

Online Bulletin, July 12, 2026
We Gather as the People of God

‡Musical Call to Worship

‡Greeting, Announcements, and Invitation to Discipleship

Introit Hymn

Holy is Your Name

SANCTUM NOMIN DOMINI

**Holy is the name of God.
Sing out my soul praising God evermore.
Holy is the name of God.
Sing out my soul, giving praise to God.**

*‡Call to Worship

Leader: God is still creating.

People: God is still planting seeds of grace and possibility.

Leader: God is still forming people into a family of faith.

People: God is still calling us to grow in love and service.

Leader: Come and receive the Word of life.

People: Let us be renewed by the Spirit of God.

All: Let us worship God together.

*‡Hymn No. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Let us pray with one voice.)

Gracious God, there are times when our hearts have been hard to your Word, resistant to your grace and reluctant to follow your way. There are times when our faith has been shallow. There are times when the worries of this world and the demands of daily life have crowded out your call, choking compassion, generosity, and love.

Forgive us, O God. We thank you for the rich soil of your grace, where forgiveness takes root and new life begins. Renew us by your Spirit and help us bear the fruits of faith, hope, and love. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

Strathdee

**Lord, Have Mercy
Christ, Have Mercy
Lord, Have Mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and made new.

People: Thanks be to God.

*‡Exchange of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet one another in the peace of Christ.

*‡Response Hymn No. 288

Spirit of the Living God

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Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading - Genesis 25:19-34

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

(Words printed on the back of the bulletin.)

Second Scripture Reading - Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Growing in Grace

Rev. Kevin Ireland

*Hymn No. 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

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We Respond to God's Word

Joys and Concerns of the People

Joy: St. Marks Presbyterian Church, Haysville

Ministry: Deacons

Care and Comfort: Braelyn Aldino, Jay Ayers, Heather Coulter, Sharon Fox, Calissa Frye, Norma Sherback, and Teresa Stange

Sympathy: Family of Wesley Rickman

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory *Title* Arranger/Composer

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

(Let us pray with one voice.)

**Gracious God, we thank you for the many gifts you have entrusted to us, and for the rich soil of faith you have provided through this community of believers and for the many ways your grace has taken root in our lives. Receive these gifts, and use them to nurture faith, serve our neighbors, and share your love in the world. Continue to form us into a people who bear the fruits of faith, hope, and love. Amen.
We Are Sent as God's Servants into the World**

*Hymn No. **372**

O for a World

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*Charge and Blessing

Leader: Alleluia, Amen.
People: **Alleluia, Amen.**

The Postlude

**(Please rise in body or in spirit.)*

‡(Time to seat those who arrive after the start of the service)

Leading and Serving in Worship Today

Rev. Kevin Ireland, Pastor, Head of Staff

Phyllis Lesage, Liturgist

Paula Lancelot, Reader

Sean Foster, Director Chancel Choir

Kelsey Wise, Organist

Rocky Burris III, Sound

Chris Anderson, Broadcasting

Burris Family, Online Moderators

Worship Notes

Welcome to God's House

We are grateful you are here as we worship together – lifting our voices in praise, our hearts in prayer, and opening ourselves to the work of God's Spirit in our midst.

Grace is a special place. We are people of many ages and stages, from different walks of life, backgrounds, and traditions. Each of us brings unique gifts. **All are welcome.** What we share in common is a desire to follow Christ, a love of God and neighbor, and a deep passion for serving the world God so loves.

