

Sunday, August 4, 2024



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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 Bring the Light

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

Performed by AJ Coppola

*Call to Worship (In Unison)

Calm me, O lord,

As you stilled the storm,

Still me. O Lord,

Keep me from harm.

Let all the tumult

Within me cease.

Enfold me, Lord,

In your peace.

Celtic Daily Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

"Morning Has Broken"

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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

Psalm 5

Deborah Kennedy-Coster

Children's Time

Anthem

Performed by AJ Coppola

Morning Prayer

Meditation

"That Rings a Bell...!"

Communion

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

***Hymn of Commitment**

"Great Is Your Faithfulness"

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***Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

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.



Bob Curry is our worship leader this morning. He and his wife Carole are members of our church and enjoy being part of this faith community. Bob is a retired United Church of Christ minister, having served parishes in New England for over fifty years.

❖ Coffee Hour this week is hosted by our Chancel Choir.

Morning Has Broken

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Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-

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Gaelic Melody

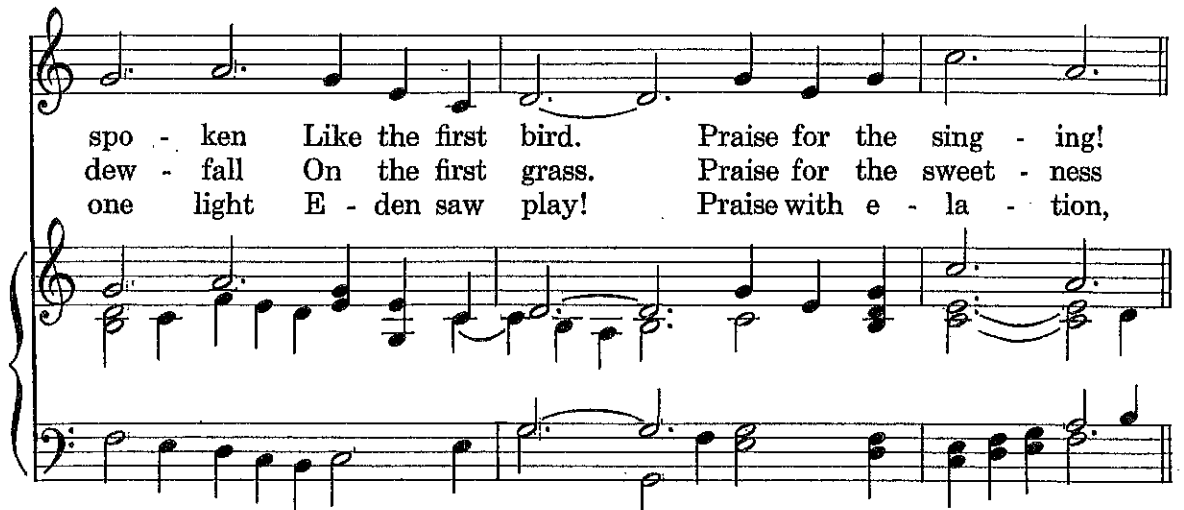
Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

