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!

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!

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.

"He Shall Feed His Flock/Come Unto Him" Rachelle Cox, Soloist

G.F. Handel

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 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"

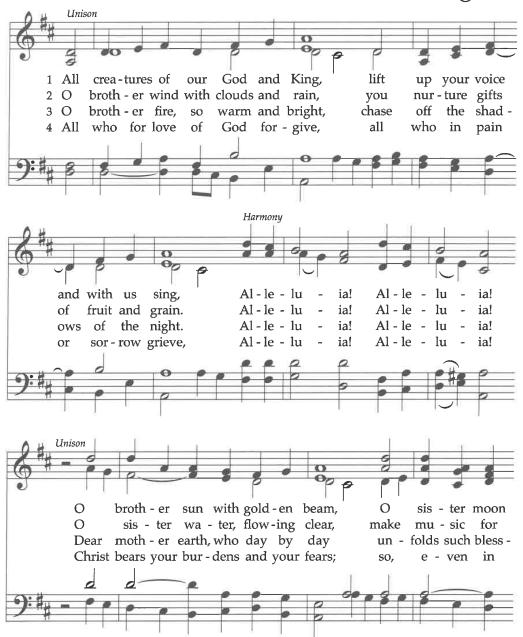
W.A. Mozart

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

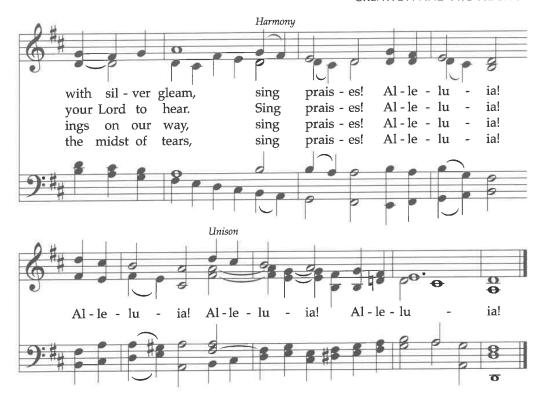
Quartet: Tracey Birch, Rachelle Cox, Mike Elza, Dennis Rasmussen

Stephanie Carson, Music Director Cindy Triffon, Guest Pianist

15 All Creatures of Our God and King



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."



- 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!
 - 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!

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837 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.

643 Now Thank We All Our God



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.