

Sunday, November 3, 2024



The Gilford Community Church
The Reverend Michael C. Graham, Pastor
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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

"All Things..."

Performed by Anne Colburn & AJ Coppola

*Call to Worship

We are grateful for the generations that have gone before us, especially people of vision, imagination and creativity.

We know there are still discoveries to be made and problems to be solved.

May we not betray the trust given to us but be prepared to take our place in the circle of time.

May it be so with us.

*Hymn of Praise

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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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

1Corinthians 12:12-27

Clark Blackwelder

Anthem

"Every Good Gift"

arr. Mark Edwards

Performed by our Chancel Choir

Children's Time

Special Music

Morning Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation**

"Take My Gifts"

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Sermon

"Imagine . . ."

Communion

Everyone is welcome to join us for Communion
(Bread placed in the communion cups is gluten free)

***Hymn of Commitment**

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"

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***Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

- ❖ Today's Coffee Hour will be hosted by our Care & Concern Committee.
- ❖ Tuesday, Nov. 5th 7 am-7 pm Election Day at GYC
- ❖ Wednesday, Nov. 6th 8 am-12 pm Mobile Meals
- ❖ Thursday, Nov. 7th 10:45-11:45 am "Coffee & Conversations" Book Study
2-5 pm Isaiah's Café Prep
6-7 pm Choir Rehearsal
- ❖ Friday, Nov. 8th 8 am-12 pm Isaiah's Café
- ❖ Saturday, Nov. 9th 9 am-12 pm "Navigating Life's Final Journey" Program

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.

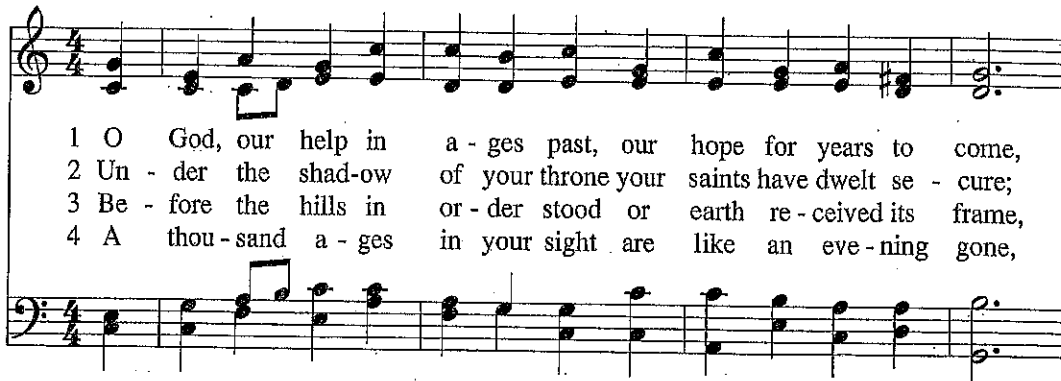
If you wear hearing aids, please remember to have the TELECOIL option activated for optimal benefit.

We are embracing some new technology and now offer a QR Code for a fast, easy, secure way to make your pledge or donation!

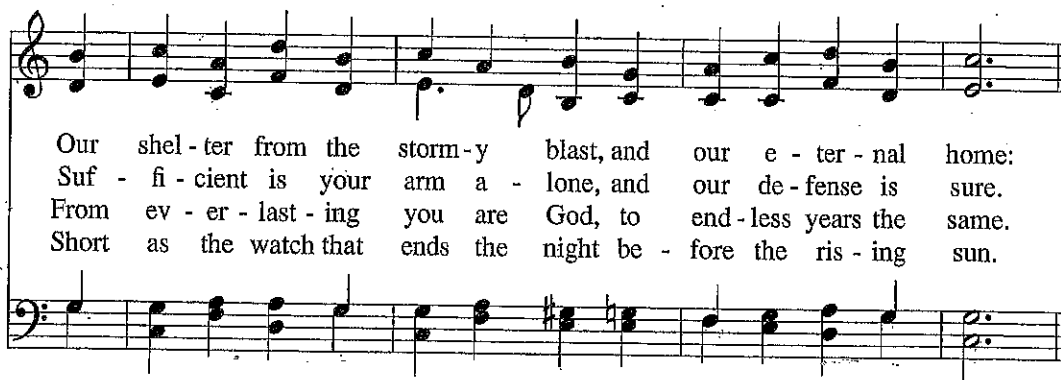


O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream,
soon bears us all away;
We fly for - got - ten, as a dream
fades at the o - pening day.

