

**First Parish Church, Congregational
On the Village Green
Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts**

*Awaken to the Light and Love of God;
Be a Joyful Beacon to the World*

Rev. Dr. Mark Boyea, Minister
Dr. Herman Weiss, Director of Music and Organist

**First Parish Church, Congregational
United Church of Christ
Worship Celebration
Sunday, June 26, 2022
10:00 am**

Prelude

“Wondrous Love”
The First Parish Choir

Lovelace

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down. When I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I am, while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing.

And when from death I’m free, I will sing, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on. And when from death I’m free I’ll sing on! And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on. And through eternity I’ll sing on!

Welcome

Opening Hymn *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”* (Pilgrim Hymnal)
(printed in bulletin)

Opening Litany (together)

Leader: We gather this day to remember who we are and Whose we are;

All: **Let us remember together.**

Leader: As partners on this spiritual journey, we bring our joys and sorrows, our comforts and struggles, to God and each other;

All: **Trusting that together, and with God, we are wiser, stronger, better.**

Leader: Though we may hold different beliefs and opinions;

All: **We honor and care for each other as God's equally loved and valued daughters and sons.**

We proclaim all this in the name of the One God sent to show us and lead us to being all that God created and calls us to be – our brother, teacher and Lord, Jesus. Together, we pray with the words He gave us...

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, forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem

"A Repeating Alleluia"

Hampton

Prayer Intentions

Time of Silent and Spoken Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Music Meditation

"Waltz for Miles"

Capers

Dr. Bonnie Anderson, piano

Prayer of Dedication

^{39b}Jesus said to them, 'If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing what Abraham did, ⁴⁰ but now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. ⁴¹ You are indeed doing what your father does.'

They said to him, 'We are not illegitimate children; we have one father, God himself.' ⁴² Jesus said to them, 'If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on my own, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot accept my word.

⁴⁴ You are from your father the devil, and you choose to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.

⁴⁶ Which of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is from God hears the words of God. The reason you do not hear them is that you are not from God.'

⁴⁸ They answered him, 'Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?' ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, 'I do not have a demon; but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is one who seeks it and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.'

⁵² They said to him, 'Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets; yet you say, "Whoever keeps my word will never taste death." ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?'

Message

Solo

“Wade in the Water” traditional, arr. Cassidy
Rebecca Shrimpton, soloist

Chorus:

Wade in the water, wade in the water children. Wade in the water. Oh, God’s gonna trouble the water.

Verse:

Who’s that young girl dressed in red? Wade in the water. Must be the children that Moses led. God’s gonna trouble the water.

Chorus

Verse:

Who’s that young girl dressed in white? Wade in the water. Must be the children of the Israelite. Oh, God’s gonna trouble the water.

Chorus

Verse:

Who’s that young girl dressed in blue? Wade in the water. Must be the children that’s coming through. God’ gonna trouble the water.

Verse:

You don’t believe I’ve been redeemed. Oh, wade in the water. Just seen the Holy Ghost a-looking for me. Oh, God’s gonna trouble the water.

Chorus

Closing Hymn

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”
(printed in bulletin)

Blessing

Closing Song

“The Peace of the Earth” Guatemalan traditional

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too; the peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too. Deep peace falling over you; God’s peace growing in you. (Repeat)

- **We welcome Bonnie Anderson, our Guest Music Director this morning.** Bonnie Anderson has a varied career as chamber pianist, orchestral pianist, soloist, and teacher of students ages 12-88. She enjoys collaborating with musicians from the Boston Symphony, New York Philharmonic, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, and San Francisco Symphony. Highlights of her collaborations include performing Hindemith's Trio for Saxophone, Viola and Piano with Branford Marsalis and Christof Huebner on the Nantucket Island Musical Arts Society Series, recital with Joseph Foley on the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra "Unleashed Series" in Houston, and concerts with her Piano Duo partner Stella Owen around New England. As orchestral pianist, Bonnie is a member of Orchestra of Indian Hill and performs as guest pianist with Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra, Concord Orchestra, and Portland Symphony.