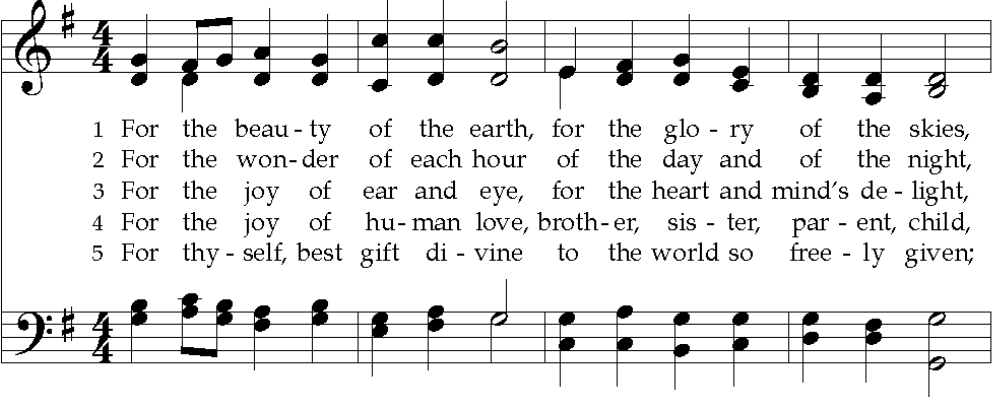
Children are always welcome in worship. God put the wiggle in children—and we celebrate the giggles too. We do not expect anyone to sit perfectly still or silently. Worship bags are available outside the sanctuary doors if helpful. You're encouraged to help your child follow along in the bulletin or hymnal. If they are readers, invite them to circle words they don't know and talk about them after the service. A nursery is available for children up to age three in Room 107 (next to the north entrance). We invite you to let us know you are here by signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew and passing it along to others. It helps us connect names with faces and care well for one another.

If you have a prayer concern, we invite you to share it by placing a blue prayer card in the offering plate. Your prayers will be held in confidence and shared with our Prayer Ministry Team.

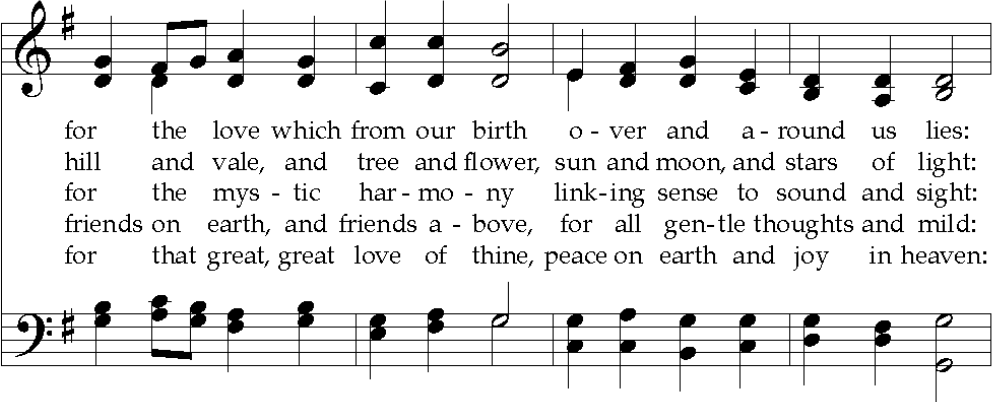
If you would like to learn more about our congregation or about the Presbyterian Reformed tradition, we would be glad to connect with you. Please speak with one of our ushers or staff or reach out to Pastor Kevin at Kevin@MyGPC.org.

We are glad you are here. Let us worship God together.

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

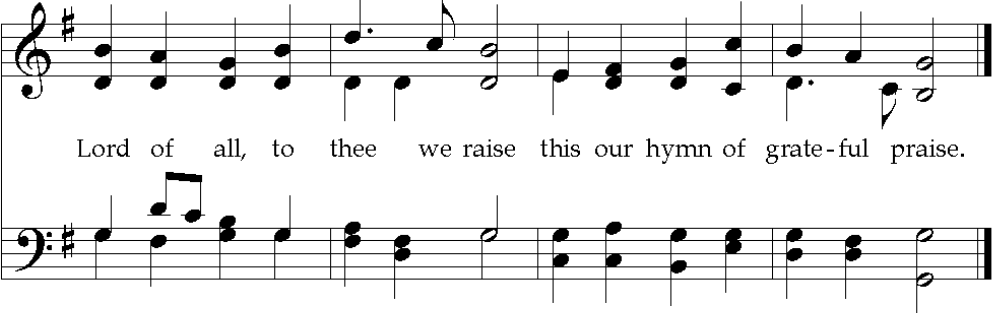


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di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