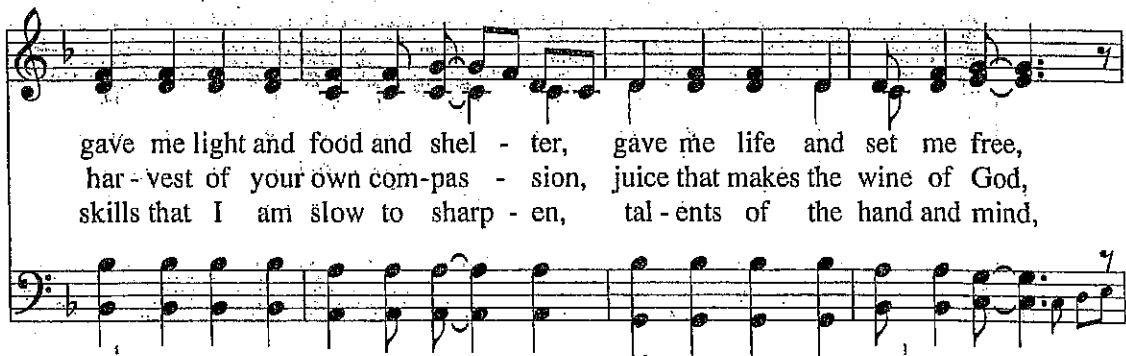
6 O God, our help in a - ges past,
our hope for years to come,
Still be our God while trou - bles last,
and our e - ter - nal home!

Take My Gifts

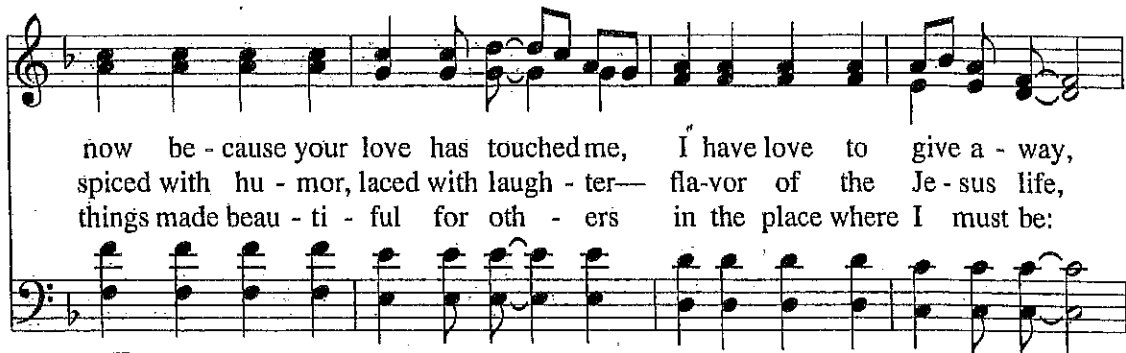
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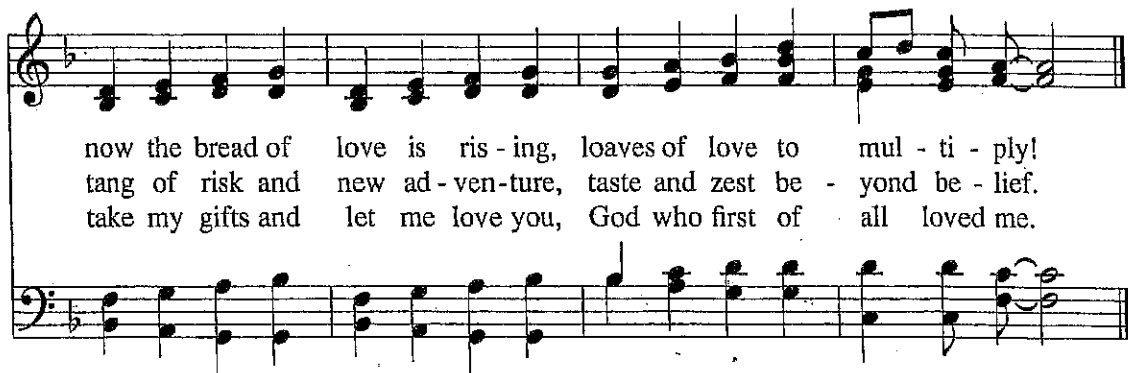
1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
2 Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
3 Take what-ever I can offer— gifts that I have yet to find,



gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,
har-vest of your own com-pas-sion, juice that makes the wine of God,
skills that I am slow to sharp-en, tal-ents of the hand and mind,



now be-cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a-way,
spiced with hu-mor, laced with laugh-ter— fla-vor of the Je-sus life,
things made beau-ti-ful for oth-ers in the place where I must be:



now the bread of love is ris-ing, loaves of love to mul-ti-ply!
tang of risk and new ad-ven-ture, taste and zest be-yond be-lief.
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

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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)

