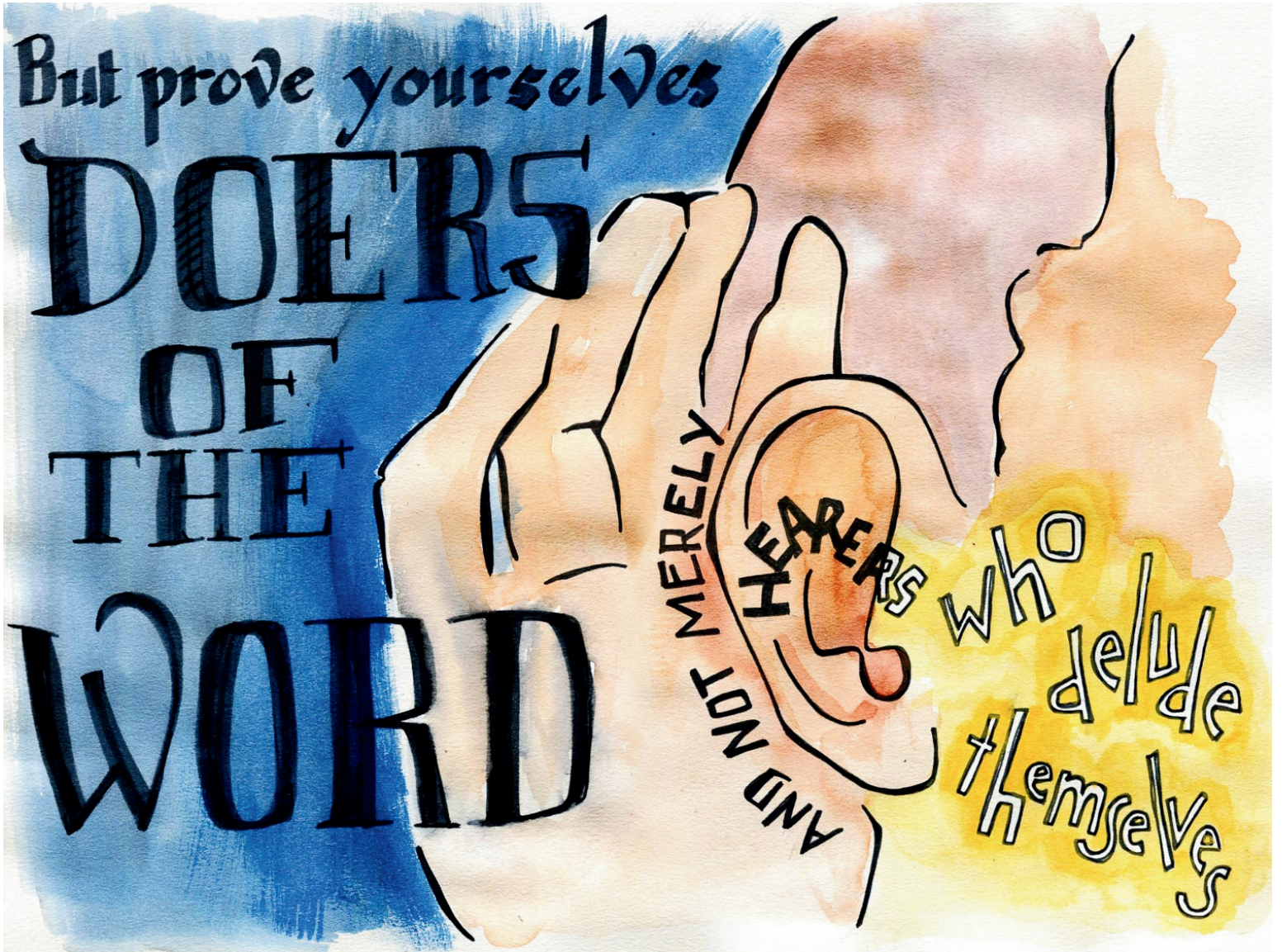




Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

September 1, 2024



James 1:22 Bible Verse Art, Adrien Converse c.2015

The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

WELCOME

Pastor Jenn

PRELUDE

“Let All Things Now Living” by Douglas E. Wagner

Valerie Adelung

OPENING WORDS

Judy Binkley

The world is hard

Our losses real

Our grief tangible

Our fear palpable

God, quiet our minds.

