



*“Travel makes one modest.
You see what a tiny place
you occupy in the world.”*

Gustave Flaubert (1821-1880)

WAUWATOSA PRESBYTERIAN

AUGUST 17, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.

ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church

August 17, 2025

10:00am

Bold text: Spoken by all people +Please rise in body or spirit

We Gather Together Before God

Please prepare your hearts for worship.

Gathering Songs	<i>Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord</i>	#389
	<i>This Is My Father's World</i>	#370

Welcome & Call to Worship	Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson
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Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar:
The kingdom of God is growing.
While we sleep and rise night and day:
The kingdom of God is growing.
The low are brought high; the high are brought low:
The kingdom of God is growing,
its large branches are home to all kinds of people!
Let us worship God!

+Song of Praise	<i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i>	#36
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+Seeking God's Grace	Kim Christianson
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+Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
we so often miss your kingdom at work among us.
Captivated by power and prestige,
we overlook the mustard seeds
you have planted all around.
Forgive us for failing to notice
where and how you are at work.
Forgive us for assuming our might
when the smallest of seeds is our story.
Forgive us, O God. Amen.

+Response	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	#175 vs. 3
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+God's Grace & Peace to Share

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

+Doxology **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore,
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

We Listen To God's Word

Prayer for Openness		Kim Christianson
First Reading	Ezekiel 17:22-24	
Worship Through Music	<i>Come, Thou Fount</i> Chancel Choir	Craig Courtney
Second Reading	Mark 4:30-32	Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson
Sermon	Modern Parables: The View from Elsewhere	

We Respond to God

+Hymn of Response	<i>O for a World</i>	#372
Prayers of the People	Lord, in Your Mercy: Hear our prayer.	
+The Lord's Prayer		
Our Lives Together Forward Scholars		Carrie Streiff-Stuessy
+Closing Song	<i>Lead On, O King Eternal!</i>	#269
+Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Jesus is Lord</i> Jayne Latva (organ)	Matthew Corl

Care Cards & Flowers

Please sign the **Care Card** for Barb and Barry Frisbie.

Today's **Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Cindy and Mike Harvey in celebration of their 45th anniversary.

Thank you for serving today!

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson

Liturgist: Kim Christianson

Deacon: Marc Raygoza

Musicians: Nicole McCarty, Jayne Latva, Chancel Choir

Praise Band: Don Weinberg, Larry Hanlon, Jim Guckenberger, Mark Weisser, Paul Nuccio

Technical Team: Mike Flanders, Grant Geyer, Brian Hakes, Jim Halverson, Larry Hanlon, Stephen Hudson-Mairet, Bridget Lovell, Brian Lukehart, Austin Melrose, Steve Trower, Mark VanderKinter, Zariah VanderKinter, Kathryn Wagner.

The dedicated folks in the AV booth, led by Jim Halverson, manage in-person and livestream services for worship. Thank you for sharing your gifts! If you are interested in joining the team, please talk to Jim or email him at jim@tosapres.com.

We are grateful for your offerings! You can place them in the wooden box near the Sanctuary entrance or mail them to the office. To give online, go to tosapres.com/give or scan the QR code on the pew card. To set up ACH withdrawals, please contact the office. Thank you!



Welcome to Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church

We're so happy you are here!

ACCESSIBILITY

An ASL interpreter is in worship with us every first Sunday of the month. If you need assistance hearing better in the sanctuary, please ask one of the Deacons to get you a listening device.

COMMUNION

We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. The bread is gluten free and the cup is grape juice.

CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages to worship with us in the sanctuary.

Child Care is provided each Sunday morning in our Crib Room. A friendly staff member is in the room from 9:30-11:30 am if you would like to drop off your little ones.

The **PrayGround** near the Chancel is open Sundays for children who want to be in worship. We encourage parents to sit in the front rows.

Busy bags are available (ask the Deacons for assistance) for children who prefer to sit with their parents during worship, and there is a **Cry Room** at the back of the sanctuary.

Pastor Brett would love to meet you! Contact him with questions or just to introduce yourself:

Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson, Pastor:

brett@tosapres.com

Grow

Bible Study & Classes

Sunday Bible Study for Adults, Sunday School for Pre-K through 5th Grade, and Wednesday's Zoom Bible study sessions with Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson are on summer break!

