



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 24, 2023

Order of Service for the Worship of God Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

*No one escapes the wilderness
on the way to the promised land.*

— Annie Dillard

Gathering Music Stephen Anthony Rawson, Music Director

Welcome Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Sung Response *Holy Ground* Geron Davis

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in God's presence on holy ground

Call to Worship Rev. Penny M, Liturgist *Inspired by Psalm 145:1-8*
Bless the name of the Holy and Sovereign One forever and ever!
Great is our God and greatly to be praised.
Bless the name of the Holy and Sovereign One forever and ever!
**This generation will tell the next generation so they may tell the next
generation of the Holy One's magnificent and mighty acts.**
Bless the name of the Holy and Sovereign One forever and ever!

Opening Song *Come and Fill* Richard Bruxvoort Colligan (music at end)

Prayer for Transformation

Words of Grace

Scripture Reading Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?"

And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

Testimony

Provisions in the Wilderness

Quiet Meditation

Song #23, *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Frederick William Faber (music at end)

Prayers of the People

Time, Talent and Treasure

Announcements

Please post announcements in Zoom chat.

Offering Invitation

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Musical Offering

Doxology

Tune: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song *There's Bread for the Journey* Jim Strathdee (music at end)

Benediction

Sending Music



Forgiveness: Service Prayers for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay,
Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

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Come and Fill

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$\text{♩} = 57$ C Am⁷ F G

1. Come___ and fill all___ my life,
2. Come___ and fill all___ my life,

Em⁷ Am⁷ Dm G

come___ and fill all___ my life.
come___ and fill all___ my life.

Dm⁷ Em⁷ F G

Each - and ev - 'ry ten - der place:
Pour - ing gen - tly, rush - ing strong:

Dm⁷ Em⁷ F G

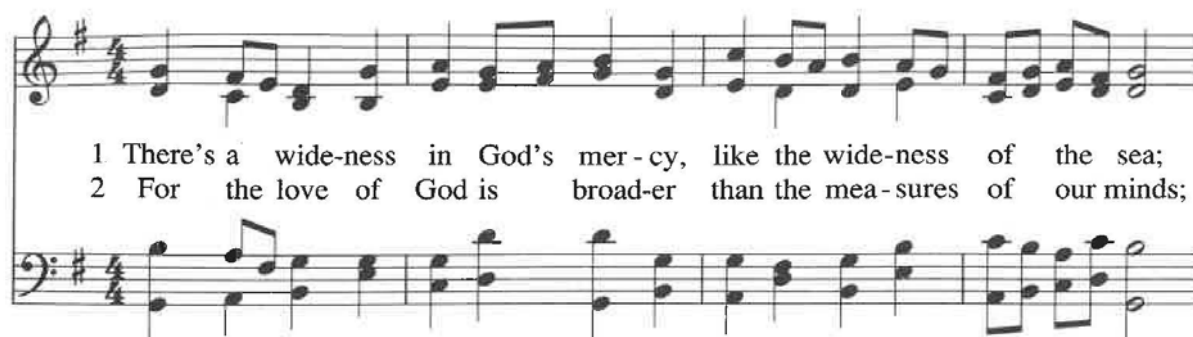
Ho - ly Breath, move through me.
Ho - ly Breath, move through me.

Words and Music: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

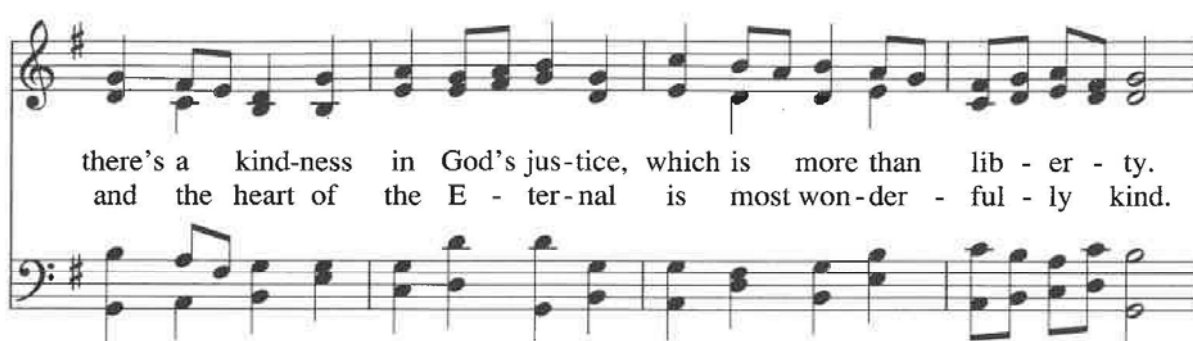
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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

