Order for the Public Worship of God
May 9, 2021
6th Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY  “Amazing Grace”  arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN #15  “All Creatures of Our God and King”  LASST UNS ERFREUEN
(stanzas 1,2,3,6)
All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings on our way.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION  Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Almighty God, Your Word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that far too often we have not
taken Your Word seriously and have not obeyed it. We have harbored malice toward our ene-
mies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commit-
ments; through gossip, we have slandered both friends and foe. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genu-
ine repentance. Help your children long for Your Word, that we may live and grow into the joy of
our salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.
SOLO

“He Shall Feed His Flock/Come Unto Him”  
G.F. Handel

Rachelle Cox, Soloist

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, and He shall gather lambs with His arm,
And carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.
Come unto Him all ye that labor, come unto Him all ye that are heavy laden,
And He will give you rest.
Take His yoke upon you and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart,
And ye shall find rest unto your souls.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

*HYMN #837                                      “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”  
SHOWALTER

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:  Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.  Refrain

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.  Refrain

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING  
Proverbs 1:8,9 (NRSV)
2 Timothy 1:3-7 (NRSV)

SERMON  
“Faith Is a Family Affair”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #643                                           “Now Thank We All Our God”  
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Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be ever more.

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  "Dona Nobis"  W.A. Mozart

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

Quartet: Tracey Birch, Rachelle Cox, Mike Elza, Dennis Rasmussen

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Cindy Triffon, Guest Pianist
All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice
2. O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts
3. O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shades
4. All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain

Harmony

and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
of fruit and grain, Alleluia! Alleluia!
of owls of the night, Alleluia! Alleluia!
or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Unison

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon
O sister water, flowing clear, make music for
Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessing
Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in

Sometimes called “The Canticle of the Sun,” this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed “Alleluias.”

TEXT: Francis of Assisi, 1225; trans. composite
MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
LASST UNS ERREJUEN
UM with alleluias
(this tune in a higher key, 327)
5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine  837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms?
2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms? How bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning on Jesus,

leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus.

leaning on the everlasting arms.

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.
1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years’ War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.