Our Sunday groups will resume on Rally Day, September 7, 2025!

Wednesday Bible Study will return August 20, 2025!

Adult Enrichment

Sundays after worship
Dates & Topics vary
See bulletin for announcements!

Wednesdays Online Bible Study

10am & 7pm with
Rev. Dr. Brett Swanson
(Zoom) Meeting ID: 890 4113 7566
Passcode: BIBLE



Announcements

Join us for Watermelon after worship!



NEWCOMER ROUNDTABLE - August 17 and August 24

Rev. Brett will be hosting a newcomer roundtable after the worship service today and next Sunday. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in joining the roundtable, call the church office to sign up!



The Oktoberfest will be held at the Virlee's home at 2733 Oakcrest Dr, Waukesha, WI. If you'd like to rideshare, please call the church office. Please bring an appetizer to share. Cheers! RSVP: Email todd.virlee@gmail.com.

Volunteer

WANTED: SUMMER MOWING HEROES

Help keep our church lawn looking good for the summer! There are just a few spots left to fill! Sign up here: <https://shorturl.at/SzRs3>
THANK YOU!

GARDENERS WANTED!

The **Memorial Gardeners** meet on Mondays at 4pm throughout the summer. Join us! No experience necessary. Bring garden gloves and hydration. **Questions?**
Call Sue Volkman at 414-531-0741.

B&G UPDATE: FLOODING

The historic rainfall last weekend resulted in some flooding of the Fellowship Hall level of the church. We want to thank all of you who quickly responded by removing the water quickly and picking up wet carpets and other damp items on Sunday.

Dehumidifiers and fans are running continuously to ensure the floors dry as quickly as possible. The team has also mopped the floors using disinfectants.

They are doing everything they can and will continue monitoring the drying progress.

Prayer List

Do you have prayer requests?

During "Prayers of the People" in the worship service, feel free to voice whatever prayer is on your mind and heart. You may also use the prayer box in the back of the Sanctuary. As a community, we pray for those experiencing life's transitions, residents of care facilities, those affected by illness, our students, support groups, medical professionals, those struggling with addiction, those incarcerated, the requests in our community prayer box, and the members and friends of this congregation.

Members

Doris Cigliana
Jay Costello
Penny Cotton
Katherine Dummer
Norma Jean Fernhaber
Brian Hakes
Doug Hamsher
John Krugler
Paul Malmstrom
Sarilee Maney
Bill Nelson
The Pagels Family
Barb Racioppo
Marge Rankin
Marge Wangemann

Family Concerns

Ava Paar Ellison
(Mike Paar's grand niece)
John Good
(Jennifer Good's father)
Pauline & Jesse Kilhefner
(Susan Kilhefner's parents)
Irene Marconnet
(Ilene Marconnet's sister)
May Nicolaisen
(Fiona Nicolaisen's mother)
Bill Reynolds
(brother-in-law of the Wehnes's)
Colleen Powers
(Sue Volkman and Al Correa's son's fiancé)
Josephine & Henry Sbai
(Jamie Grasso's family)
Rich & Marilyn Walters
(Melissa Fularczyk's parents)

Friends of WPC

Don Andress
(Deb & Tom Bergeson-Graham's friend)
Gerlinde
(Petra Kolo's friend)
Barb Blazek
(Lucia Bravo-Bakemeyer's friend)
Cynthia Gebhardt & son Austin
(WPC Crib Room staff member)
Katie Kison
(Forward Scholars staff member)
Eric McCaffee
(friend of the Bakemeyers)
Margie
(Beth Pyritz's friend)
Vanessa
(Penny Cotton's caregiver)



To add or remove someone from the list, please contact the church office.

FORWARD SCHOLARS

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Volunteer with us!