An enthusiastic educator, Bonnie teaches at Phillips Andover Academy and was previously on the faculty at UMass Lowell. This year's projects include outdoor concerts on two keyboards with her Piano Duo, solo recitals of her solo arrangements of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue and Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto, and concerts with her new Piano Trio. Bonnie's recordings include a solo piano disc featuring French composers and a collaborative disc (Nightsongs) with trumpeter Joseph Foley.

Bonnie attended the Juilliard School, Michigan State University, French Piano Institute in Paris and received her DMA from Boston University. She lives in Manchester with her family and two golden retrievers.

- **Please Note: next Sunday, July 3 we begin our Summer Worship start time of 9am. This will continue through Sunday, September 4. We will return to our 10am start time on Sunday, September 11.**
- Our Deacons this morning are Sue Parker and Liz Loomis.
- Rev. Mark's *Virtual Office Hours* will take place this **Wednesday, June 29** from 11am-2pm on Zoom.

- *Bible Study* will not take place this **Thursday, June 30**. It will next be held on **Thursday, July 7** at 4pm on Zoom.
- *Prayer and Meditation* will next take place on **Thursday, July 7** on Zoom at 7pm.
- Our current *Spiritual Exploration* continues this week:

“These Things”: Considering Your Life Testament

Tuesdays: 28 (additional weeks to be determined)
7:00pm – 8:30pm on Zoom

Based on a spiritual exercise crafted by Jesuit priest and author Father Anthony de Mello, this unit will involve considering and sharing our responses and insights regarding a number of “*these things*” statements – for example: “*These things I have loved in life:*” and “*These experiences I have cherished:*” It promises to be a time of deep spiritual reflection, challenge, clarity and growth. After the first session, one or more “*these things*” prompts will be provided as “homework” in preparation for the following session.

Each session can be participated in on its own for those concerned about missing one or more evenings.

The homework prompts for the session on **Tuesday, June 28** are:

“These are my most important achievements...”

“These things I still wish to do...”

Remember:

1. Write as many responses as you can.
2. Avoid “self-editing”
3. Let go of concerns over how “trivial” a response might be to you or others.
4. Be as detailed as possible.

- Readers and Greeters are always needed, to volunteer speak to the Deacons, or you can also sign up [online](#).
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4caba822a1f49-diaconate>
- Listening devices are available for those in need; they are at the back of the Sanctuary. Feel free to address a Deacon should you need help.
- Welcome to all who are new to our Worship time. To join our mailing list please fill out a “Welcome Card” to place in the collection plate or contact office.fpchurch@gmail.com, 978-526-7661 ext. 1.
- You can contribute to the work of First Parish Church or pay your pledge @PayPal.Me/FPChurchManchester
- Our FPCC Compassion child, Chepkirwok needs supporters for 2023, [sign up now](#), questions can be directed to Sue Parker, sueparker33@aol.com.
- [Click to read](#) The Church Bell Newsletter of First Parish Church Congregational for Summer 2022.
- Manchester Affordable Housing Trust Announces Emergency Rental Housing Payment Assistance - The Manchester Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT), in collaboration with Action, Inc., a Gloucester-based human and social services agency, is offering short-term rental housing payment assistance to income eligible Manchester residents in response to job and income loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Consistent with its mission to support and promote community affordable housing, the MAHT is reaching out to income eligible residents who are experiencing housing rent payment issues. The MAHT can and wants to help during this difficult and uncertain time. For further information please contact Action, Inc. at 978-282-1000.

- **Book Group Summer News**

June 27- “Meet Me at the Museum” by Anne Youngson - to be held tomorrow night at 6:30 PM at Liz Loomis’ home at 34 Bennett St. Manchester.

When the curator of a Danish museum responds to a query about ancient exhibits, he doesn’t expect a reply.

When Tina Hopgood first wrote it, nor did she ...

Professor Anders Larsen, an urbane man of facts, has lost his wife, along with his hopes and dreams for the future. He does not know that a query from a Mrs Tina Hopgood about a world-famous antiquity in his museum is about to alter the course of his life.

Oceans apart, an unexpected correspondence flourishes as they discover shared passions: for history and nature; for useless objects left behind by loved ones; for the ancient and modern world, what is lost in time, what is gained and what has stayed the same. Through intimate stories of joy, anguish, and discovery, each one bares their soul to the other. But when Tina's letters suddenly cease, Anders is thrown into despair. Can this unlikely friendship survive?^{goodreads}

July is a free month, enjoy your summer reads!

