



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

Psalm 86:7

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Tolling of the Bell

Prelude *Wondrous Love (Southern Harmony)* Owens

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn *O Grant Us, God, a Little Space*

Welcome and Announcements

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Gracious God, help us to give joyfully and to share generously. Guard our hearts from fear and envy, lest we hoard our wealth and forsake our neighbor. Draw us into your love, that we might learn to trust. Train us to be good stewards of your creation: the oceans, the land, and the skies; and who you have created us to be. For your kingdom, by your methods, and for the glory of your name. Amen.

*The Peace of Christ

One: "The Peace of Christ be with you."

All: And also with you!

Matthew 10:24-31

Blessing

Sermon "Fear Is the Mind Killer"

Hymn *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

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.*

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

New Britain (Virginia Harmony)

Wood

Doxology

Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done.

Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

Benediction

Postlude

Praise to the Lord Almighty

Manz

*Today's Chancel flowers are given by Roberta Kwiatkowski and family,
in loving memory of Mark; son, brother, and father who is missed every day.*



Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Postlude in quiet contemplation.

All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks. We understand it can be difficult to step into a room of strangers. We hope, with every cup and cookie, we can deepen our connections and learn a little more about each other each week.

Our Core Values

- Community
- Intergenerational Life
- Service and Social Action
- Worship and Spiritual Life
- Welcome and Hospitality

Our Bedrock Beliefs

- We believe we are called to be kind, love justice, and walk humbly with God.
 - We believe that God is present with us always in times of trial and rejoicing.
 - We embrace Jesus' call to love and serve one another.
 - We believe that God hears and answers our prayers.
 - We believe in the fullness of God's grace (unmerited favor).
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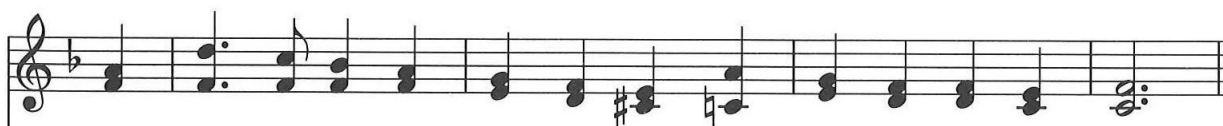
O Grant Us, God, a Little Space

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John Ellerton, 1870; alt.



1 O grant us, God, a lit - tle space from dai - ly tasks set free.
2 A - round us rolls the cease-less tide of busi-ness, toil, and care,
3 Yet this is not the on - ly place your pres-ence may be found;
4 Yours are the work-place, home, and mart, the wealth of sea and land;
5 Work shall be prayer, if all be wrought as you would have it done;



We meet with-in this ho - ly place and find se - cu - ri - ty.
And scarce-ly can we turn a - side for one brief hour of prayer.
On dai - ly work you shed your grace, and bless-ings all a - round.
The worlds of sci - ence and of art are fash-ioned by your hand.
And prayer, by you in - spired and taught, shall then with work be one.



John Ellerton's hymn, written for a noonday service in a city church, is one of the earliest to speak of science and art as part of God's creation. Thomas Este was a famous English printer and music publisher.

Tune: WINCHESTER OLD C.M.
Este's Whole Book of Psalmes, 1592

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth, 1985

Unison

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
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Natalie Sleeth composed her "Hymn of Promise" first as a choral anthem and then adapted it to this version for congregational singing. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed it.