389 Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord

Hal'luhu b'ziliz'le shama (Psalm 150)

Capo 3: (Em) (Am) (Em)

Gm Cm Gm

Come and sing the praise of the Lord: sing
Ha - l' - lu - hu, ha - l' - lu - hu b' -

(Am6) (F#) (B) (Em)
 Cm6 A D Gm

hal - le - lu - jah! Come and sing the
zil - z' - le sha - ma. Ha - l' - lu - hu,

(Am7) (Em) (Am6) (Am) (B)
 Cm7 Gm Cm6 Cm D

praise of the Lord: sing hal - le - lu - jah!
ha - l' - lu - hu b' - zil - z' - le t'ru - ah.

(G) (D) (Em) (B) (Em)
 Bb F Gm D Gm

Let all that lives, all that has breath, sing the
Kol ha - n'sha - mah t' - ha - lel yah, ha -

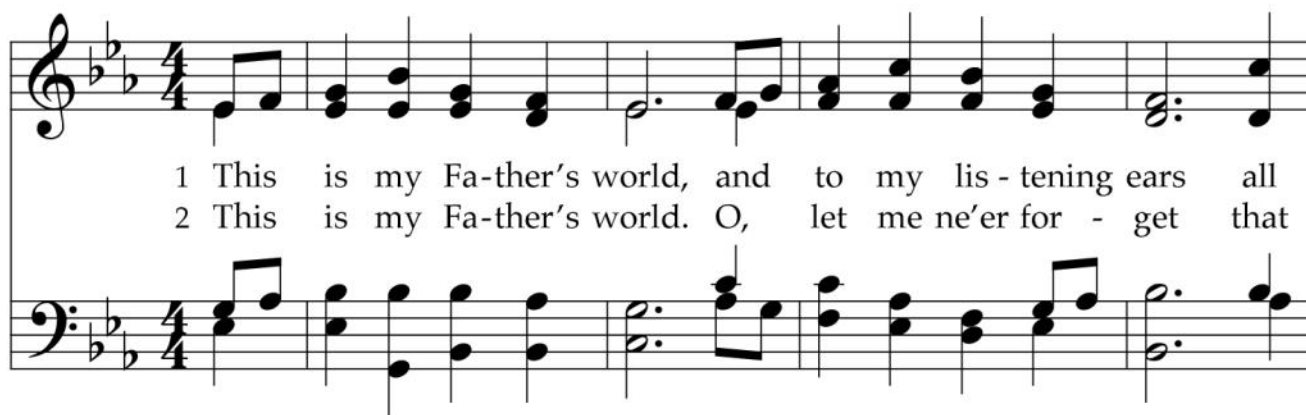
(B) (Em) (B7) (G) (D)
 D Gm D7 Bb F

praise of God, hal - le - lu - jah! Let all that lives,
l' - lu - yah, ha - l' - lu - yah. Kol ha - n'sha - mah

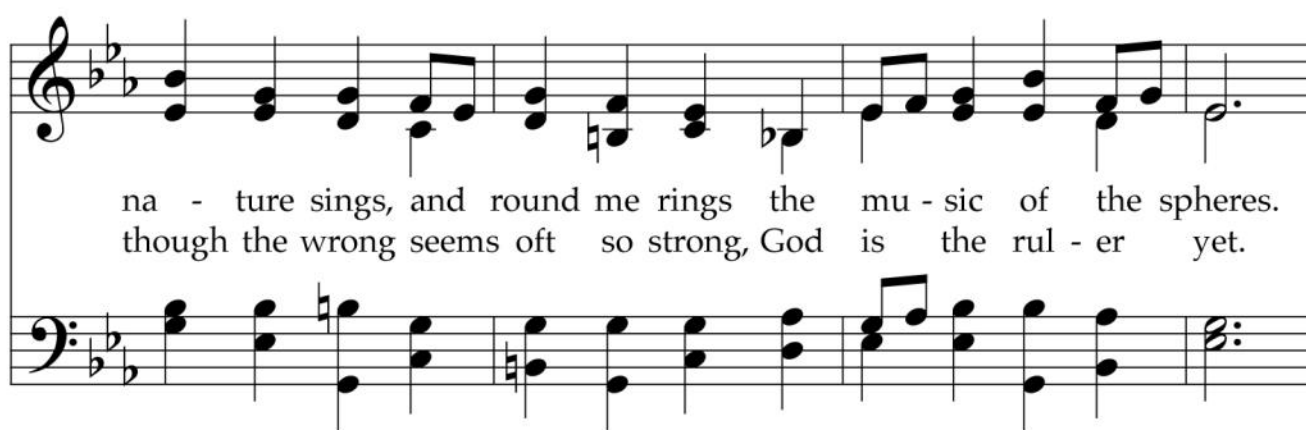
(Em) (B) (Em) (B7) (Am/E) (Em)
 Gm D Gm D7 Cm/G Gm

all that has breath, sing the praise of God.
t' - ha - lel yah, ha - l' - lu - yah.