August 29, 6:30 PM- “Mad About the Boy” by Helen Fielding - location TBA.

Move over, Bridget Jones’s diary: She’s back, and this time she’s texting and tweeting. . .

Fourteen years after landing Mark Darcy, Bridget’s life has taken her places she never expected. But despite the new challenges of single parenting, online dating, wildly morphing dress sizes, and bafflingly complex remote controls, she is the same irrepressible and endearing soul we all remember—though her talent for embarrassing herself in hilarious ways has become dangerously amplified now that she has 752 Twitter followers.

As Bridget navigates head lice epidemics, school-picnic humiliations, and cross-generational sex, she learns that life isn't over when you start needing reading glasses—and why one should never, ever text while drunk.

Studded with witty observations about the perils and absurdities of our times, Mad About the Boy is both outrageously comic and genuinely moving. As we watch her dealing with heartbreaking loss and rediscovering love and joy, Bridget invites us to fall for her all over again.

- **The Outreach and Service collection continues for The Open Door and The Grace Center and Operation Troop Support Needed.**

Drop at the Church before Worship or at the Chapel

Baking Mixes - Cake, Brownie, Cookie, Muffin, Pancake
Peanut Butter

Canned Tuna, Chicken, and Turkey

Healthy Snack Items

100% Juice/Juice Boxes

Breakfast Cereal

Hearty Soups

Canned Vegetables and Fruits

Spaghetti Sauce

Macaroni and Cheese

Rice, Noodles, Pasta

Pet Food

Gift Cards from local grocery markets

(Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Market Basket, etc.)

so they can purchase butter, cream and other perishables

Troop items for June, July & August are:

Powdered drink mixes- Gatorade, iced tea, lemonade

Dry fruits & nuts

Hard candy

Beef Jerky

Flip Flops

Shower wash
Razors and toiletries

Breakfast Buddies: Ocean Stories July 11-15, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

A program especially designed for 2–4-year-old children and an adult at no cost. Breakfast Buddies introduces a Bible character to our youngest seekers with a short presentation, an activity, and a craft over breakfast.

Each day will introduce a different character so sign up for one day or all five!

Pre-registration is required and food allergies/ sensitivities will be accommodated.

Mother Earth Sings Bible Experiences Week At First Parish Church
August 15-19, 4-7pm Ages 6-12 Join us as we experience interactive storytelling, music, song, imaginative movement, yoga and meditation, games, visual art (in a variety of mediums), food creations and group creative writing in 5, three-hour sessions.

This experience will integrate 5 different Bible stories with creative expression and fellowship for children ages 4-12.
Youth ages 14-16 are invited to apply as a junior counselor and parents are encouraged to volunteer.

There is no cost for this experience and all materials are included.
Please pre-register by July 16, space is limited to 15 participants.

ART SHOW SUBMISSIONS WANTED!

The Christian Education Committee of First Parish Church is seeking art submissions for a judged Art Exhibit themed – “Our Earthly Home”

Art will be displayed From July 23 – July 29, 2022
Art will be judged, and winners announced July 26.

Winners will be awarded prizes in 1st and 2nd place in age range categories:

Painting, drawing, mixed media, collage, sculpture, and nature items art are sought.

Submissions will be accepted daily outside the First Parish Chapel building at 1 Chapel Lane, MBTS beginning July 6 and closing July 19.

Look for specially marked drop bins.

Tell your friends and family and join us for some fun, some laughter, some learning, and some food!

For questions or more information, contact Jeanne @jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com or sign up [here](#).

