

**Peace UCC**  
**July 25, 2021**  
**The Lord's Prayer**  
**And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us:**  
*People with no chains*

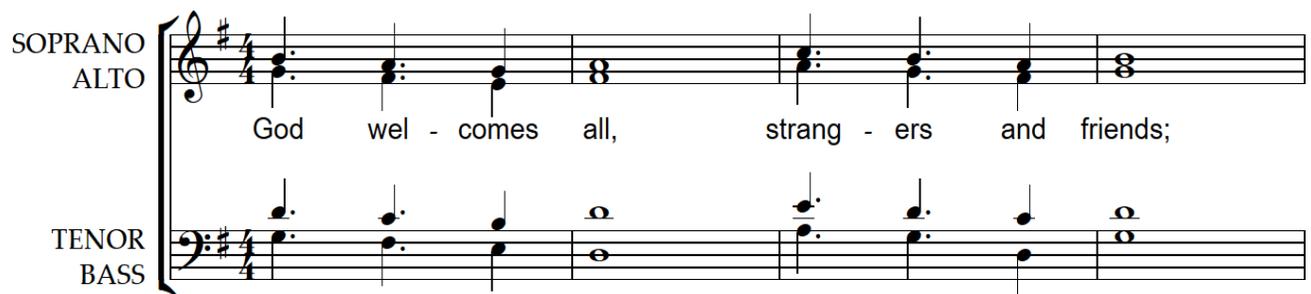
**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Opening Words Anton K. Jacobs**

We have encountered the Word, calling us into communion with God and with each other,  
and calling us into discipleship to carry on God's work in our world.  
So we come together here, joining hands in the great quest:  
To worship God, to love each other, and to serve the world.

**Opening Response "God Welcomes All" John Bell**



SOPRANO  
ALTO

God wel - comes all, stran - ers and friends;

TENOR  
BASS



God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

**Prayer of Invocation Ruth C. Duck**

**Gracious God, we thank you that we can rest in you, secure amid the conflict and confusion of life. We thank you that you provide for our needs and that you have trusted us to one another's care. Free us to receive with humility and to give with joy. Open our hands to share what we have without fear of tomorrow. Anoint your people as peacemakers and justice makers, that one day humanity may choose bread over weapons and fairness over greed. Amen**

**The Witness of Music John Panhorst, Jeff Panhorst, and Loretta Haggard**

**Readings:**

**Deuteronomy 15:1-5**

Every seventh year you shall grant a remission of debts. And this is the manner of the remission: every creditor shall remit the claim that is held against a neighbor, not exacting it from a neighbor who is a member of the community, because the Holy One's remission has been proclaimed. From a foreigner

you may exact it, but you must remit your claim on whatever any member of your community owes you. There will, however, be no one in need among you, because the Holy One is sure to bless you in the land that the Holy One your God is giving you as a possession to occupy, if only you will obey the Holy One your God by diligently observing this entire commandment that I command you today.

**To My Mother**  
**Wendell Berry**

I was your rebellious son,  
do you remember? Sometimes  
I wonder if you do remember,  
so complete has your forgiveness been.

So complete has your forgiveness been  
I wonder sometimes if it did not  
precede my wrong, and I erred,  
safe found, within your love,

prepared ahead of me, the way home,  
or my bed at night, so that almost  
I should forgive you, who perhaps  
foresaw the worst that I might do,

and forgave before I could act,  
causing me to smile now, looking back,  
to see how paltry was my worst,  
compared to your forgiveness of it

already given. And this, then,  
is the vision of that Heaven of which  
we have heard, where those who love  
each other have forgiven each other,

where, for that, the leaves are green,  
the light a music in the air,  
and all is unentangled,  
and all is undismayed.

**Luke 11:1-4**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:  
Abba, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.**

**For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen**

## Hymn "Arise, Your Light is Come"



A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide\_ the pris - on door.  
A - rise, your light is come! All you\_ in sor - row born,  
A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the\_ glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!  
Pro - claim the\_ cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
Bind up the\_ bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like\_ ea - gles on the wing; God's might will make us strong.

## Joys and Concerns

### Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kin-dom come, your 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power,  
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## How Shall We Join God's Work in the World

Gracious God, we give thanks.  
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,  
talent, and treasure as we use them to join  
Your work in the world. Amen

## Benediction

## Postlude

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