



Welcome to the Congregational Church on Mercer Island

We strive to be a forward-looking community.

Where God is all-loving and inclusive.

Where people are welcomed and accepted as they are.

Where our minds are nourished as much as our souls.

Where Jesus the healer meets Jesus the revolutionary.

Where together we grow a just and peaceful world.

**ALL HYMNS INCLUDED AT THE END OF THIS
BULLETIN**

Sunday, October 18, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Yuan Zhou

Introit

Open My Heart, O God of Grace

Becki Slagle Mayo

Call to Worship

Rev. Jennifer Castle

Come, you who have much, and you who feel you have little.

We come, trusting that there is enough for this moment.

Come, you who have gifts you know how to share, and you who are still discovering what you have to offer.

We come, knowing that every life carries gifts for the whole.

God has planted generosity within us, not as an obligation, but as an invitation.

Open our hearts, O God, and teach us to give freely.

Come, let us worship the God whose love is abundant, whose grace is generous, and whose table has room for all. Amen.

Opening Hymn

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All Things Bright and Beautiful

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jennifer Castle

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jennifer Castle

Hymn

#56

For the Beauty of the Earth (Verses 1, 4, & 5)

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9: 6-11 (The Voice Translation)

Read by Tassa Tenhouse

But I will say this to encourage your generosity: the one who plants little harvests little, and the one who plants plenty harvests plenty. Giving grows out of the heart—otherwise, you’ve reluctantly grumbled “yes” because you felt you had to or because you couldn’t say “no,” but this isn’t the way God wants it. For we know that “God loves a cheerful giver.” God is ready to overwhelm you with more blessings than you could ever imagine so that you’ll always be taken care of in every way and you’ll have more than enough to share. Remember what is written about the One who trusts in the Lord: He scattered abroad; He gave freely to the poor; His righteousness endures throughout the ages.

The same One who has put seed into the hands of the sower and brought bread to fill our stomachs will provide and multiply the resources you invest and produce an abundant harvest from your righteous actions. You will be made rich

in everything so that your generosity will spill over in every direction. Through us your generosity is at work inspiring praise and thanksgiving to God.

Reading

Excerpt from *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*

by Anne Lamott

Read by Tassa Tenhouse

“Gratitude begins in our hearts and then dovetails into behavior. It almost always makes you willing to be of service, which is where the joy resides. It means that you are willing to stop being such a jerk. When you are aware of all that has been given to you, in your lifetime and the past few days, it is hard not to be humbled, and pleased to give back.”

Sermon

“Becoming Generous”

Rev. Jennifer Castle

Anthem

A Giving Place

H. Sorenson and J. Martin

Prayers

Our Creator, 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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

Closing Hymn

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For the Fruit of All Creation

Blessing

Rev. Jennifer Castle

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, 10:30 am – Bible Study via Zoom

Thursdays, 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal – ALL WELCOME

Thursdays, 10:30 am until Nov 12 – Women's Bible Study

Oct 18, after service – Sandwich Making for Operation Nightwatch

Oct 21, 8:30 am – Book Talk via Zoom

Oct 24, 10:00 am – Wild Church

Oct 25, 11:45 am – Council Meeting

Nov 7, 8:30 am – Men's Breakfast

Nov 14, 9:00 am – Women's Breakfast

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE UPSTAIRS

Bring your children up, we'd love to look after them during worship!

To make a gift to the church, scan the QR code below with the camera on your smartphone and you will be directed to the appropriate link on the church website. Thank you!



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All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, in love God made them all.

Fine

1. Each lit - tle flower that op - ens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,

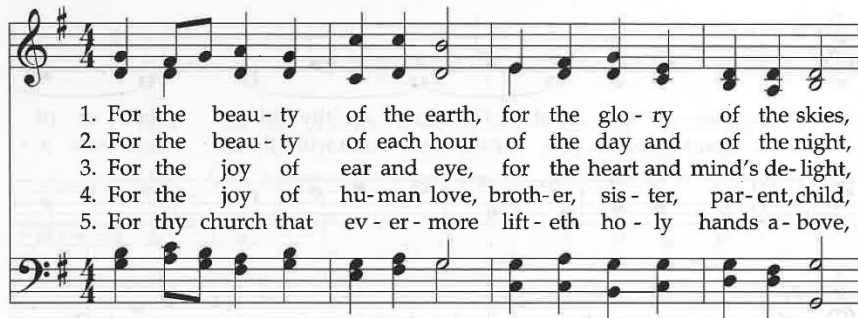
Fine

God made their glow - ing col - ors, and made their tin - y wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

