



Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

August 23, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Thirteenth
Sunday after
Pentecost



PRELUDE

Beach Spring

C. Callahan

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

For the Beauty of the Earth

J. Rutter

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

WORDS: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677

MUSIC: *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

O thou of God and man the Son,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring:
 and all the twin - kling, star - ry host:
 Son of God and Son of man!

thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - or,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown!
 who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

***INVOCATION AND 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.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord,
we confess that we fail to open our eyes and our hearts
to your daily mercies which surround us.
We allow the world around us to squeeze us into its own mold.
We resist your transforming love
that longs to move us toward true maturity.
We cherish exaggerated ideas of our own importance.
We covet the gifts of others.
We fail to wisely use the gifts and talents you have given each of us.

Forgive us Lord.
May we be aflame with your Spirit,
loving one another as you have loved us.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

Romans 12:1-8

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

ANTHEM

O Salutaris

L. Delibes

LITANY

One: We give thanks to you, O God.

Many: We come together to sing your praise.

One: Your steadfast love holds us.

Many: Your faithfulness never ends.

One: We have called and you have answered.

Many: You have increased our strength and our hope.

One: In the midst of trouble, you preserve us.

Many: With your right hand, you deliver us.

All: Let us give thanks and be grateful.

The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

I Will Sing of the Mercies

FILLMORE

WORDS: James H. Fillmore (1849-1936), alt.; vs. 2 Marie J. Post (1919-); para. Psalm 89:1, 5, 8
MUSIC: James H. Fillmore (1849-1936)

1 I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing, I will
2 All the hosts of the an-gels sing God's praise for - ev - er for the things he has

sing. I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will
done. All the hosts of the an - gels sing God's praise for - ev - er, all the



sing of the mer-cies of the Lord. With my mouth will I make known your
hosts of the an-gels sing God's praise. Who can be com-pared to God in



faith-ful-ness, your faith-ful-ness; with my mouth will I make known your
faith-ful-ness, in faith-ful-ness? Who can be com-pared to God in



faith-ful-ness to all gen-er - a - tions. I will sing of the mer-cies of the
faith-ful-ness to all gen-er - a - tions? I will sing of the mer-cies of the



Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord.
Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SECOND READING

