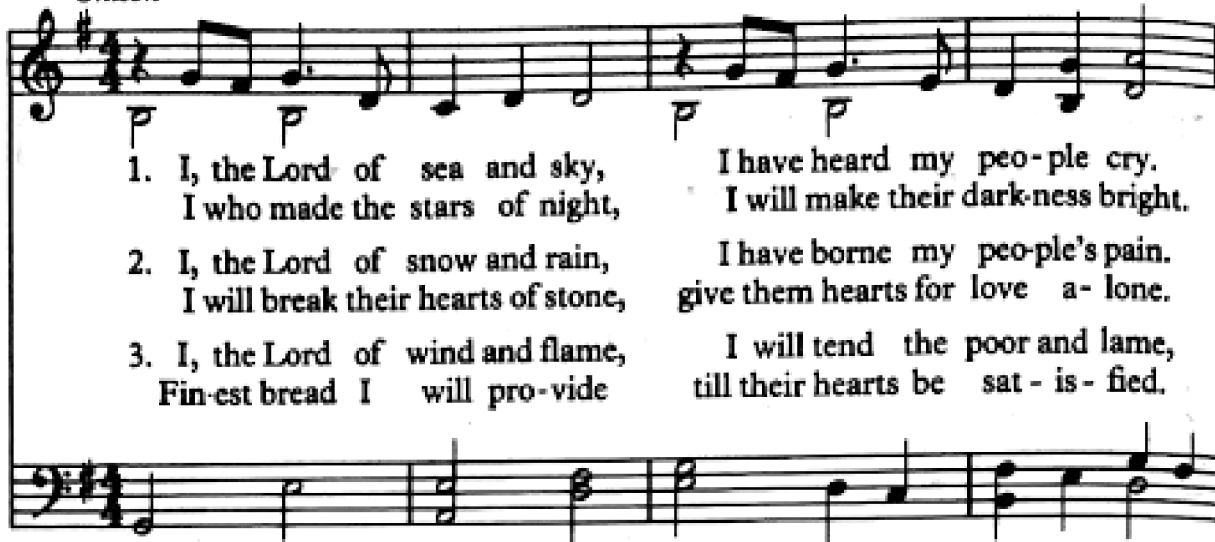
Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
for ever.

## Reflection

Kent French

*Unison*


1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I who made the stars of night,  
I have heard my peo-ple cry.  
I will make their dark-ness bright.

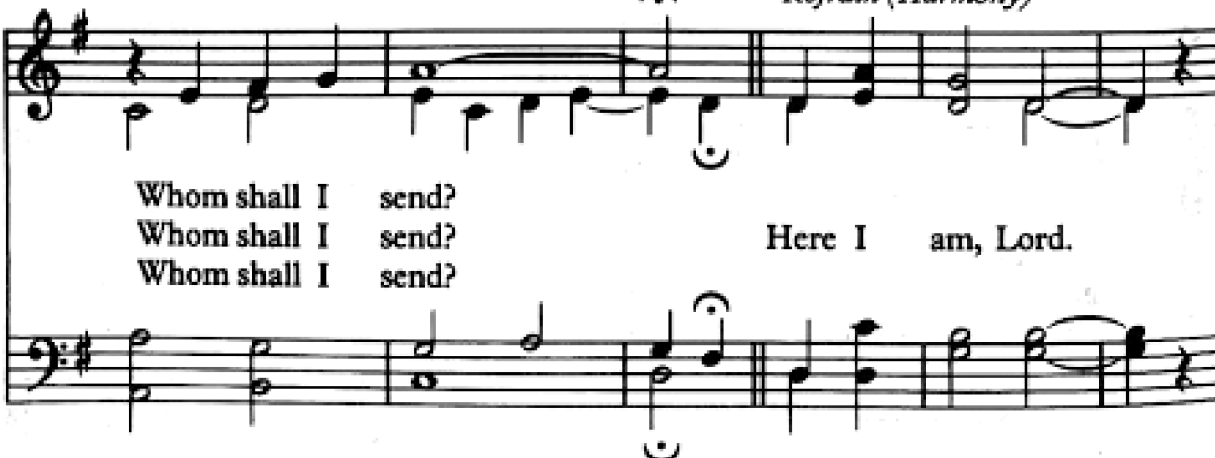
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
give them hearts for love a-lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
till their hearts be sat-is-fied.



1.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a-way.  
I will speak my word to them.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
I will give my life to them.

## 2.

*Refrain (Harmony)*


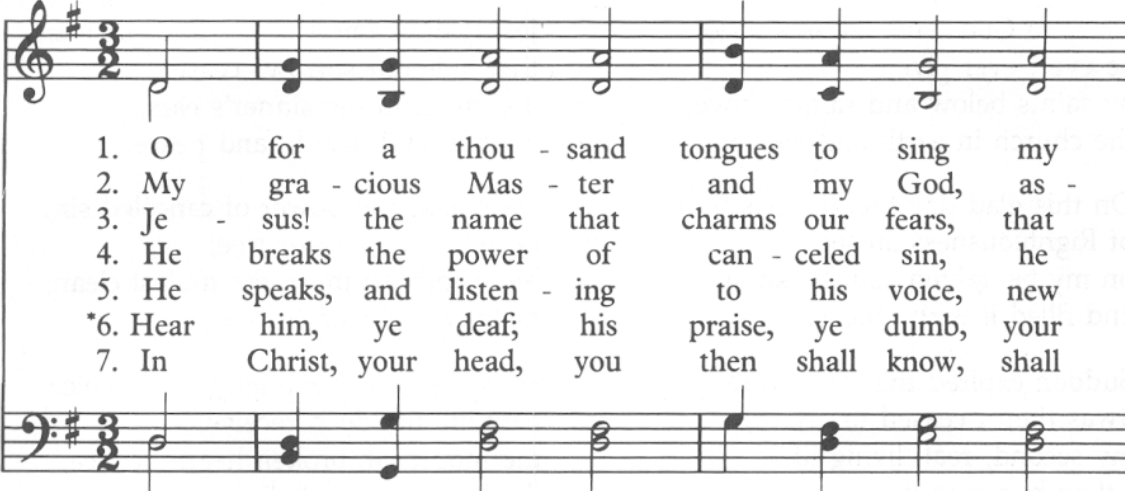
Whom shall I send?  
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Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