The world is heavy

Our anxiety clawing

Our confusion large

Our responsibility tenuous

God, slow our actions.

The world is mystery

Our faith rooting

Our hope kindling

Our love blossoming

God, gather us in your presence.

Judy Binkley

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious Creator, we stand in awe of Your boundless love. As we gather for worship, open our hearts to Your wisdom and guidance. Inspire us to walk with integrity, speak truth, and tend to those in need. May our hearts be sincere, our actions compassionate, and our faith lived out with justice and love. Amen.

*HYMN # 14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Judy Binkley

We live in a complex world where the path of righteousness is not always clear. Though we are called to embody God's love, we often fall short. Let us now turn our hearts inward, examining our thoughts and actions in the light of God's truth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Judy Binkley

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always lived in a way that reflects Your love.

We have spoken when we should have listened and remained silent when we should have spoken.

We have failed to care for the vulnerable, allowing the world to stain our hearts.

Forgive us, O Lord, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Renew our spirits so that we may walk in integrity and love.

Help us to live as true disciples, reflecting your light in a dark world. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Jenn

Beloved, hear this truth: God's grace is wider than our failures, and God's love is deeper than our shortcomings.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free to live as people of compassion and integrity.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI # 623

*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, amen.*

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor Jenn

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, our protector, who strengthens us in love and holiness; as we read your word this morning, guide us with your abundant mercy, so that we can faithfully face our daily struggles and not lose sight of those things that are eternally significant. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 15

Judy Binkley

A Psalm of David

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?
Who may live on your holy mountain?

The one whose walk is blameless,
who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;
whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor,
and casts no slur on others;
who despises a vile person
but honors those who fear the Lord;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;
who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things
will never be shaken.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Blessed be Your Name” by Matt & Beth Redman Valerie Adelung

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Jenn

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor Jenn

This morning, we will be partaking of communion via intinction. Please come forward as directed, take a piece of bread from the platter—gluten-free bread is available in a separate container—and dip it into the chalice of grape juice or take an individual cup. If you are unable to come forward, please remain seated, and communion will be brought to you.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our deep joy to give you all our gratitude, O God, because in love and with a creativity we cannot imagine you made the universe, and the planets, and our earth and seas and sky. You created life, and us. And you gave us free will, trusting that we would make mistakes and learn, trusting that we would do amazing things for you and for each other.

And so with praise and gratitude in our hearts and on our lips, we join our voices in the song of the angels and saints, who forever sing to you, as we say these words:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are blessed, O God, and Jesus is blessed, and the Holy Spirit is blessed, too. We ask now that you send us your Spirit, that by your power, this ordinary table will become a sacred banquet, and this bread and cup will become holy things that we can share.

As we break bread together, as we drink from the same cup, unite us as people who are grateful for all we have and share in that abundance. And hear us as we are bold to say together the prayer that Jesus taught....

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor Jenn

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pastor Jenn

We desire nourishing food, bodily safety, and access to resources for all beloveds because we know our flourishing is bound up with one another's. In the spirit of mutual wellbeing, let us bring forth our offerings that our bodies might rest in the care we offer one another.

*Besides donating in worship, you may also donate online or mail a check to the church.
More information can be found at the back of the bulletin.*

OFFERTORY

“Let Us Break Bread Together” by Lloyd Larson

Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY #606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Jenn

Holy God, Holy Spirit of abundance. Accept these gifts. Bless them, that they might be a blessing in our church, community, and worldwide. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN # 697

“Take My Life”

POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord with O Worship the King”
by Erinn Jarrell Schwarz

Valerie Adelong

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to our liturgist: Judy Binkley

Thank you to our ushers: Joyce Beall, Elaine DePoy

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Prayer List

Please contact the church office with prayer list additions at info@havenwood.org or 410-252-3073.