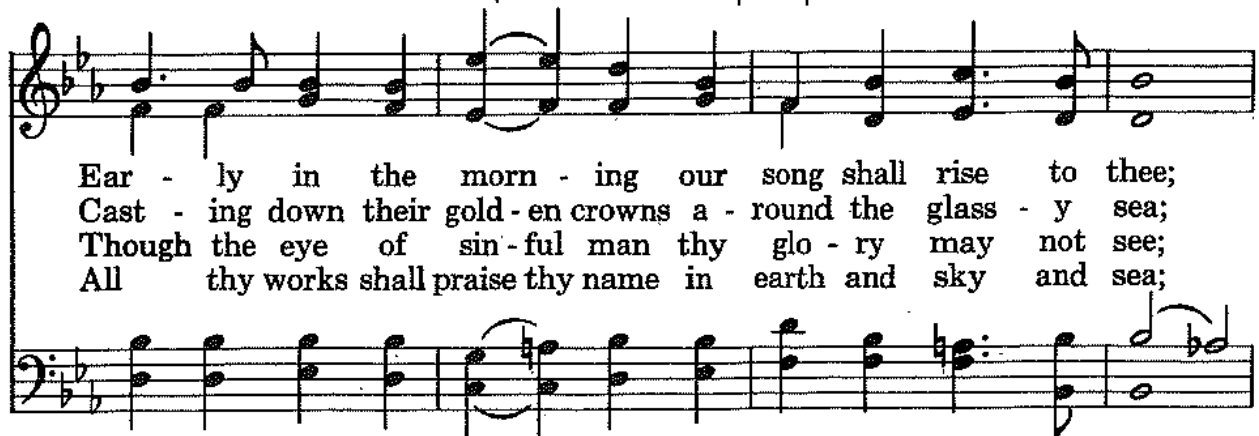
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

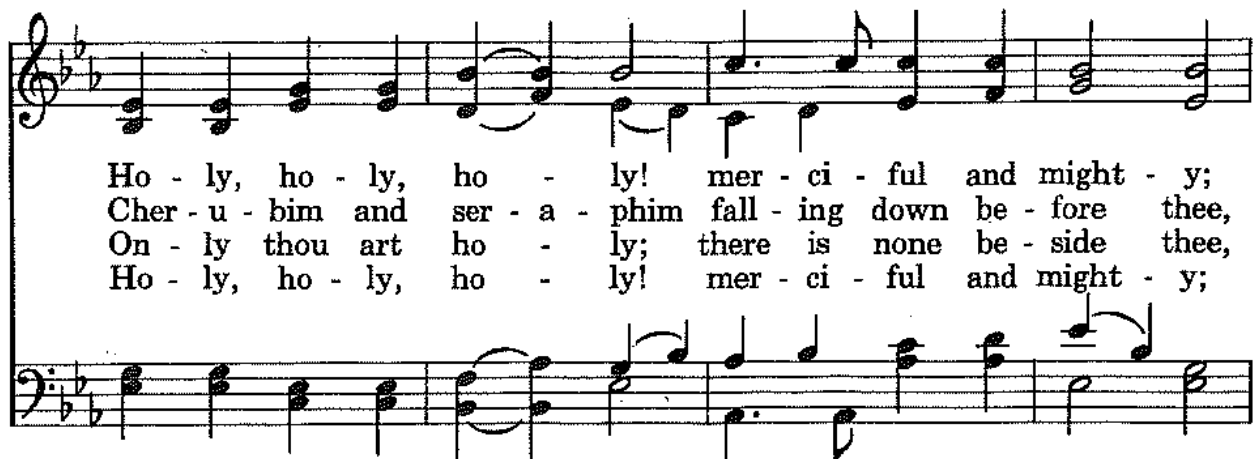
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John B. Dykes, 1823-1876



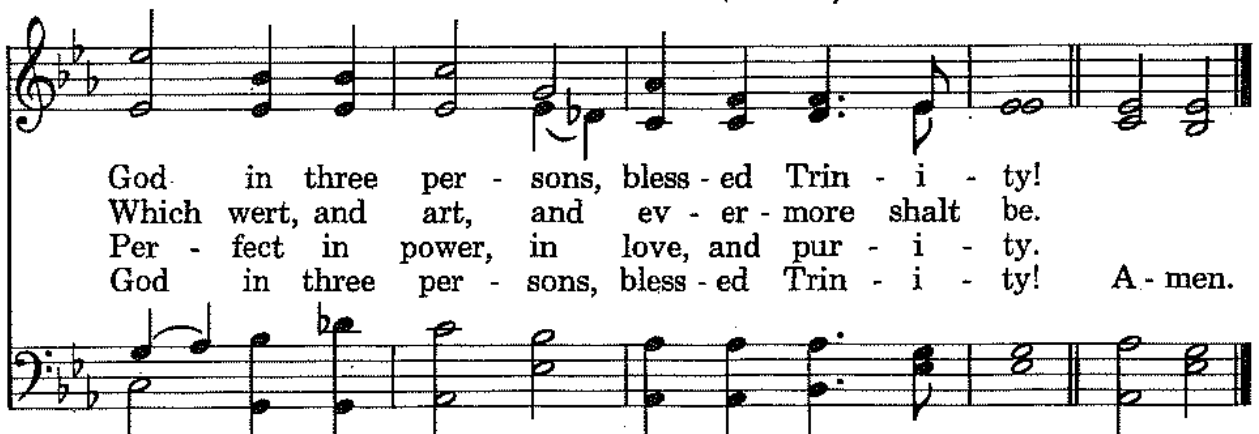
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2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A - men.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1964