In unison

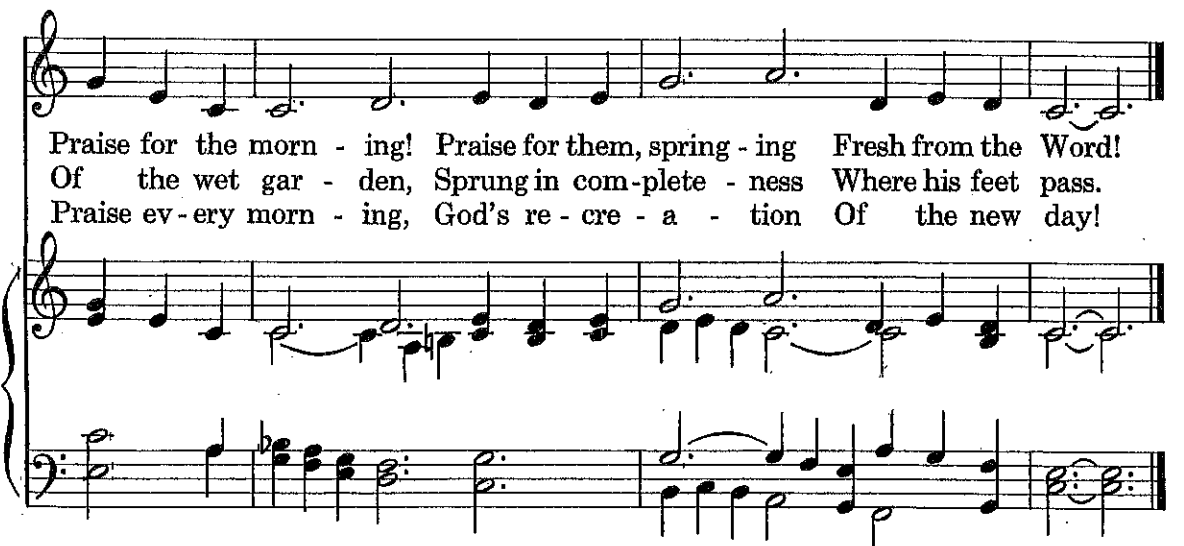


1 Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

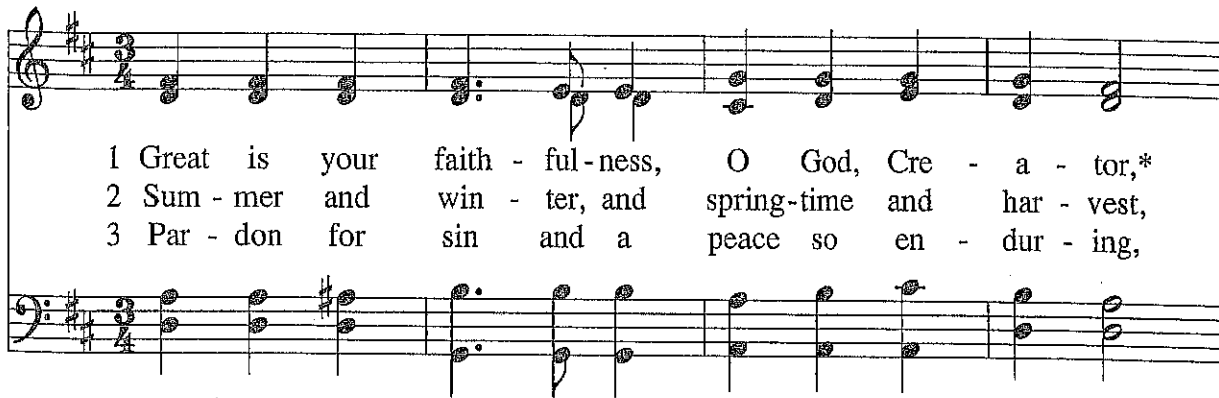
spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,



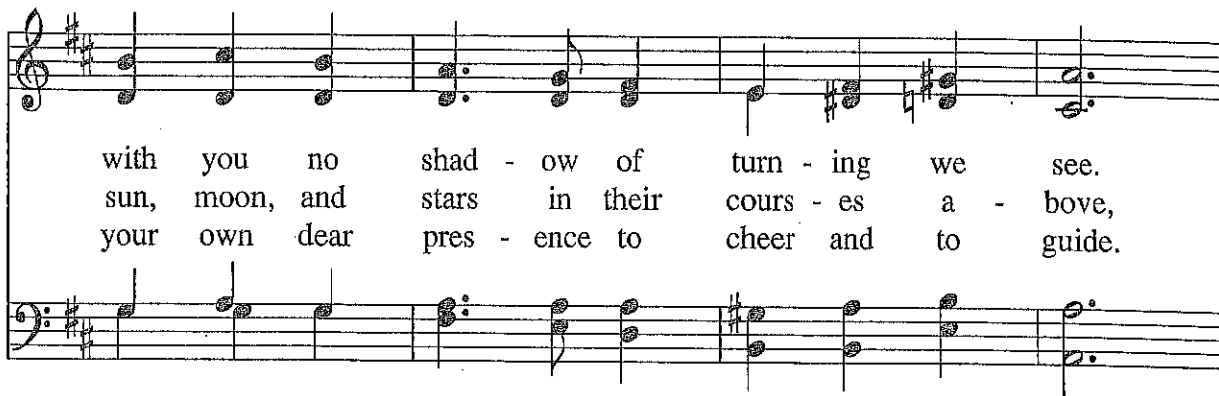
Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.
Praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!



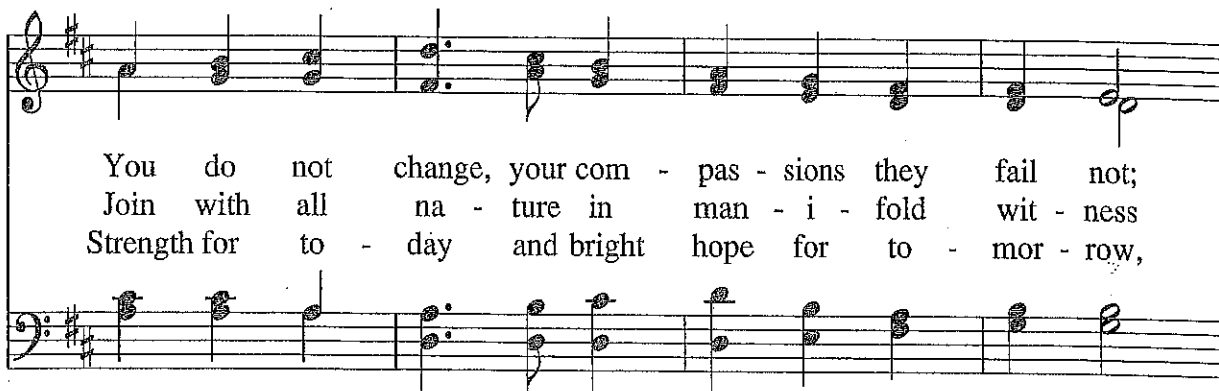
Great Is Your Faithfulness



1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,



with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.



You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

Refrain

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!