We offer our heartfelt Christian sympathy to Joyce Beall on the passing of her beloved Aunt Lorraine. During this time of loss, we pray that Joyce and her family find comfort in God's loving embrace and in the cherished memories they shared.

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| + Jeff Lloyd | + Chuck Traverse |
| + Jackie Boone | + Ray Smith |
| + Mary Elliott | + Anne Ragonese |
| + Kara Hammann | + Steve |
| + Maryanne | + Linda Coniglio |
| + Laura Smith | + Joan Flynn |
| + Dennis | + Judy Mantler |

Announcements

THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US!

We're grateful to have you join us for worship, where our faith tradition blends 2,000 years of history with a refreshingly modern mindset. Whether you're a seeker, traveler, in need, or already a member of our faith community, you're welcome here. At Havenwood, we affirm the value of every individual, embracing diversity without exception. We invite you to fully engage in our church's life and ministry, and we look forward to connecting with you.



DONATE

There are three easy ways to give if you aren't able to place an offering in the plate outside of the sanctuary doors.

1. Text to Give: Simply text a dollar amount to 844-420-0312
2. Donate online at: havenwood.org/giving
3. Mail a check to our office:

100 East Ridgely Road
Lutherville-Timonium, MD 21093

ACTC

Items can be donated 24/7 at Havenwood Presbyterian Church by placing the food items in the ACTC-marked brown bin outside the church office.

They are in current need of:

- Hearty soups
- Spaghetti sauce
- Peanut butter sandwich crackers
- small salty snacks (pretzels, goldfish, chex mix)
- razors

If you wish to support ACTC more in its mission, then you can stay up to date on special events, campaigns, and needs at their Facebook page: bit.ly/ACTCtowson

ACTC is also in need of at least one more transport volunteer. The task would be to assist with the various grocery store pickups either on a regular or fill-in basis. If you are interested, please call Tammy at (410)296-4855.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

With the start of school right around the corner, Havenwood will again be packing backpacks of weekend food for students at Fullerton Elementary. For our September 8 packing day, the following items are needed. Remember that all canned items are to have easy open pop tops:

- 40 juice boxes (100% juice please!)
- 39 packs of granola bars
- 58 raisins or trail mix
- 42 cookies
- 10 pudding cups
- 24 chicken
- 29 tuna
- 26 pasta
- 18 chili, stew, or soup

NAME BADGES AVAILABLE NOW

Our name tag revival is in full swing! Find yours on the table by the sanctuary entrance. It's optional, but encouraged - let's keep building our community one name at a time. Remember, 'Hey you!' is so last month!

If you don't see your name, your name is misspelled or rather your nickname be used, please reach out to Julia at info@havenwood.org

CHOIRS RESUME SEPTEMBER 10TH

Choir rehearsals will be resuming on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. Handbells start at 6 pm and our Chancel Choir starts at 7 pm. A more detailed schedule is forthcoming, as we are making some changes with the chancel choir that will affect rehearsal times. We will practice twice a month on Tuesdays and twice a month before the Sunday service as we hope to add section leaders to the choir. If you would like to join either choir, please see Valerie Adelung, vadelung@gmail.com, for more information! We would love to have some new voices join us this year!

A NOTE FROM THE PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

A very special thank you to Wende Smith and the preschool council for a delicious breakfast. The teachers were delighted with the selection - the bacon was the biggest hit! Our staff has begun getting their classrooms ready and taking their required continuing education classes.

On Tuesday, September 3rd, we will have Back to School Night to meet our new parents, and the following week we will meet our new students.

Onward to a new year!

HAVENWORDS WEEKLY

Starting next week, we'll launch our newly designed weekly e-blast,

"HavenWords." This fresh approach will allow us to share more timely updates and stay better connected with all of you. HavenWords will be delivered to your inbox each Friday to ensure you're always up to date with our latest news. For those who have opted to receive paper copies, HavenWords will be mailed to your home on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. Our new design will debut next week, bringing a fresh look to our communications.