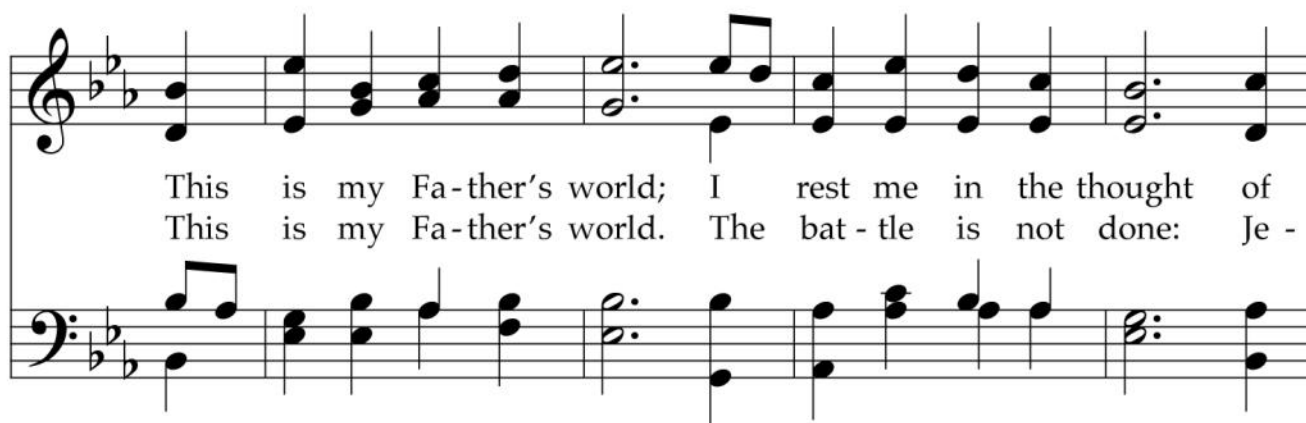
This Is My Father's World 370



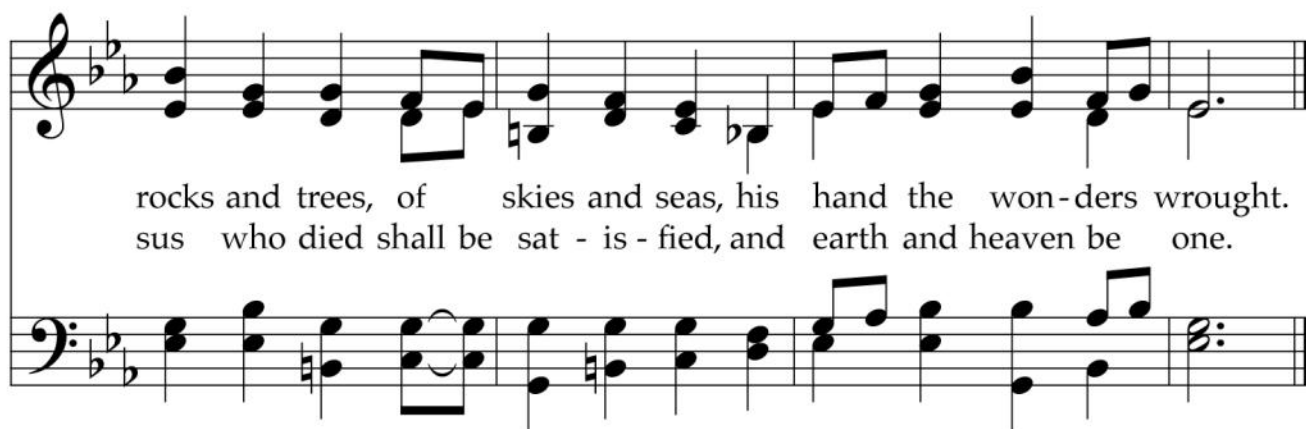
1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