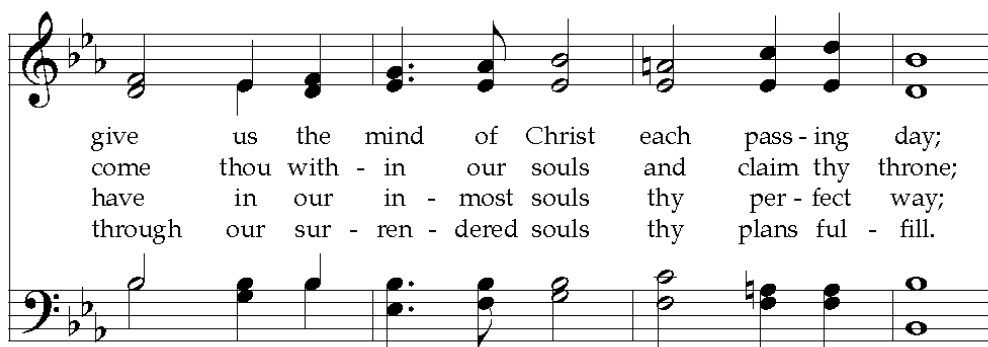
TEXT: Follitt Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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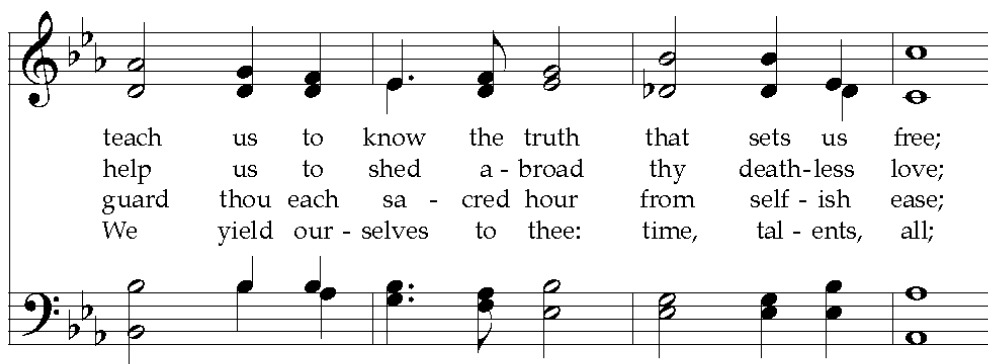
707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord



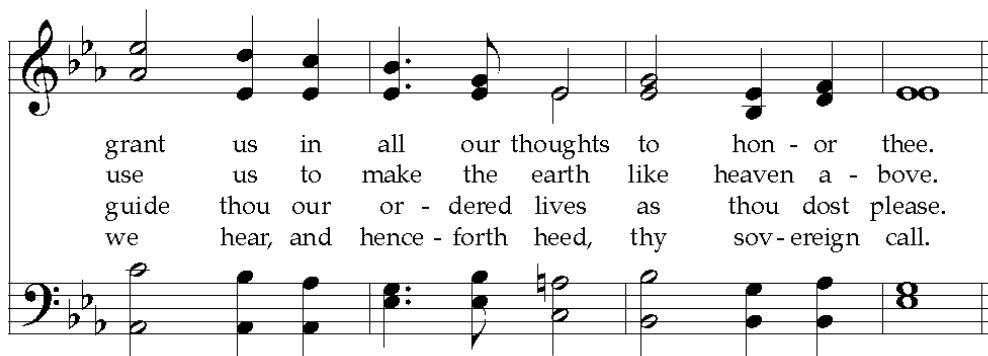
1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
 2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
 3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
 4 Take thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;



give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
 come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;
 have in our in - most souls thy per - fect way;
 through our sur - ren - dered souls thy plans ful - fill.



teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
 help us to shed a - broad thy death-less love;
 guard thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
 We yield our - selves to thee: time, tal - ents, all;



grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.
 use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.
 guide thou our or - dered lives as thou dost please.
 we hear, and hence - forth heed, thy sov - ereign call.

This hymn began with the tune, which the composer hummed to the author with a request for a text that would challenge the hearts and minds of young people. The text of the first three stanzas was written that day, and the fourth stanza later emerged at a youth conference.

TEXT: William H. Foulkes, stanzas 1–3, 1918, stanza 4, c. 1920
 MUSIC: Calvin Weiss Laufer, 1918

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O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re-lieved,
 3 We wel-come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo-rious reign of peace,
 where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil-dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a-chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out-casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987
 MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
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