This change will enhance our ability to keep you informed and engaged with our community's latest happenings. We're looking forward to this new chapter and can't wait to connect with you more regularly through HavenWords!

UPDATED OFFICE HOURS

Julia's office hours have changed! She will now be in the front office from 10am-3pm on Mondays and Fridays. You can reach her at info@havenwood.org.

NORTH BALTIMORE BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we continue our study of the Gospel of John! This week we are studying John 12:20-50. Our North Baltimore Bible Study continues on Wednesdays from 11am-12pm on Zoom. We are using "John" by Karoline Lewis as our guide.

Meeting ID: 892 2214 5763

Passcode: 21093

ACTS BIBLE STUDY

We are invited to join Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church for a Tuesday evening Bible Study from now till the end of the summer on Acts. The Bible Study is on vacation, but will be back Tuesday, August 6th at 7:30pm on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 821 5813 0124

Passcode: 714738

Calendar

- September 1 - Hybrid Worship @ 10:30am with communion
- September 3 - Preschool Back to School Night
- September 8 - Hybrid Worship @ 10:30am; Food For Thought Packing after worship
- September 10 - Bell Choir @ 6pm; Chancel Choir @ 7pm
- September 11 - North Baltimore Bible Study @ 11am
- September 13 - Ladies' Rummikub @ 1pm
- September 15 - Hybrid Worship @ 10:30am
- September 17 - Preschool Fundraiser at Rita's (York/Seminary) from 5pm-8pm; Bell Choir @ 6pm
- September 18 - North Baltimore Bible Study @11am; Session Meeting @7pm
- September 22 - Hybrid Worship @ 10:30am; Deacon Meeting @ 11:30am
Pack 828 popcorn sale after worship
- September 24 - Bell Choir @ 6pm
- September 25 - North Baltimore Bible Study @ 11am
- September 29 - Hybrid Worship @ 10:30am;
Linda Lotz, Executive Director of ACTC will be speaking in worship

HAVENWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Jenn DiFrancesco, Supply Pastor