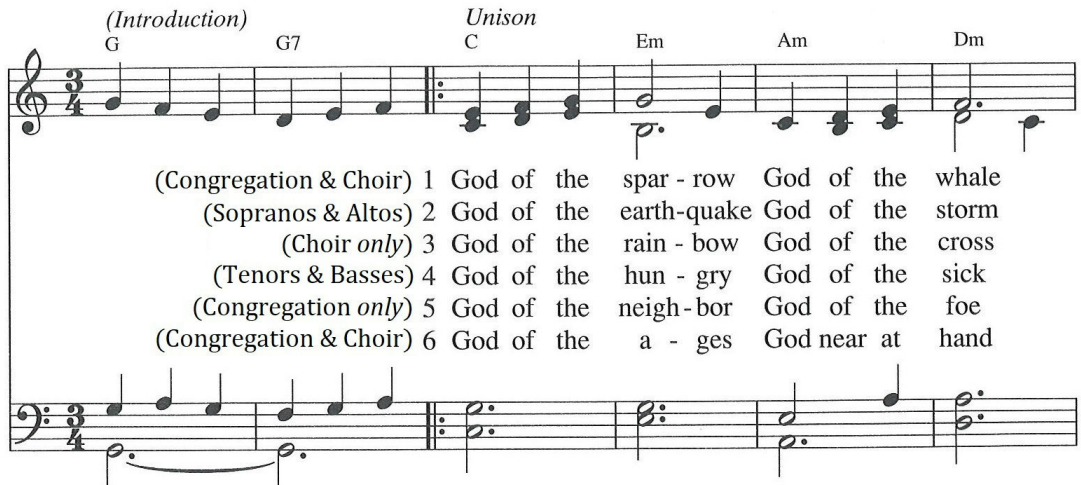
Tune: PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Natalie Sleeth, 1985

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

1 Thess. 5: 18; Ps. 136

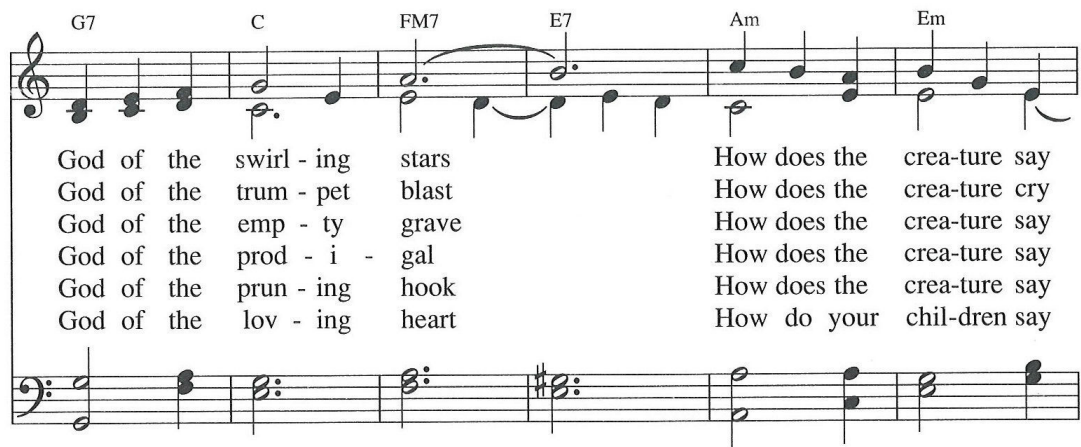
Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983

(Introduction) G G7 Unison C Em Am Dm



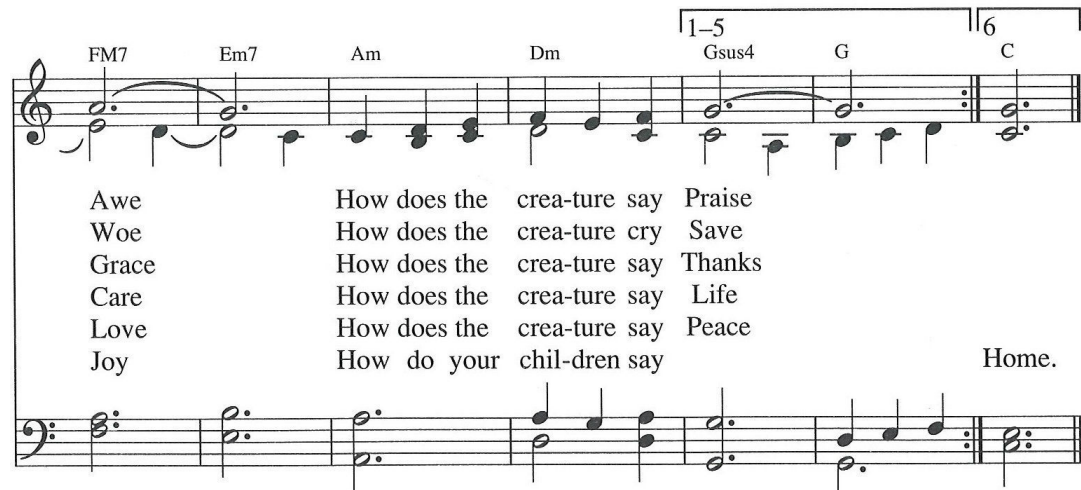
(Congregation & Choir) 1 God of the spar-row God of the whale
 (Sopranos & Altos) 2 God of the earth-quake God of the storm
 (Choir only) 3 God of the rain-bow God of the cross
 (Tenors & Basses) 4 God of the hun-gry God of the sick
 (Congregation only) 5 God of the neigh-bor God of the foe
 (Congregation & Choir) 6 God of the a-ges God near at hand

