

**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 enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip, we have slandered both friends and foe. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine 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”

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

**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

# 15 All Creatures of Our God and King

*Unison*

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice  
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts  
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-  
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

*Harmony*

and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 ows of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

*Unison*

O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon  
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for  
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-  
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven 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."

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

*Harmony*

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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!  
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# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

## Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

*Refrain*

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,

lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on  
 lean-ing on Je-sus,

ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

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.

## 643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,  
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

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.