The Rev. Cathy Bashore, Parish Associate

Susan Riegger, Preschool Director

Valerie Adelung, Music Director

Jake Miller, Worship Technology Coordinator

Julia Wells, Administrator

Lloyd Martin, Facilities Manager

SESSION

Sharon Huber-Plano – Clerk of Session

Judi Forrester – Personnel Committee

Judy Binkley – Worship Committee

Wende Smith – Preschool Committee

Chip Hurley – Stewardship Committee

Donna Marshall – Scouts Liaison

DEACONS

Susan Bond

Elaine DePoy

Arden Quick

Barbara Reade

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Judy Yeager

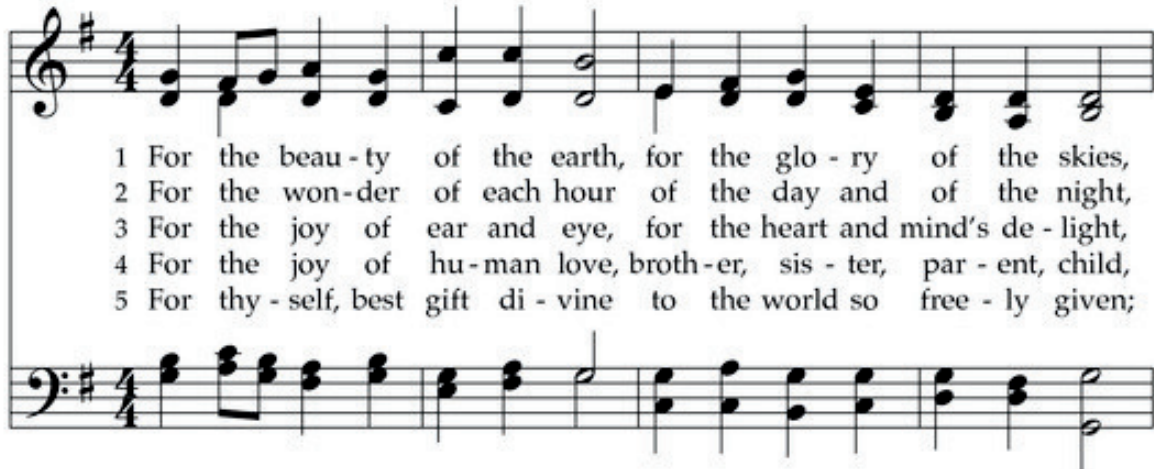


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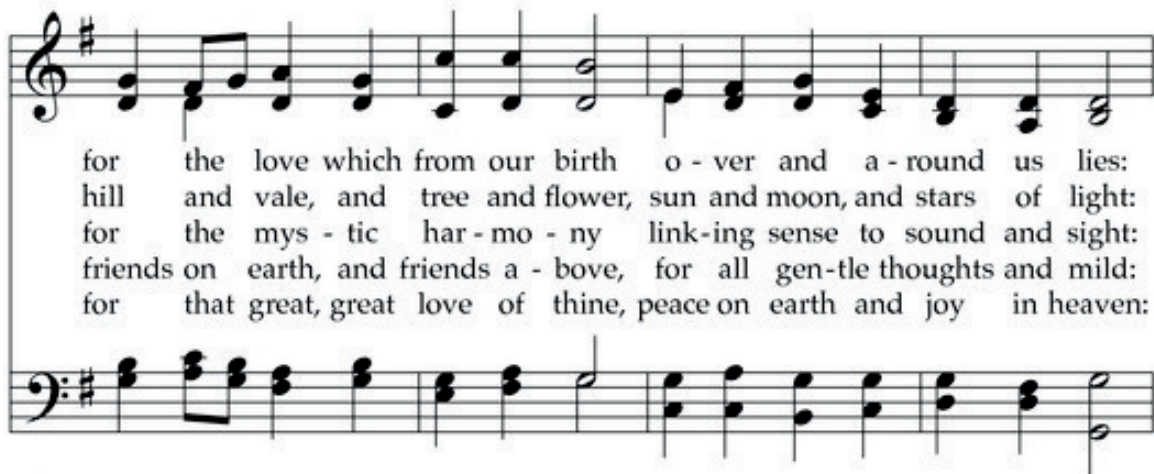
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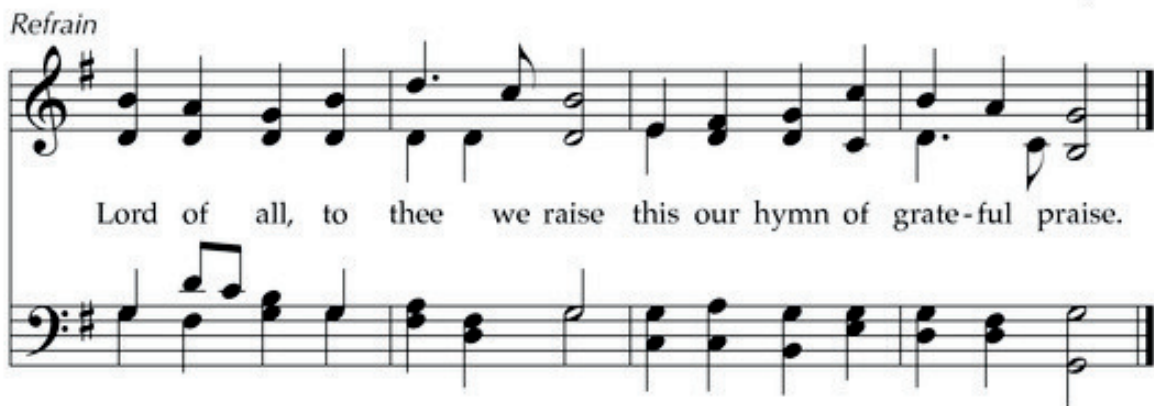


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



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

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.