

ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Is your cell phone off? Thanks for checking.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

10:00 A.M.

With doors wide open, we welcome all to come and discover how
God's love in Christ connects us more deeply with each other,
our community, the world and with God.

With arms wide open, we welcome all who are looking for something more,
who have questions, who want to make a difference as
they learn, serve and reach out in word and deed.

With hearts wide open, we welcome you.

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

INTROIT: "This is the Day"

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

(cf. Psalm 105)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;

People: make known among the nations what he has done.

*HYMN #285 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: ***In Unison***

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful.

Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: #579 Hymnal "Gloria Patri"

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: "Jacob's Ladder"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT:

Genesis 1:26-31

Pew Bible, page 2

NEW TESTAMENT:

Ephesians 2:8-10

Pew Bible, page 1134

SERMON TITLE:

"Magnifica Humanitas"

Jeff Prey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #267 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN # 316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.*

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY - LIYM

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY: "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

*THE DOXOLOGY, #592 Hymnal

*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. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN # 434 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

PASSING THE PEACE: "May God's peace be with you."

POSTLUDE

Worship has ended; let Service begin.

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Lay Reader this morning is Mary M.

~ *Open Doors - Open Arms - Open Hearts* ~

*Thank you for worshiping with us. Please join us next Sunday.
Scriptures Reading: Esther 4:12-17, 9:20-22; Matthew 16:24-26
Sermon Title: "What's Your Story? – Esther"*

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026... *During the musical prelude we ask that you prepare for worship by quiet prayer and reflection. If you are visiting our virtual worship service, we extend a special welcome. Chancel flowers are a great opportunity to honor, or remember loved ones and to celebrate special occasions. If you like to sign up, the flower chart is located in the office hallway or call the church office to make arrangements. Welcome Packets can be found at either door and are available for visitors, also available to take and share with your neighbors or anyone else, so as to introduce them to the church. Please feel free to visit our website www.oysterbaypresbyterian.org, or call the church office if you have any questions.*

OUR SPECIAL MINISTRY OF PRAYER ... Please keep the following people in your prayers: Ed, Sylvie, Darrell, Jen, Cindy, Charlie and all those suffering from cancer, special prayers for those suffering from the wars in Ukraine, the Mideast, and other areas where conflict reigns, for the veterans and military personnel returning from service wounded in body, mind or spirit, and all those going through difficult times.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ... *are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our dear friend Carol Johnston by Carol's family.*

COFFEE HOUR...

Today: Gilbert L.
Next Week: Merten & Koppeis Families

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

September 23 Parker M.
Kenneth R.
24 Cathy H.
25 Stephen C.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER ... If you have need for special prayers, concerns or thanksgivings, please call the church office 922-5477 or Kristine L. 297-9962.

This week...

Today	Sunday Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday School Fire Drill	
	Nominating Committee	11:30 a.m.

Tue 9/22	Blood Drive	1:45 - 7:45 p.m.
Sun 9/27	Sunday Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Confirmation Class Parent's Meeting	11:30 a.m.

Coming Up...	Sunday School Communion Workshop	October 2
	World Communion Sunday	October 4
	Oyster Fest Parking	October 17 - 18

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry donations will continue to be collected and delivered to local food pantries. Please place your food donations at the front of the church. Blue Bags are available in the vestibule. Your donations are greatly appreciated, Thank you!

SERMON OUTLINE

"MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS"

Introduction: "How to be Pope"

- I. Human Destiny
 - A. trans-human?
 - B. post-human?
- II. Human Destiny
 - A. woundedness and limitations
 - B. grandeur

CONGREGATIONAL CALL

THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OYSTER BAY, NEW YORK, ARE CALLED TO MEET ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2026 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE TO TAKE ACTION ON A PROPOSAL TO SELL THE VACANT LAND.

