

Sunday, April 28, 2024



The Gilford Community Church
The Reverend Michael C. Graham, Pastor
Amber McLane, Director of Youth and Family Programs
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Gathering Time

As we arrive for worship, let us greet and make new friends, and be alert for guests as we celebrate the fellowship of our faith community.

Time for Prayer and Meditation

The ringing of the church bell and lighting of the candles calls us to sit down and allow ourselves to forget the hurry and worry of the world. Center your heart, mind and soul on God's love for you and all creation.

Ring the Bell and Bringing the Light

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Will Gunn

*Call to Worship

In a world with so much hatred and violence,

We need a religion that proclaims the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

In a world with so much brutality and fear,

We need a religion that seeks justice, equity, and compassion.

In a world with so many persons abused and neglected,

We need a religion that calls us to accept one another and encourage one another to spiritual growth.

In a world with so much inequity and strife,

We need a religion that strives toward the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

In a world with so much uncertainty and despair,

We need a religion that teaches our hearts to hope, and our hands to care.

*Hymn of Praise

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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Prayer of Invitation followed by the Lord's Prayer (debts)

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.

Choral Response (Old Hundredth)

**Rejoice in love we know and share,
in love and beauty everywhere;
rejoice in truth that makes us free,
and in the good that yet shall be.**

Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 2: 2-5 and 2:10-14	Joyce Collins
Anthem	"Christ Has Broken Down the Wall" by Mark A. Miller Performed by the Chancel Choir	
Children's Time		
Special Music	"Wonderful Life" by Matthew West Performed by Stacey Pate	
Morning Prayer		
*Hymn of Preparation	"When Peace, Like a River"	#438
Sermon	"The Spiritual Side of Faith"	
*Hymn of Commitment	"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"	#283
*Benediction		
*Choral Amen		

***"The flowers today are to celebrate our mothers
who loved the spring flowers in the garden."
Carole and Bob Curry***

The Gilford Community Church is an inclusive, open community. We embrace believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. We welcome new companions on a journey of faith that often includes laughter, live music and joy. We celebrate both our differences and our shared commitments: to spiritual journey, to supporting each other, and to building community in Gilford, the Lakes Region and beyond.

If you wear hearing aids, please remember to have the TELECOIL option activated for optimal benefit.

Exciting news, we are embracing some new technology and now offer a QR Code for a fast, easy, secure way to make your pledge or donation! Open your camera and hold your device over the QR Code below, so that it is clearly visible within your smartphone's screen. The phone will either automatically scan the code and take you directly to our online platform or on some devices, you may have to touch the link when it appears. Of course, offering plates are in the foyer as well.