Matthew 16:13-20

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

When the Church of Jesus

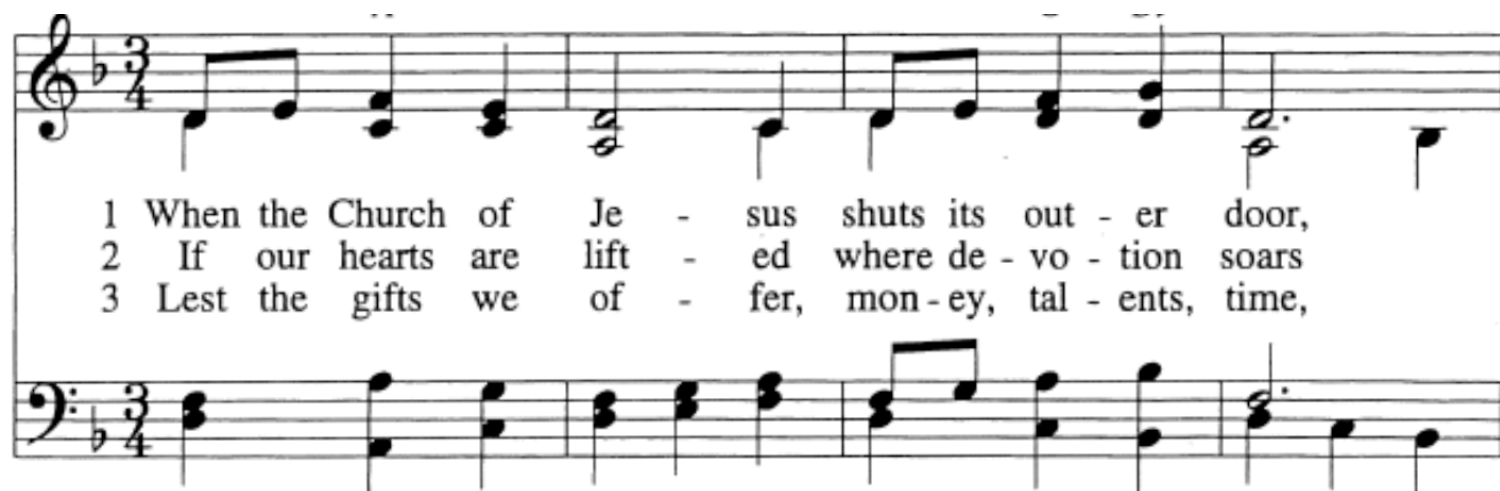
KING'S WESTON

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

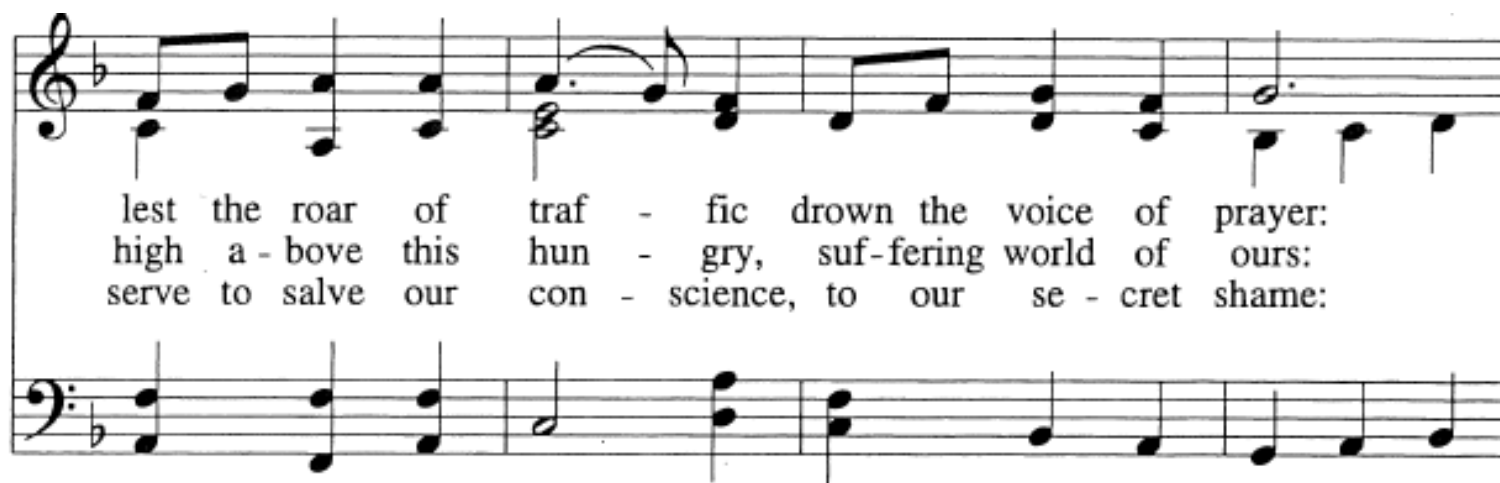