Do something Amazing **Community Blood Drive**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 **Save a life.**

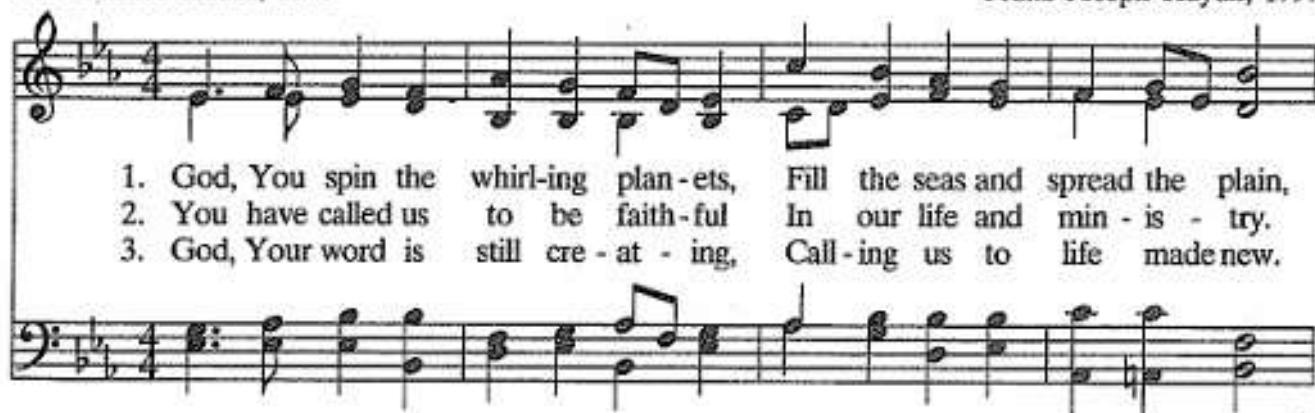
1:45 - 7:45 PM **Give blood!**

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D

Jane Parker Huber, 1978

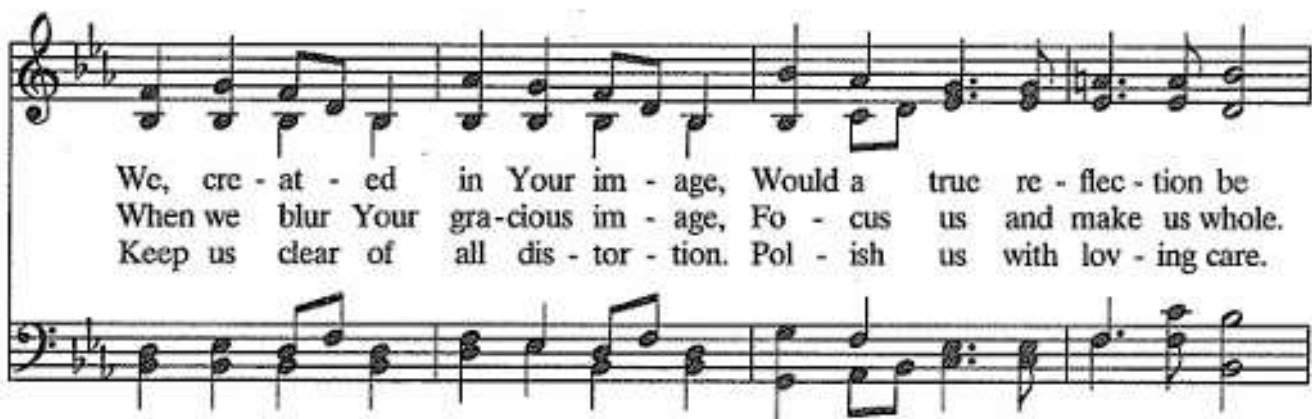
Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797