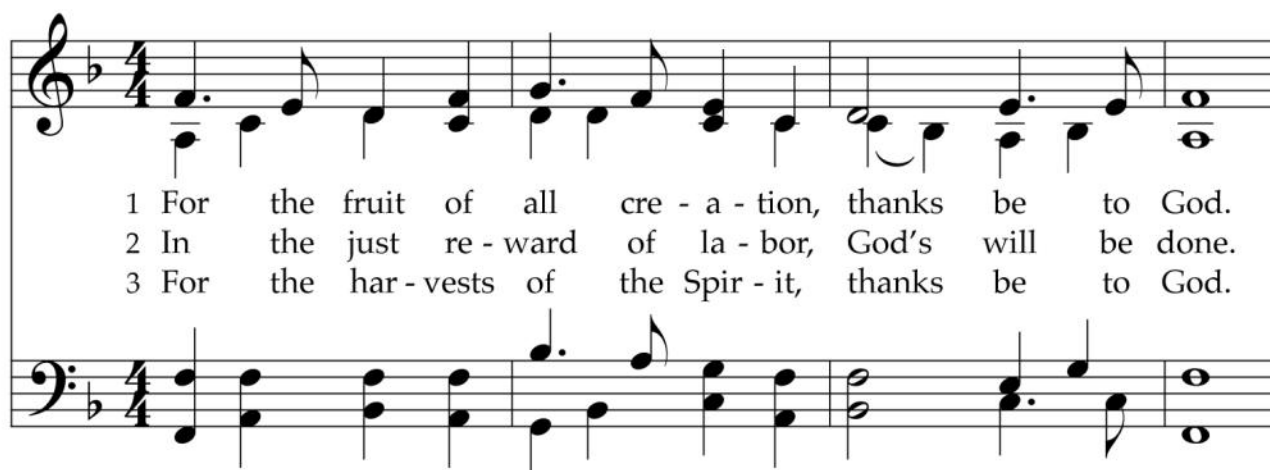
This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -



rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

For the Fruit of All Creation

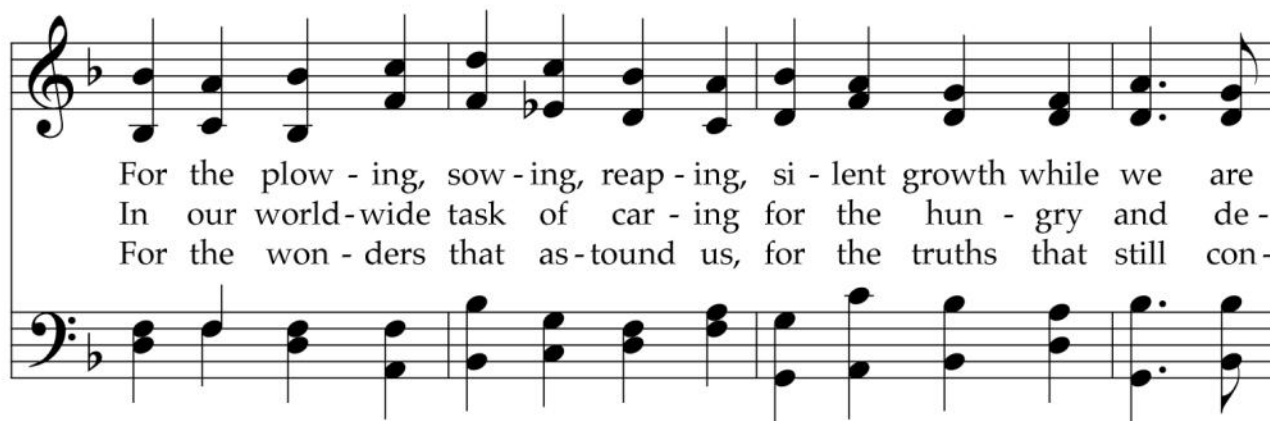
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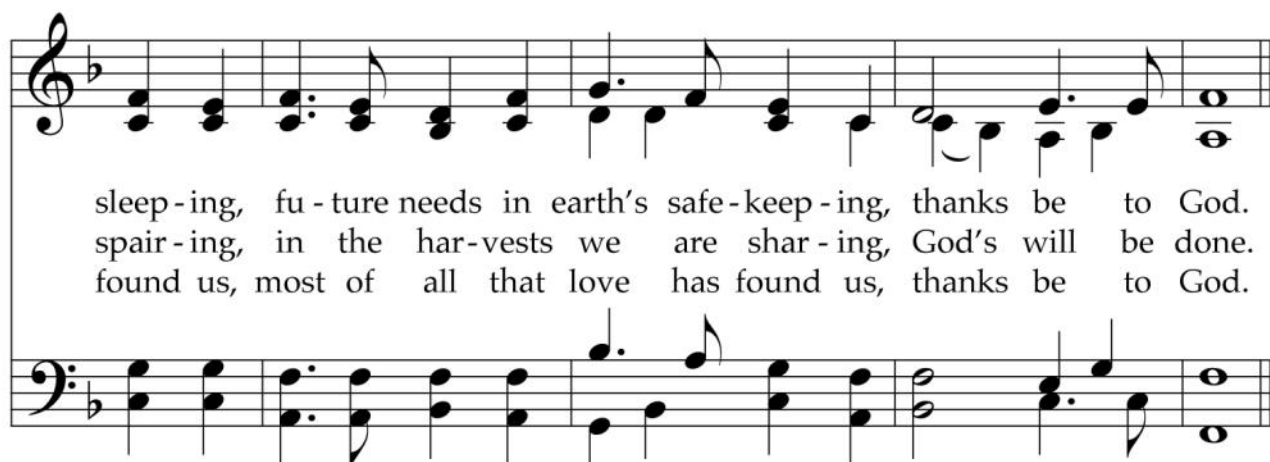
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 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
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



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

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Seek Ye First

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and seek, but its and by righ - teous - ness,
 you shall find;
 ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

SPANISH

- 1 *Busca primero el reino de Dios
 y su perfecta justicia,
 que lo demás lo añadirá el Señor.
 Alelu, aleluya.*

KOREAN

- 1 너희는 먼저- 주의 나라와
 그의를 구하-면
 이모든것 네게 더하시리라
 알렐-루 알렐루야

O for a World

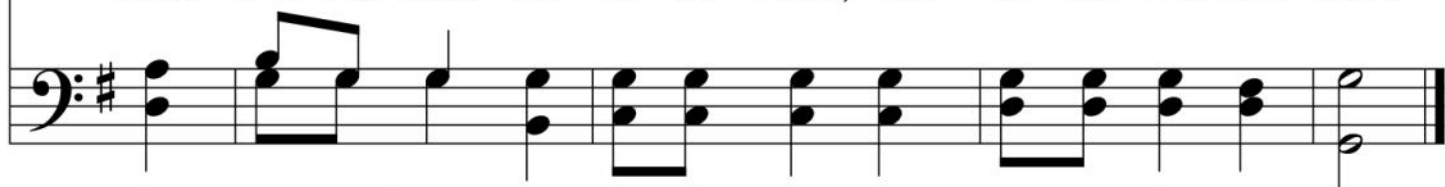
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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re-lieved,
 3 We wel-come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil-dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out-casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven-ly king-dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

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We are a community through Christ and in Christ

reaching out to the greater Milwaukee community and God's world.

We open our doors to all persons

to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, service, and justice.

We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ,

without regard to race, ethnicity, ability, gender identity,
sexual orientation, or any worldly condition.

We elect and ordain persons who are called by God

and committed to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.

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Stewardship: Denise Fried

Worship: Heidi Hudson-Mairet

Clerk of Session: Stephen Hudson-Mairet

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Diane Melrose, Marc Raygoza, Kristen Shaw, Anne Trower, Mark VanderKinter, Sue Westby,
Beth Wilkinson



PCUSA Earth Care
Congregation



Sign Language Interpreter
(1st Sunday of each month)



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