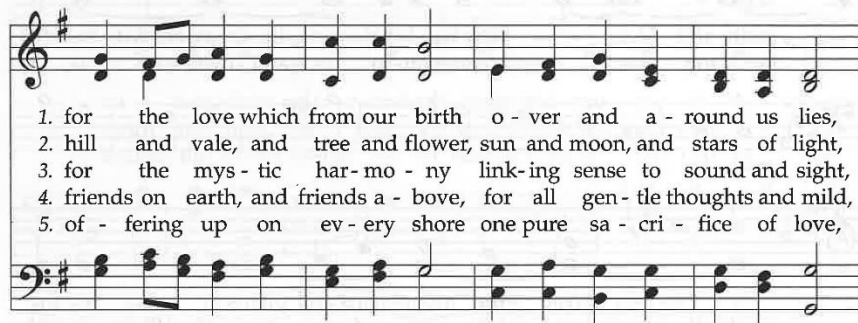
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For the Beauty of the Earth

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1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5. For thy church that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,



1. for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 2. hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 3. for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
 4. friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 5. of - fering up on ev - ery shore one pure sa - cri - fice of love,



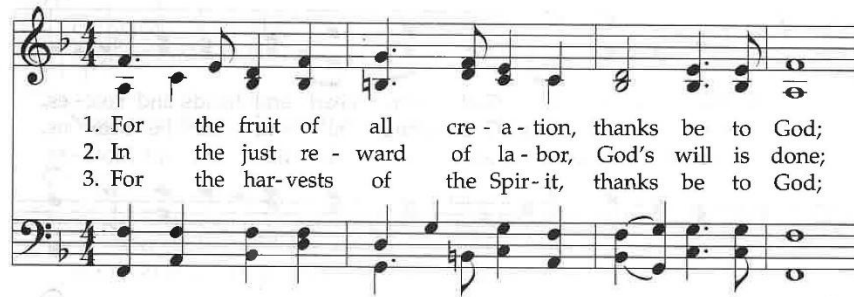
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

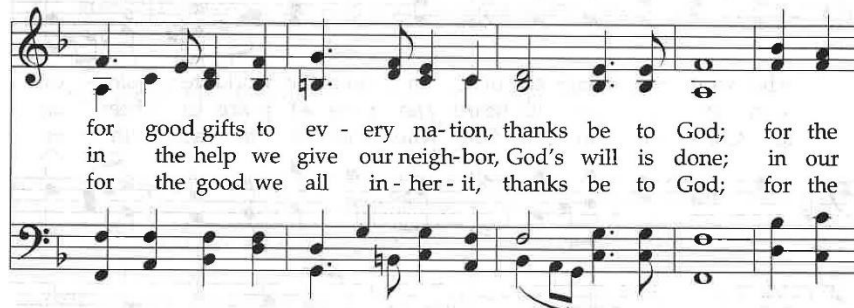
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For the Fruit of All Creation

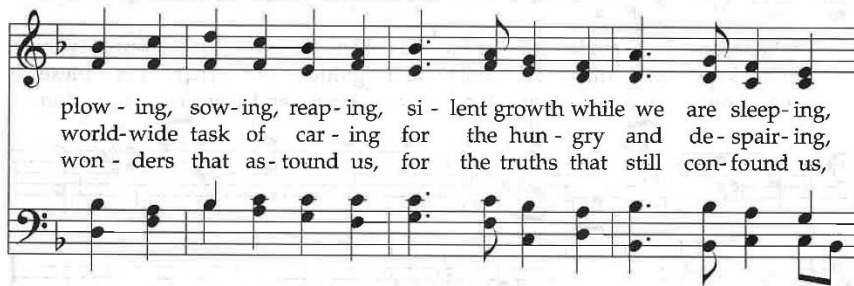
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1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done;
 3. For the har-vests of the Spir-it, thanks be to God;



for good gifts to ev - ery na-tion, thanks be to God; for the
 in the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done; in our
 for the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God; for the



plow - ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,
 world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair-ing,
 won - ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1970

MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. Luther Orlando Emerson, 1906

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