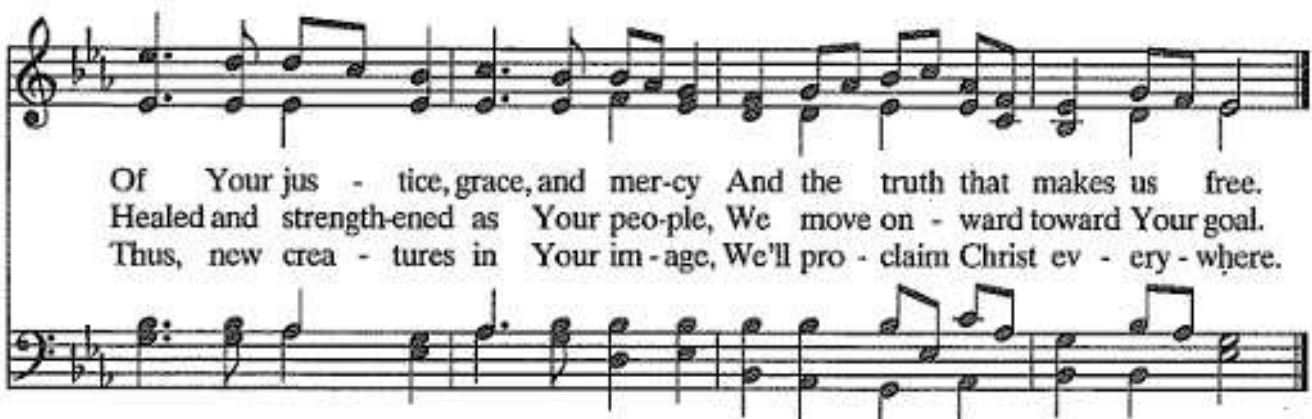
1. God, You spin the whirl-ing plan-ets, Fill the seas and spread the plain,
 2. You have called us to be faith-ful In our life and min-is-try.
 3. God, Your word is still cre-at-ing, Call-ing us to life made new.



Mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, Call forth sun-shine, wind, and rain.
 We re-pond in grate-ful wor-ship Joined in one com-mu-ni-ty.
 Now re-veal to us fresh vis-tas Where there's work to dare and do.



We, cre-at-ed in Your im-age, Would a true re-flec-tion be
 When we blur Your gra-cious im-age, Fo-cus us and make us whole.
 Keep us clear of all dis-tor-tion. Pol-ish us with lov-ing care.



Of Your jus-tice, grace, and mer-cy And the truth that makes us free.
 Healed and strength-ened as Your peo-ple, We move on-ward toward Your goal.
 Thus, new crea-tures in Your im-age, We'll pro-claim Christ ev-ery-where.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6 with refrain

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

English melody, 17th century
Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915
Harm. for *The Hymnbook*, 1953