Descant



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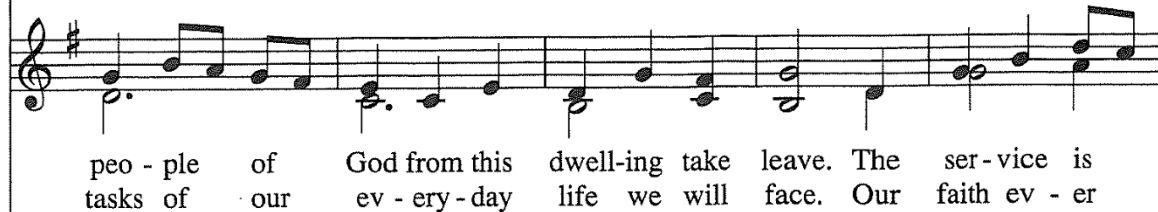
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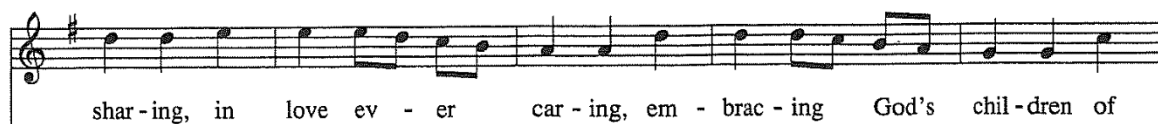
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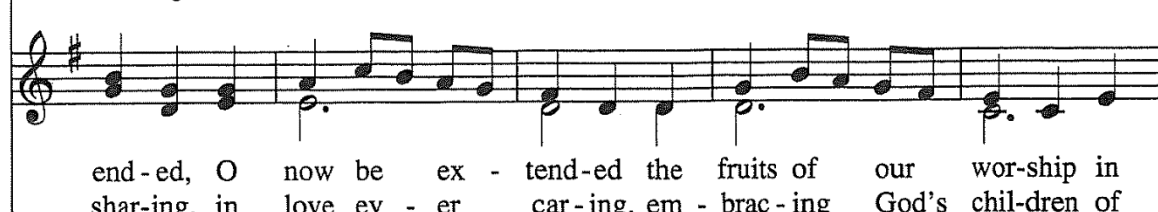
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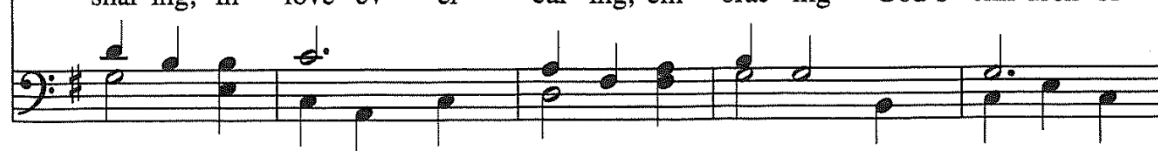
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shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of



end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the fruits of our wor - ship in
shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of



Omer Westendorf, author of numerous hymns, compiler of several hymnals, and founder of World Library Publications, included this hymn in *People's Mass Book*, 1964, the first vernacular Roman Catholic hymn and service book to implement the decrees of Vatican II.

Tune: THE ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11.D.
Welsh folk melody
Harm. Leland Sateren, 1972
Descant, *The New Century Hymnal*, 1993

each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with
all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach - ing, re -
each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this
cep - tive hearts reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for
your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this

life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -
God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -
life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -

giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.
nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.
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