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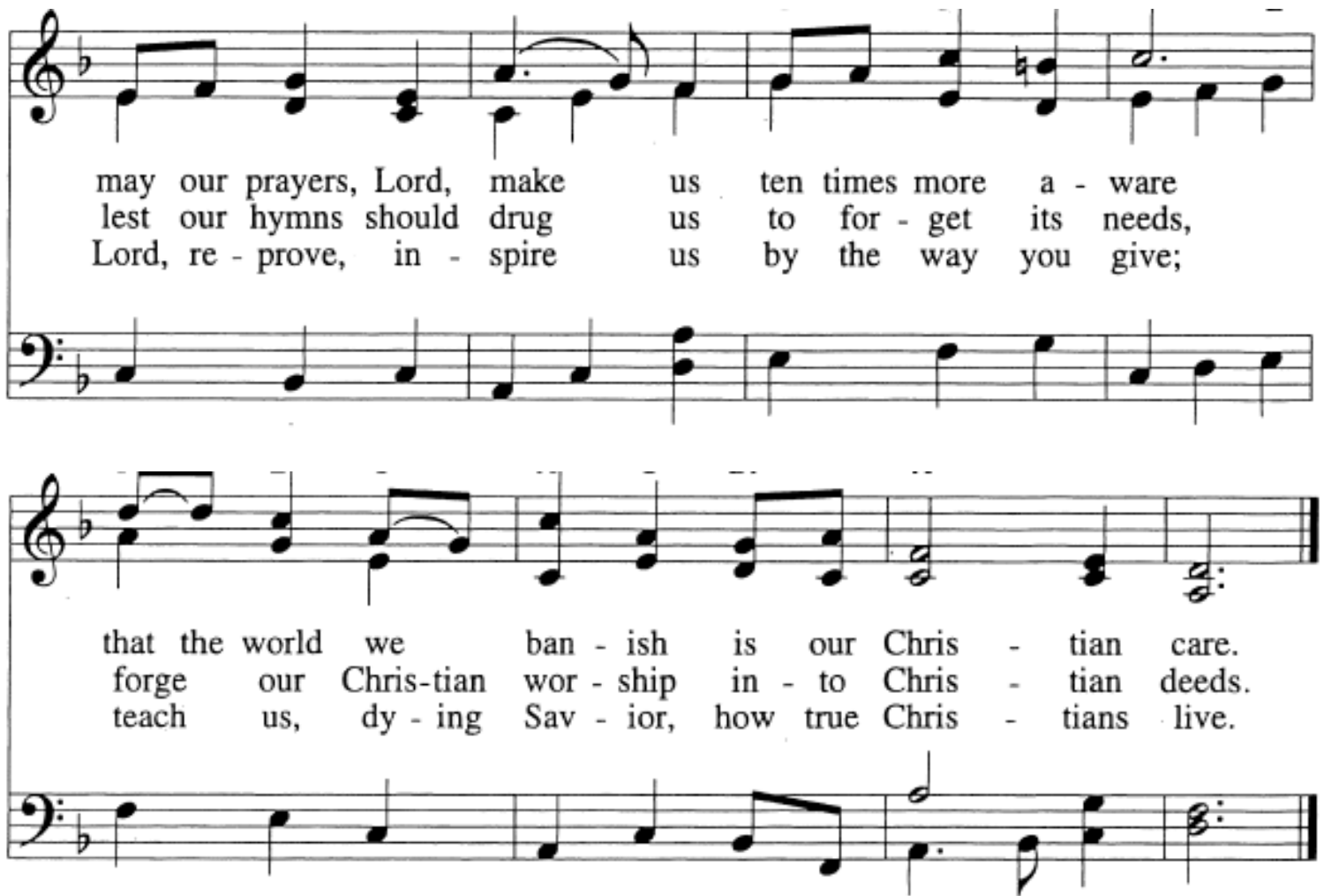
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1 When the Church of Je - sus shuts its out - er door,
2 If our hearts are lift - ed where de - vo - tion soars
3 Lest the gifts we of - fer, mon - ey, tal - ents, time,