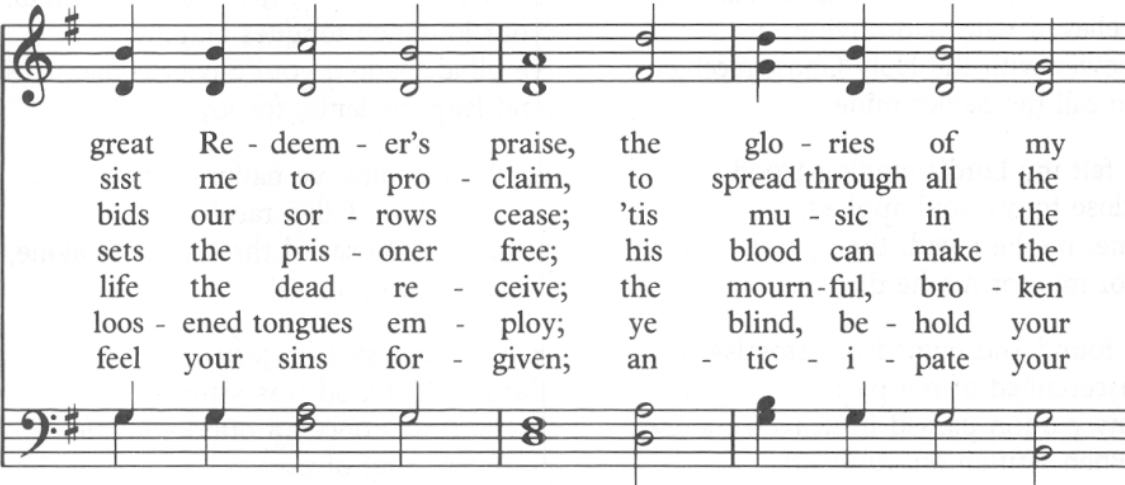
night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

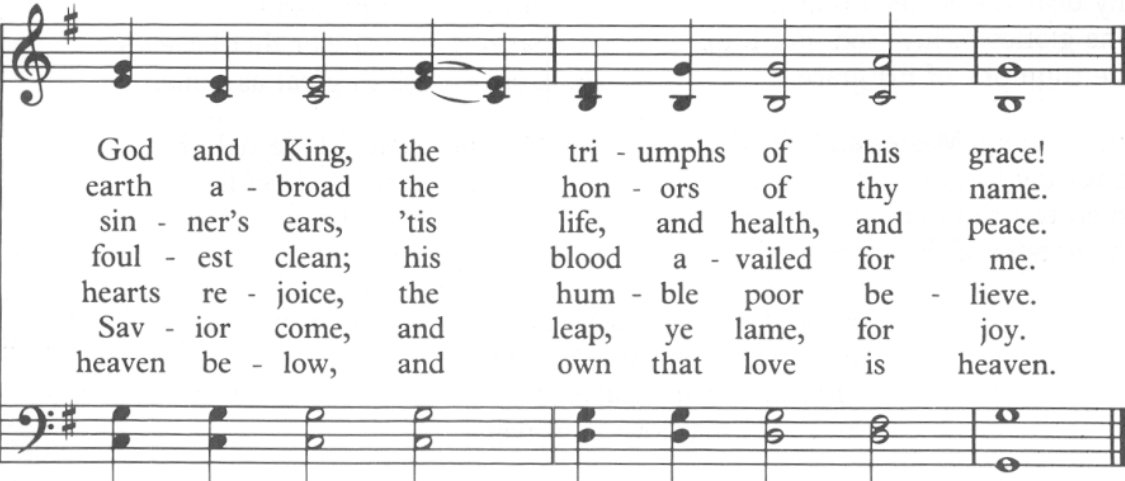
Prayer of Commendation



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that  
 4. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, he  
 5. He speaks, and listen - ing to his voice, new  
 \*6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your  
 7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the  
 sets the pris - oner free; his blood can make the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful, bro - ken  
 loos - ened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold your  
 feel your sins for - given; an - tic - i - pate your



God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.  
 foul - est clean; his blood a - vailed for me.  
 hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 Sav - ior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.  
 heaven be - low, and own that love is heaven.

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

Susan DeSelms



# WELCOME

We at the United Parish in Brookline believe that all people are made in the image of God and embrace and cherish every person and every kind of family. Jesus Christ welcomed everyone; we seek to follow his example in our own life and worship, by extending God's love and grace abundantly and equally to everyone. We affirm and welcome all people to share in worship, fellowship and leadership with us, to join us in a diversity of race, gender, sexual identity, physical or mental ability, ethnicity or economic means.

We have joined with other Open and Affirming (United Church of Christ) and Welcoming and Affirming (American Baptist Churches USA), as well as with the Reconciling Ministries Network (United Methodist Churches) to declare that we are and will remain open to all persons, including gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual people.

We invite you to consider becoming a member of the United Parish family. You may become a member by transferring membership or by a statement of faith. If you desire to retain ties with a former church, we invite you to become an associate or affiliate member for the time you are with us.

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