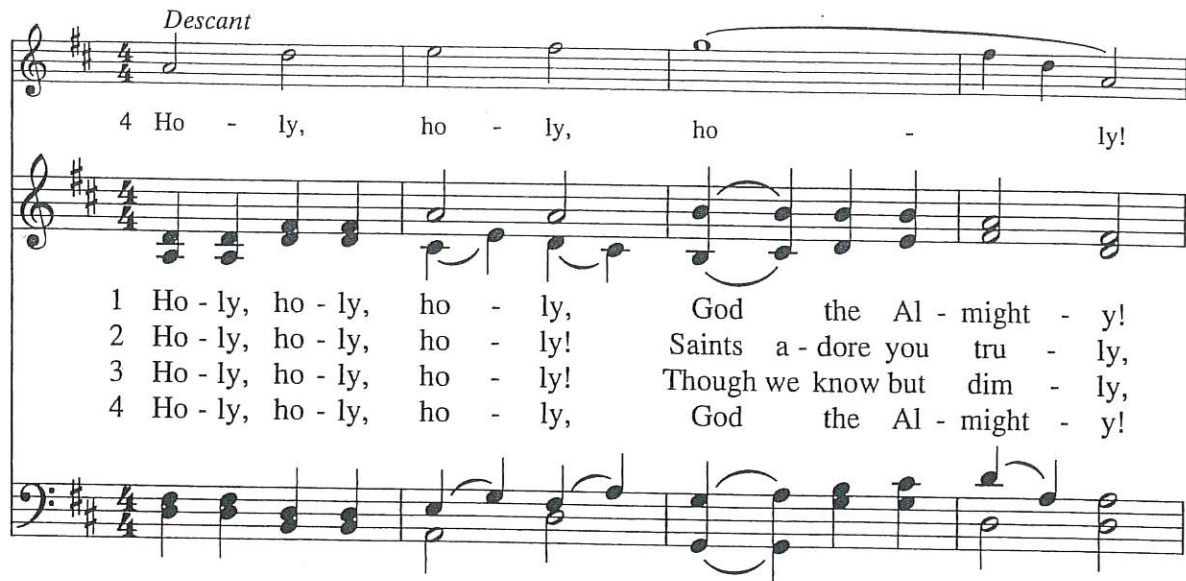


- ❖ Today's Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Flower Committee.
- ❖ The next Gals' Night Out is scheduled for Friday, May 17, 2024, at 6 pm. The "Power Chords" will join us to sing songs from Broadway along with a delicious dinner prepared by Ellie Murphy! Tickets are on sale today, \$25 per person. Please see Kathy Meierjorgen or Kathleen Merriam for more information.

Leading our Worship Service today is Howard Chandler. Howie grew up south of Boston in what was then the little town of Easton, Massachusetts and moved to New Hampshire some 43 years ago. After graduating college with a degree in Theology, he went on to seminary which he left after a year to seize the opportunity to work in Elder Services, which he has continued with, except for the year he worked as a prison guard for the great state of Vermont. He did work for a UCC Church and an American Baptist Church along with being a nursing home social worker, an activity director and also served as the Director of multiple Councils on Aging. Since being in New Hampshire, he has been a licensed Nursing Home Administrator, working exclusively for non-profits and municipal nursing homes and retirement communities. He retired in March 2023. On a personal side, Howie is married to Carrie and has 4 wonderful children and 5 wonderful grandkids.

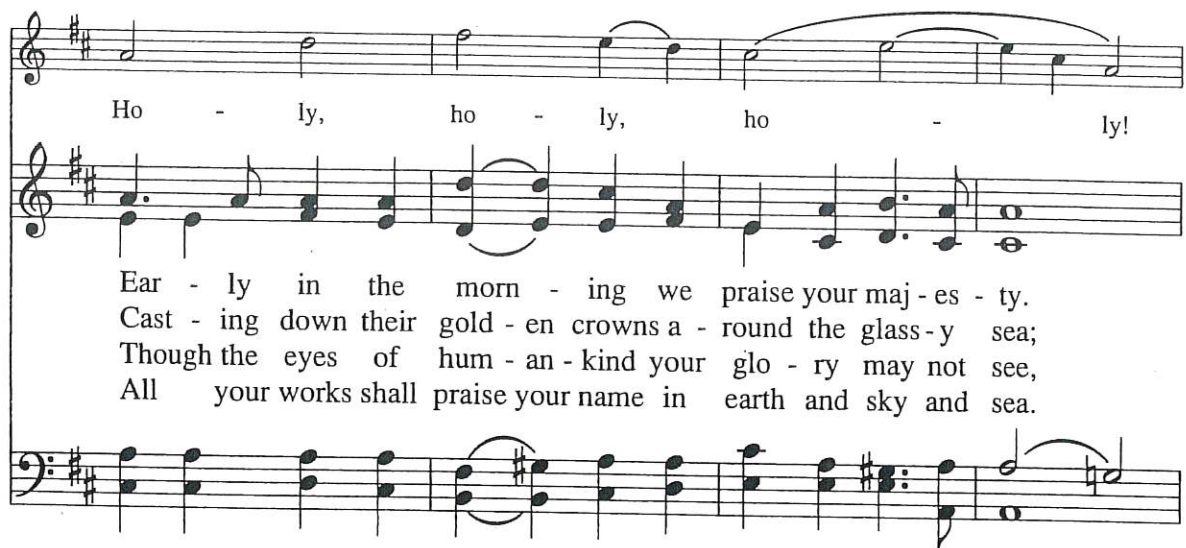
Holy, Holy, Holy

Descant



4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,
You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

Last time, end

in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and

spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

to Refrain

round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

When Peace, Like a River

(It Is Well with My Soul)

1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when
 2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, let
 3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
 4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have
 this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my
 sin— not in part, but the whole— Is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall sound and the

Refrain

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my soul: It is
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul.