

Peace UCC
September 26, 2021
Who is part of making it come to pass? (We are)

Prelude "God You Give the Great Commission" Robert A. Hobby
Fanfare and Chorale on Abbot's Leigh
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Welcome

Opening Words

One: We gather together this morning as a community filled with energy and purpose

Many: we hold the dream

One: We do not know where God is leading but we trust in God's steadfast love and faithfulness as we move along.

Many: we hold the dream

One: No matter where we find ourselves on the path – rocky or smooth - we know that we are never alone. We belong to God and God will never fail us.

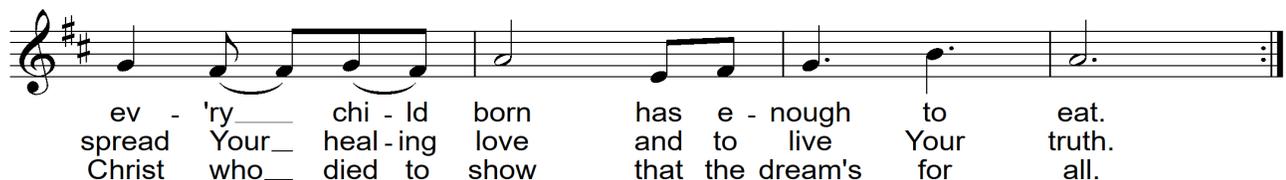
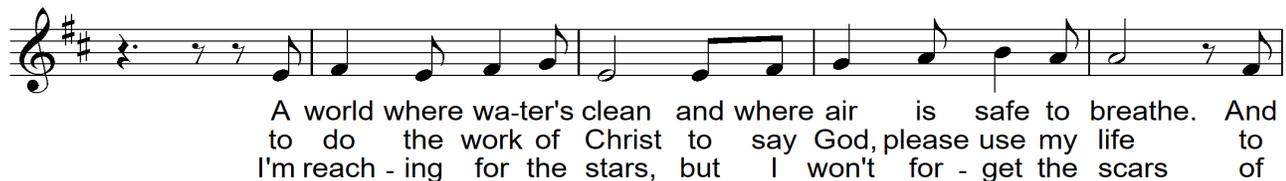
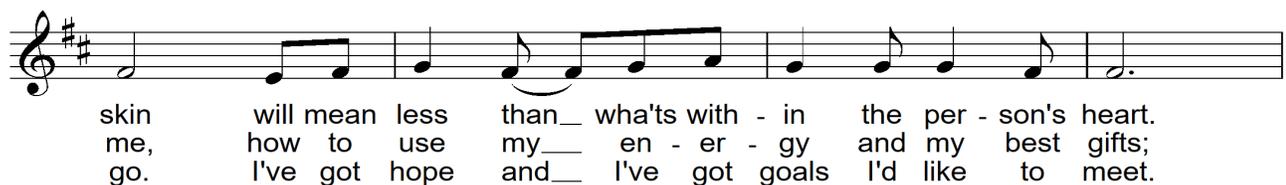
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One: And so we prepare ourselves for worship with hearts filled with conviction and hope, ready to join God's work in the world.

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Opening Response "Dream God's Dream" Bryan Sirchio

Refrain



Prayer of Invocation worship ways

Divine One,
from whom we seek a way to live that honors you,
come and remind us of the instruction
you have written on our hearts.
God of our being,
enter us by your Spirit
and show us how sweet Your words are.
Holy One of our yearning,
bring your comfort and strength to this gathering
that we may all partake of your wondrous love
and welcome you to our lives. Amen.

Stewardship Moment

The Witness of Music Chancel Choir
Loretta Haggard - Flute
"Your Love Will Be My Song" Pepper Choplin
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Readings:

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Holy One came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.'

But the Holy One said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Holy One.'

Then the Holy One put out their hand and touched my mouth; and the Holy O said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

"A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of "A Course in Miracles"

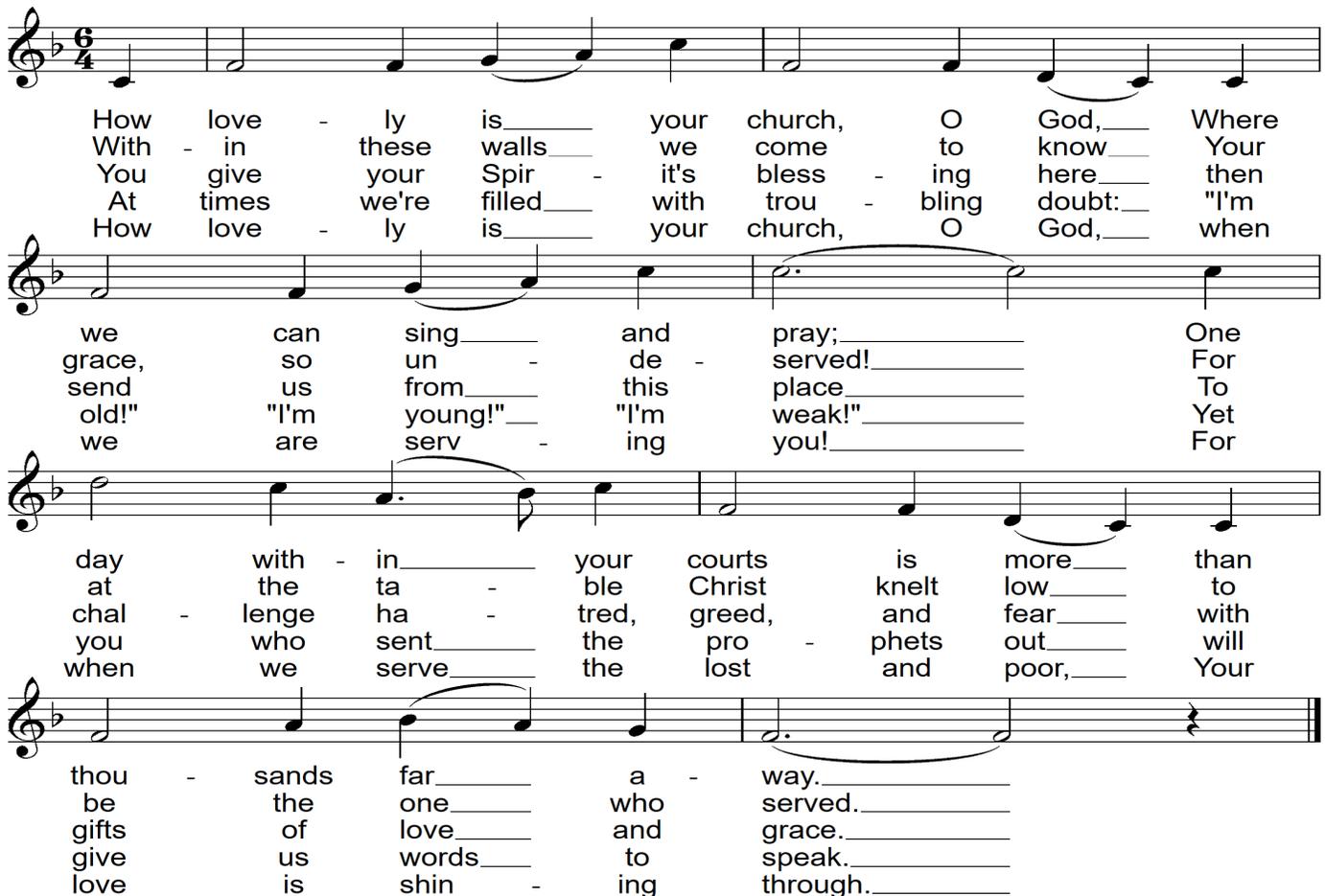
by Marianne Williamson

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

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

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn "How Lovely Is Your Church, O God"



How love - ly is your church, O God, Where
With - in these walls we come to know Your
You give your Spir - it's bless - ing here then
At times we're filled with trou - bling doubt: "I'm
How love - ly is your church, O God, when
we can sing and pray; One
grace, so un - de - served! For
send us from this place To
old!" "I'm young!" "I'm weak!" Yet
we are serv - ing you! For
day with - in your courts is more than
at the ta - ble Christ knelt low to
chal - lenge ha - tred, greed, and fear with
you when we who sent the pro - phets out will
serve the lost and poor, Your
thou - sands far a way.
be the one who served.
gifts of love and grace.
give us words to speak.
love is shin - ing through.

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 and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we bring to join you in your work in the world.

Benediction

Postlude "Sing the Glad Song" Franklin Ritter
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