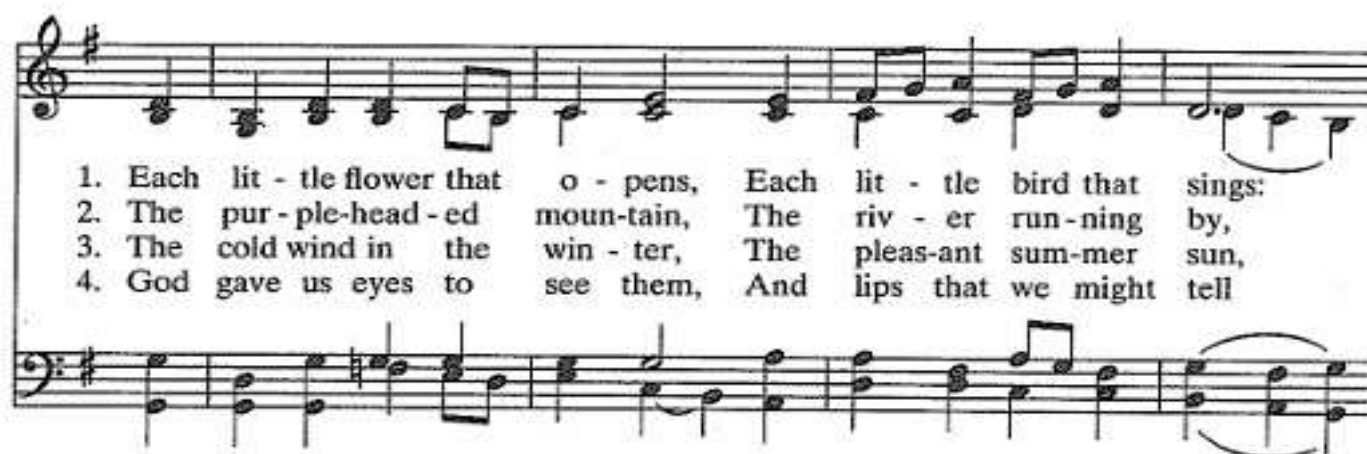
Refrain



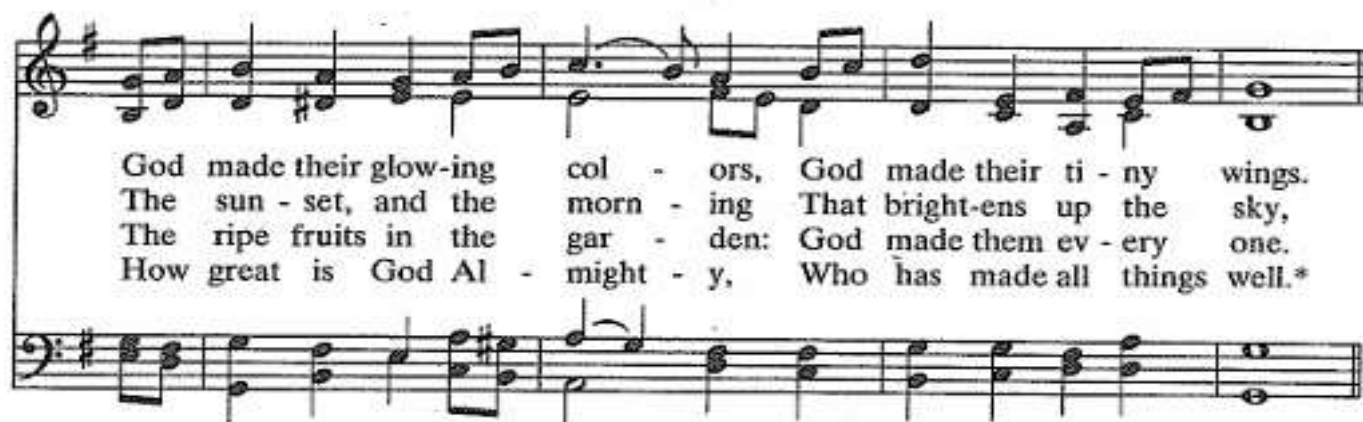
All things bright and beau-ti - ful, All crea-tures great and small,



All things wise and won - der - ful: The Lord God made them all. *Fine*



1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings:
2. The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, The riv - er run - ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell



God made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright-ens up the sky,
The ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev - ery one.
How great is God Al - might - y, Who has made all things well.*

*Repeat Refrain.

