Welcome to Kirkwood!

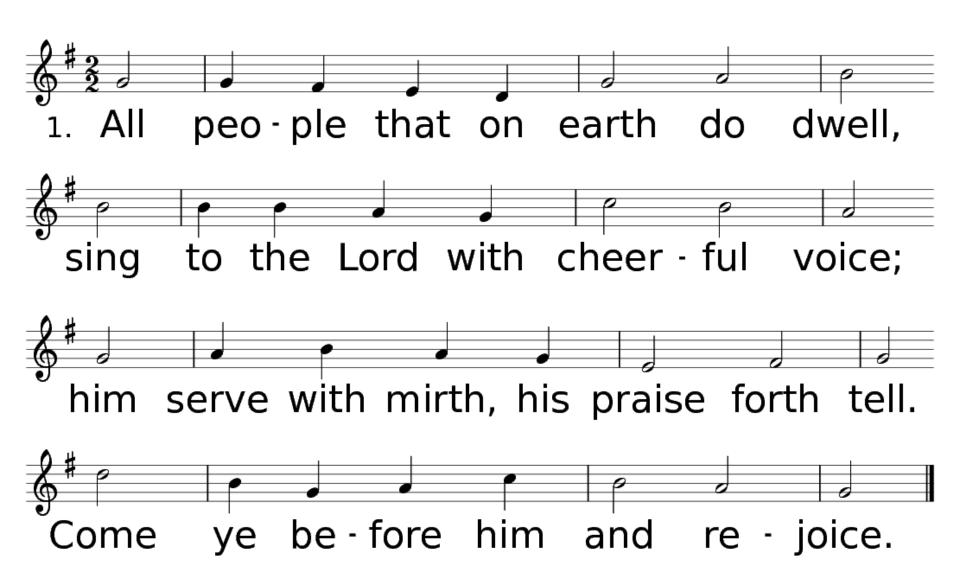
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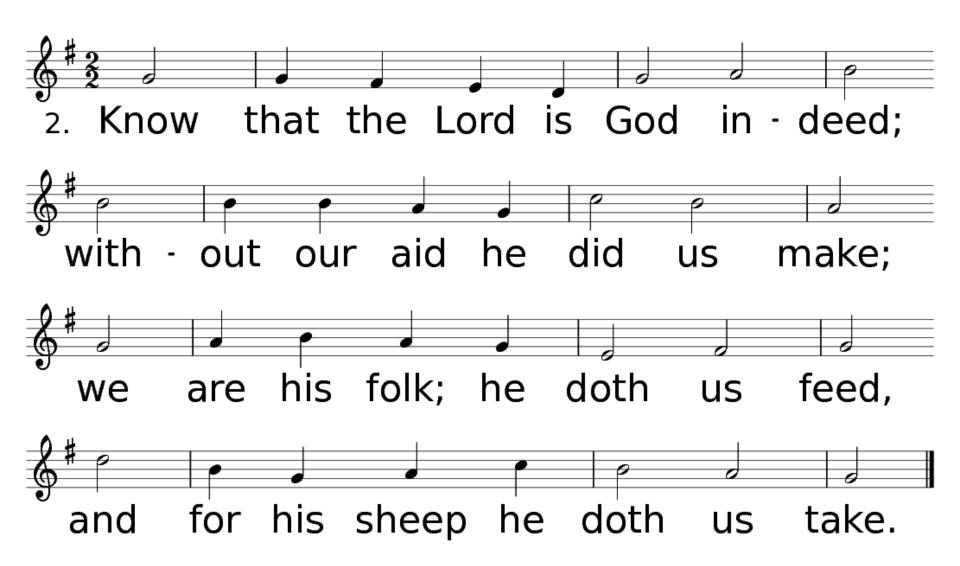
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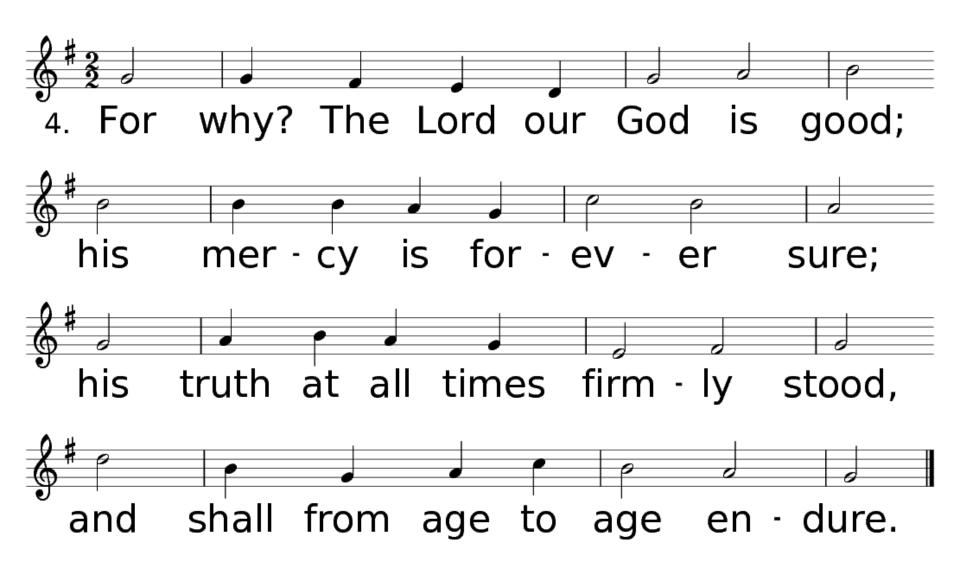
Opening Hymn

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)" v. 1, 2, & 4

TEXT: William Kethe, 1560 MUSIC (OLD HUNDREDTH, LM): Attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551







CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gathered to worship God,

People: we are all right where

we belong.

Leader: Called to this celebration of worship by God's Spirit,

People: we approach God with joy in our hearts.

Leader: Nourished by the love of Jesus, God's Son,

All: we gladly feast at this banquet of grace.

A Time for Children

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

People: Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than them. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves.

We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor. Forgive us, we pray.

Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits.

Leader: Please continue in silent confession....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News!

Jesus brings us a new covenant.

People: He will purify us and make us worthy of the company of good people made perfect.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are

forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"

Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils:

they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;

and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place', and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Seats at the Table



















Middle Hymn

"The Table"

Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

I BELIEVE in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Giving Thanks to God with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Song

"Be Okay"

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; **Praise Father, Son** and Holy Ghost. Amen. (repeat Amen 6 times)

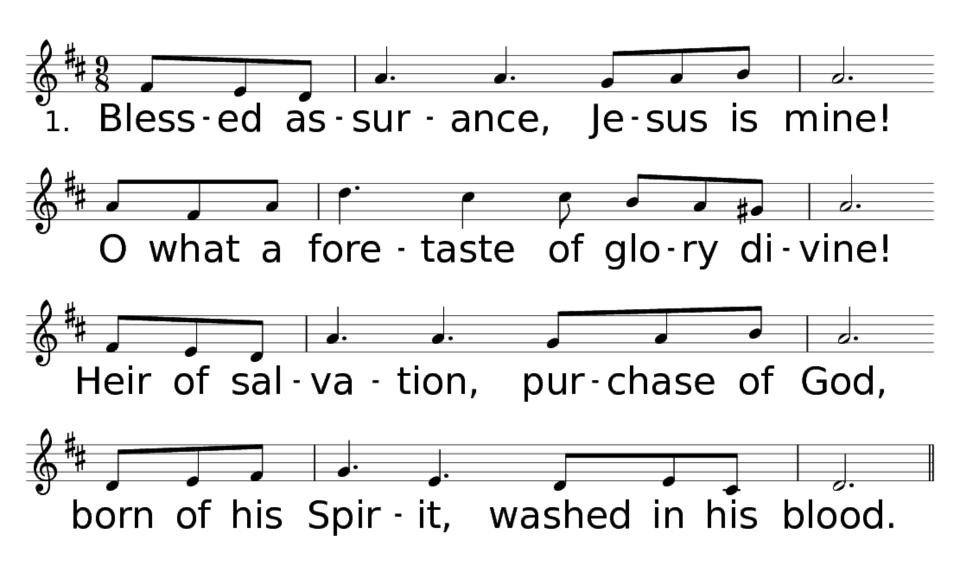
Prayer of Dedication

People: Gracious God, we offer to you these gifts, both as signs of our gratitude and as instruments of your reign. Use these gifts, and us, that your way of love and peace, transformation, and hope might flourish in this place. Amen.

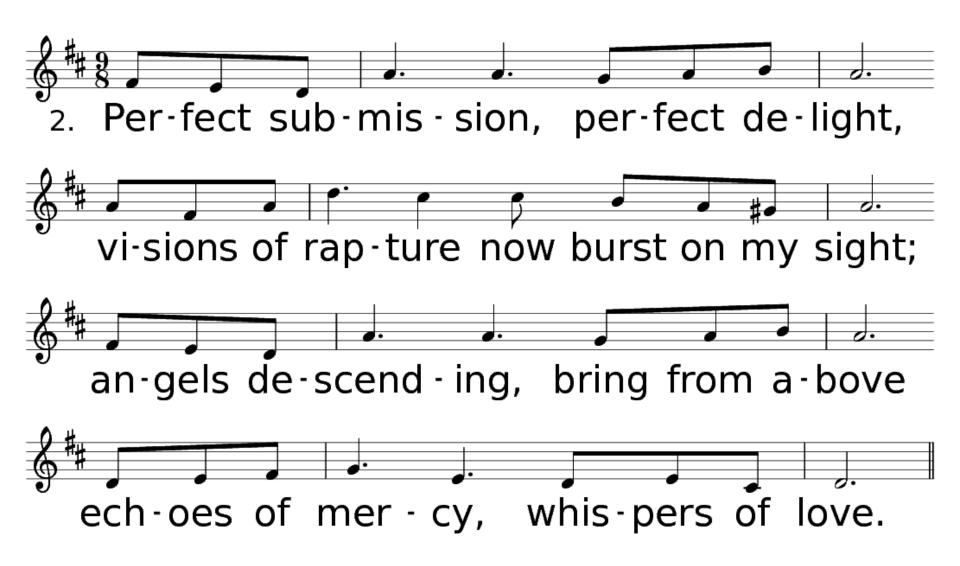
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Closing Hymn

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"













Charge and Blessing