G7 C FM7 E7 Am Em



God of the swirl-ing stars How does the crea-ture say
 God of the trum-pet blast How does the crea-ture cry
 God of the emp-ty grave How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prod-i-gal How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prun-ing hook How does the crea-ture say
 God of the lov-ing heart How do your chil-dren say

FM7 Em7 Am Dm 1-5 Gsus4 G C



Awe How does the crea-ture say Praise
 Woe How does the crea-ture cry Save
 Grace How does the crea-ture say Thanks
 Care How does the crea-ture say Life
 Love How does the crea-ture say Peace
 Joy How do your chil-dren say Home.

After forty years in the ministry, Jaroslav Vajda wrote this text to provoke answers to how and why we serve God. By creating new poetic forms and adapting ageless ideas and expressions, Vajda speaks in the language of his time.

Tune: ROEDER 5.4.6.7.7.
 Carl F. Schalk, 1983

AFRICA EXCHANGE PROJECT™

THE TANZANIA LEGACY OF BOB AHEARN

In 1999, Bob Ahearn traveled as a Global Volunteer to the village of Pomerini, Tanzania on a life changing journey. His love for the people of Pomerini brought him back year after year and with each visit he found new ways to help the community. In 2005, he was joined by the minister from Plymouth Church in Framingham, MA, who quickly shared Bob's enthusiasm for Pomerini.

These trips were the genesis for an endeavor that remains alive to this day, first as a Plymouth Church project and later in 2018, in the form of Africa Exchange Project, a non profit whose mission is to provide access to clean water, quality education and reliable healthcare in Pomerini.

Bob identified needs in the community and began supporting an orphanage in the nearby town of Iringa and providing for the children of Pomerini in various ways. Through Bob's leadership and generosity, a kindergarten was built and later a vocational center.



In 2007, Bob led a group of seventeen adults and youths to Pomerini to dedicate the newly built kindergarten, help work on the vocational school, and help repair pipes that supplied water from a nearby river.

In 2008, Bob helped to coordinate a choir of 13 men and women from Pomerini to travel to the US. Their month-long visit was packed with 32 concerts throughout Eastern Massachusetts. Through these concerts funds were raised and used to install freshwater wells in the community, raising the health and quality of life for thousands and reducing infant mortality from waterborne disease.

Bob had an especially deep love and enduring concern for the children of Pomerini, and we at Africa Exchange Project carry on his legacy by continuing to support the operation of the kindergarten he built in 2007, among our many other projects. Currently, the kindergarten staff includes 2 teachers and serves 100 children, setting them on a path of education and preparing them for Primary School. Although we were all saddened by Bob's passing in 2022, his impact on Pomerini will live on. **To honor Bob's legacy, we are seeking funds for a modern, safe playground for the kindergarten.**

Donations for this project can be made to the Africa Exchange Project online at africaexchangeproject.org/donate or by check payable to Africa Exchange Project, PO Box 345, Ashland, MA 01701. Please indicate "Bob Ahearn Kindergarten Fund" in your online donation or in the memo.



SUMMER

Worship 2023

JULY to RALLY DAY in the PARISH HALL

HOME

JULY 9

JULY 16

We host Edwards Church

JULY 23

JULY 30

AUGUST 6

AUGUST 13

We host Edwards Church

AUGUST 27

SEPTEMBER 3

AWAY

JULY 2

at Edwards Church

AUGUST 20

at Edwards Church

RALLY DAY

September 10!

All services begin at 10:00 a.m.

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