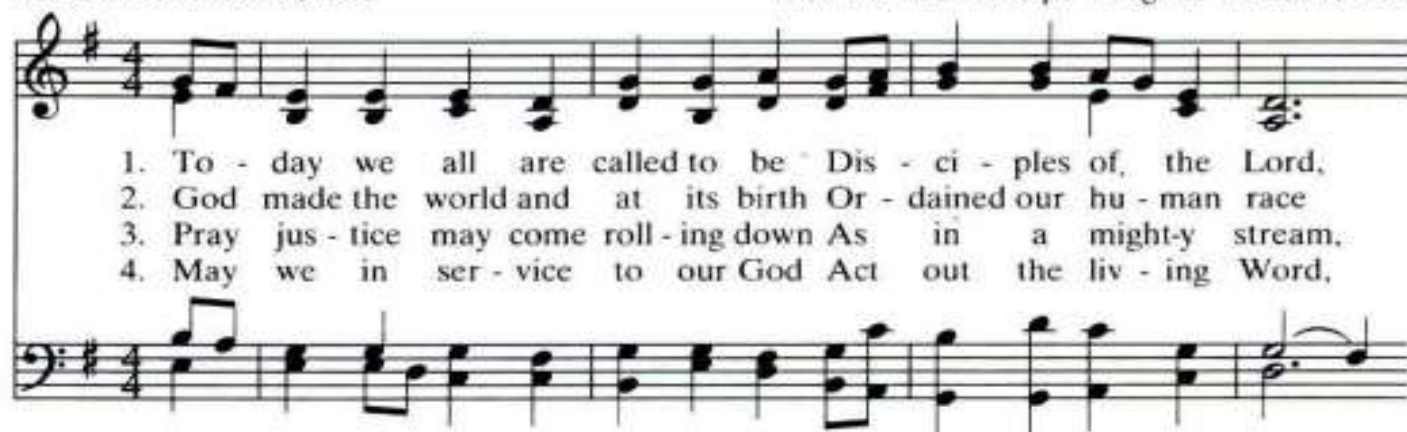
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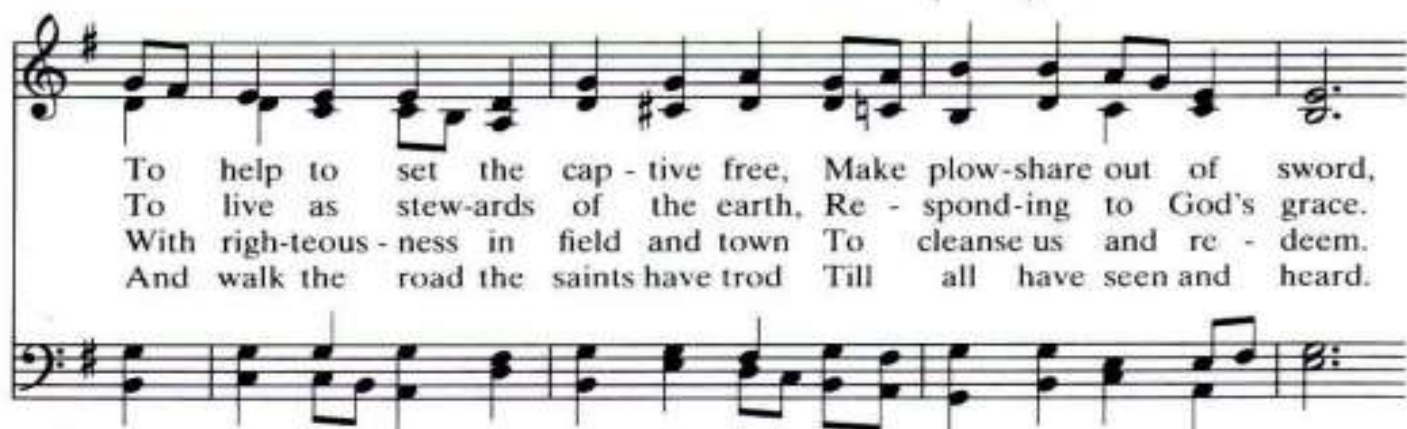
English Country Songs, 1893