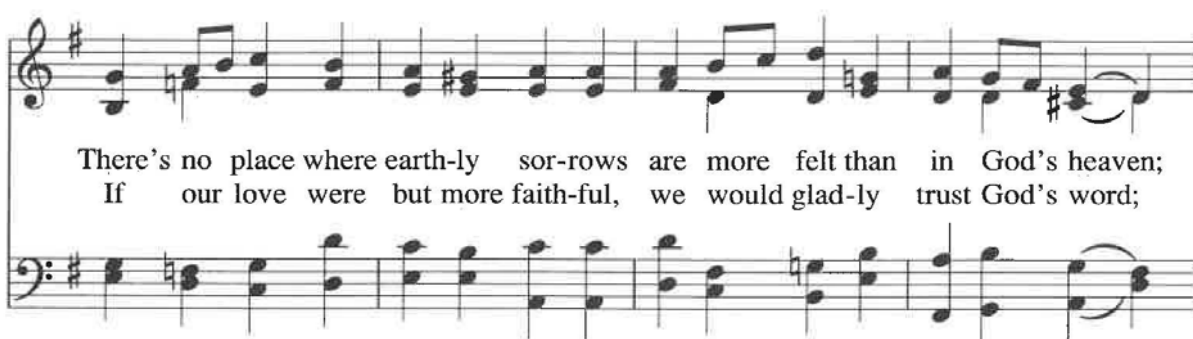
Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.



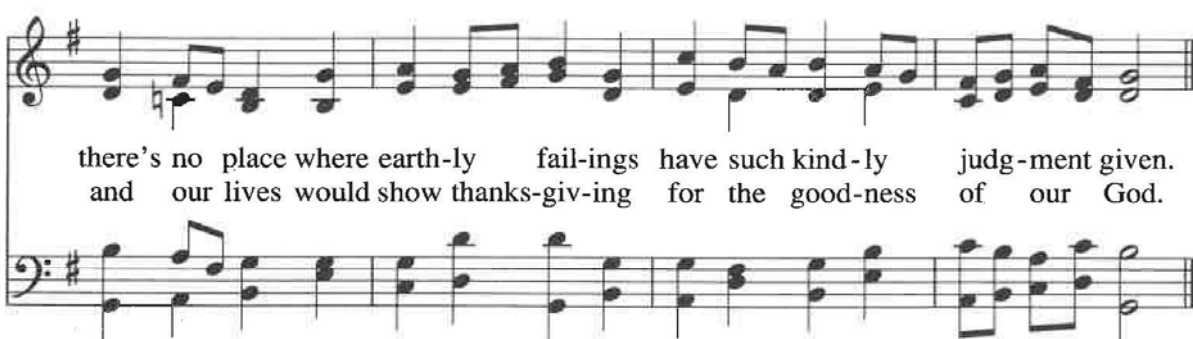
1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.



There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;



there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

210 There's Bread for the Journey

$\text{♩} = 192$

A A/G# F#m E B⁷ E

There's bread for the
cup of for-

B⁷ A B⁷ E

jour - ney and friends for the way. There's hope for to -
-give - ness, all bless - ings re - lease, to heal and re -

B⁷ E A B⁷_{sus} B⁷ E 1. 2.

- mor - row and love for to - day. The
- new us and bring us God's peace.

A A/G# F#m E D/A A/G# B⁷/F# E E⁷

O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind us to - geth - er, now.

A A/G# F#m E B⁷ A/B B⁷ E 1. 2.

O Ho - ly Spir - it, bring us your peace. peace. There's

F C⁷ B^b C⁷

bread for the jour - ney and friends for the way. There's
cup of for - give - ness, all bless - ings re - lease, to

F C⁷ B^b C⁷_{sus} C⁷ F 1. 2.

hope for to - mor - row and love for to - day. The
heal and re - new us and bring us God's peace.



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