lest the roar of traf - fic drown the voice of prayer:
high a - bove this hun - gry, suf - fering world of ours:
serve to salve our con - science, to our se - cret shame:



may our prayers, Lord, make us ten times more a - ware
lest our hymns should drug us to for - get its needs,
Lord, re - prove, in - spire us by the way you give;

that the world we ban - ish is our Chris - tian care.
forge our Chris - tian wor - ship in - to Chris - tian deeds.
teach us, dy - ing Sav - ior, how true Chris - tians live.

SERMON

Amanda Strain

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

The Gift of Love

M. Logazar

*New Doxology

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.
All creation, shout and sing!
Praise three Persons, yet one Love:
Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

We Are Your People

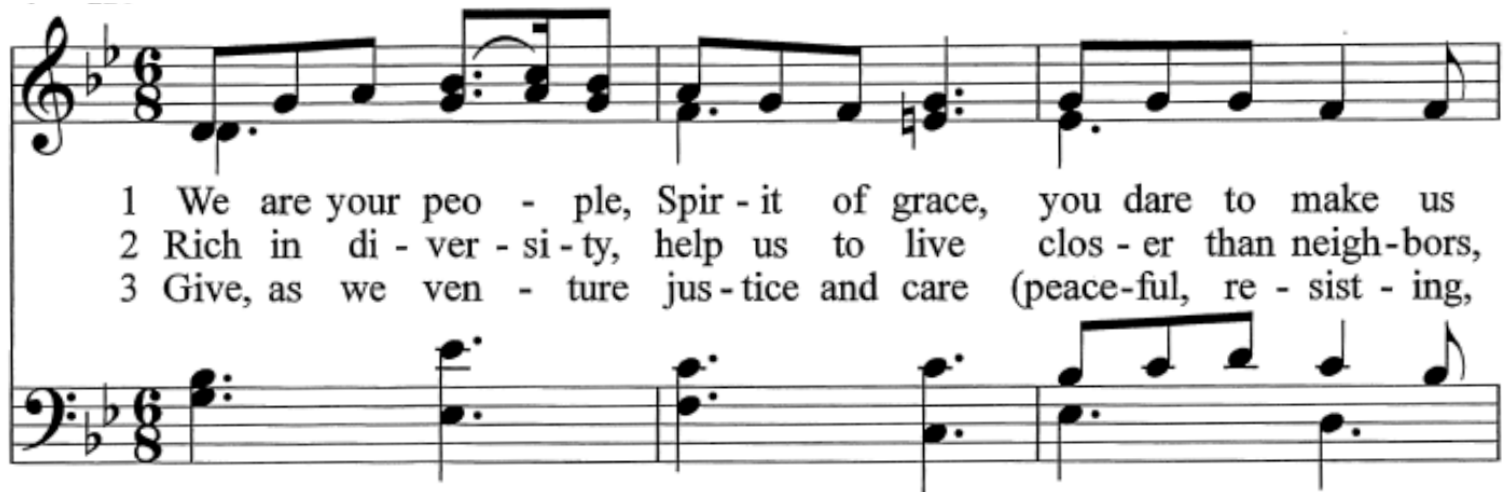
YOUR PEOPLE

WORDS: Brian Wren

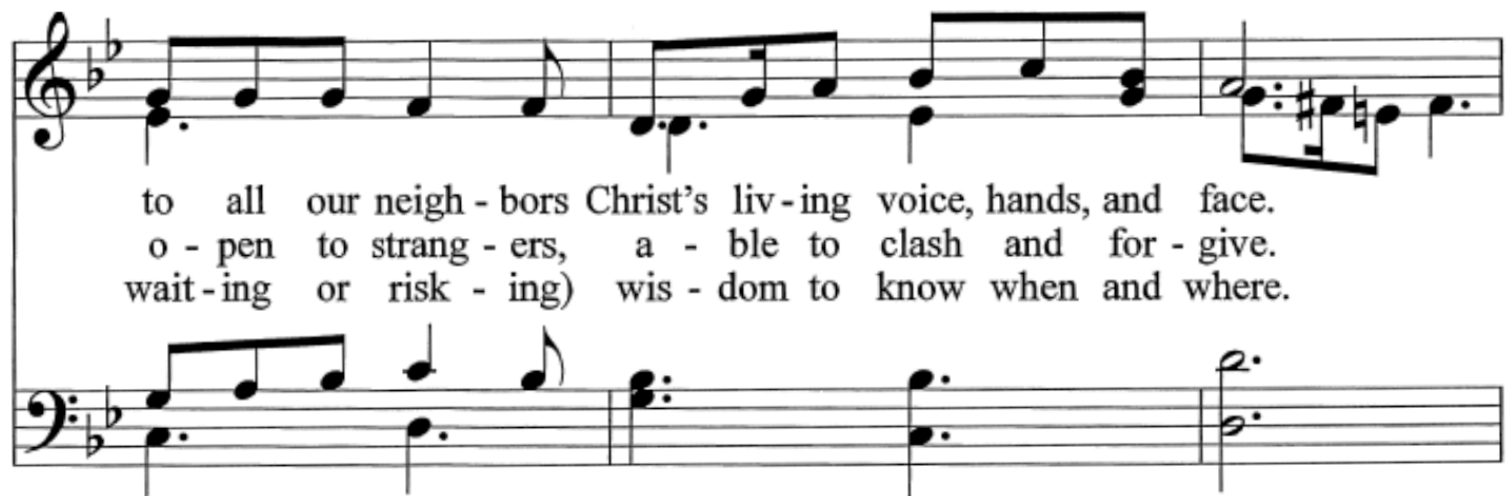
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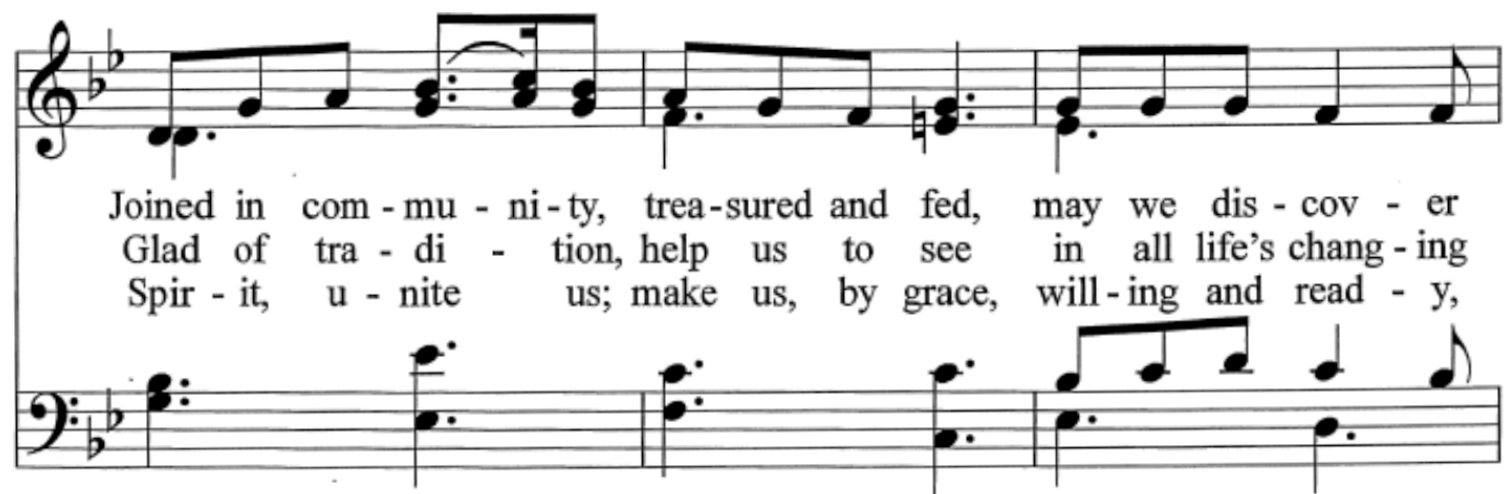
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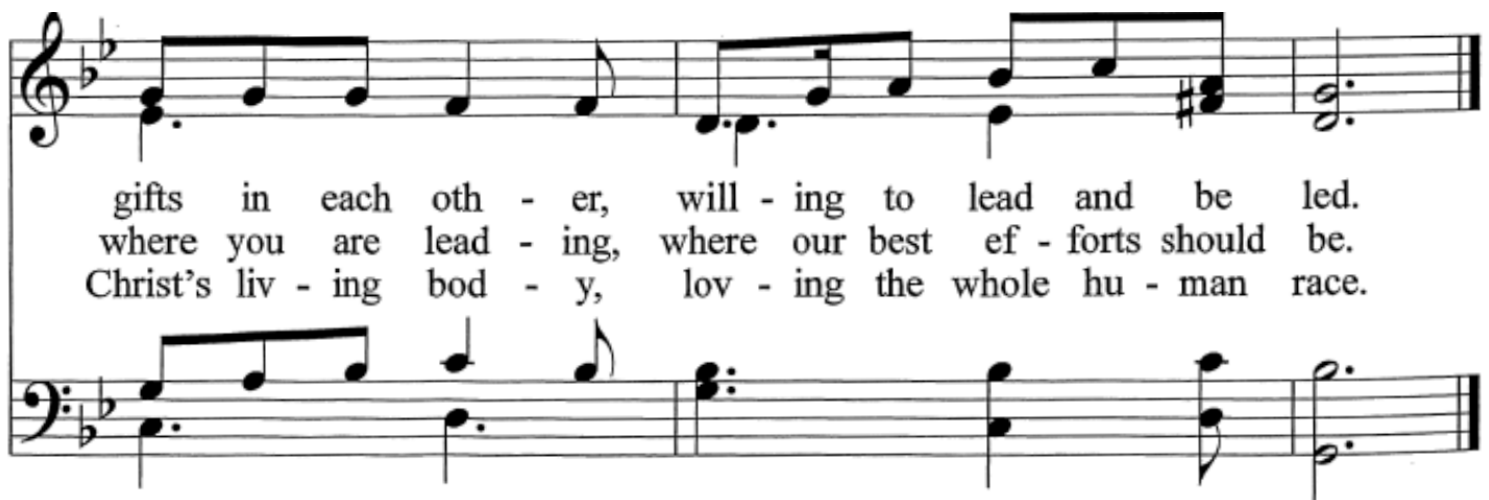
1 We are your peo - ple, Spir - it of grace, you dare to make us
2 Rich in di - ver - si - ty, help us to live clos - er than neigh - bors,
3 Give, as we ven - ture jus - tice and care (peace - ful, re - sist - ing,



to all our neigh - bors Christ's liv - ing voice, hands, and face.
o - pen to strang - ers, a - ble to clash and for - give.
wait - ing or risk - ing) wis - dom to know when and where.



Joined in com - mu - ni - ty, trea - sured and fed, may we dis - cov - er
Glad of tra - di - tion, help us to see in all life's chang - ing
Spir - it, u - nite us; make us, by grace, will - ing and read - y,



***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Sung Benediction**

Carry the Light

A. Beck

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world – begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "Holy God We Praise"

P. Fey

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers - Anne Bellamy;

Leading Worship & Prayers of the People - Allan Effa;

Scripture Reading - Ken Badley, Caitlin Hart;

Guest Organist - Jane Fagnan;

Guest Choir - New Day Choir (*Sing for Life*), Conductor, Eva Bostrand, Accompanist, Kevin Heshedahl;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

FBC Ministry Team:

Rev. Jeremy Keay, Senior Minister (on vacation)

Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families (on sabbatical)

Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music

Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes or
colognes on Sunday morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.*

— FBC Council