H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985

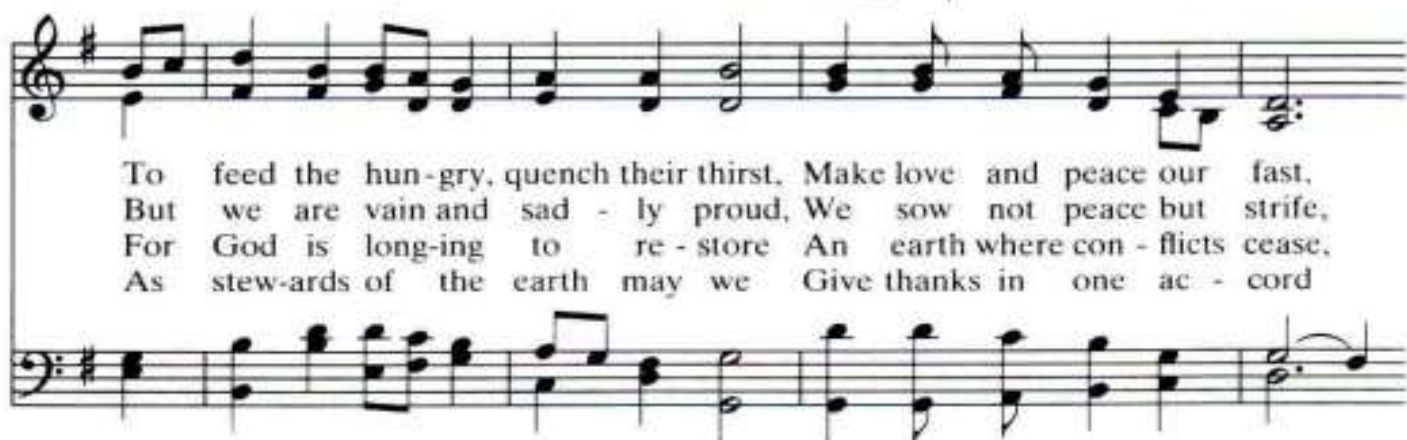
Arr. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906



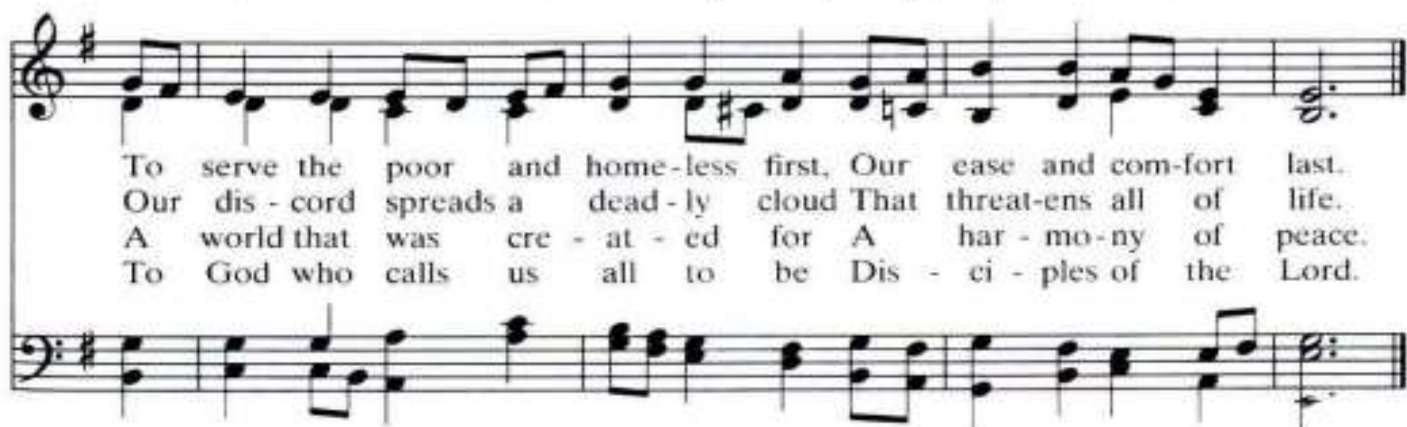
1. To - day we all are called to be Dis - ci - ples of, the Lord,
2. God made the world and at its birth Or - dained our hu - man race
3. Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down As in a might-y stream,
4. May we in ser - vice to our God Act out the liv - ing Word,



To help to set the cap - tive free, Make plow-share out of sword,
To live as stew - ards of the earth, Re - spond - ing to God's grace.
With righ - teous - ness in field and town To cleanse us and re - deem.
And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard.



To feed the hun - gry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast,
But we are vain and sad - ly proud, We sow not peace but strife,
For God is long - ing to re - store An earth where con - flicts cease,
As stew - ards of the earth may we Give thanks in one ac - cord



To serve the poor and home - less first, Our ease and com - fort last.
Our dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud That threat - ens all of life.
A world that was cre - at - ed for A har - mo - ny of peace.
To God who calls us all to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord.