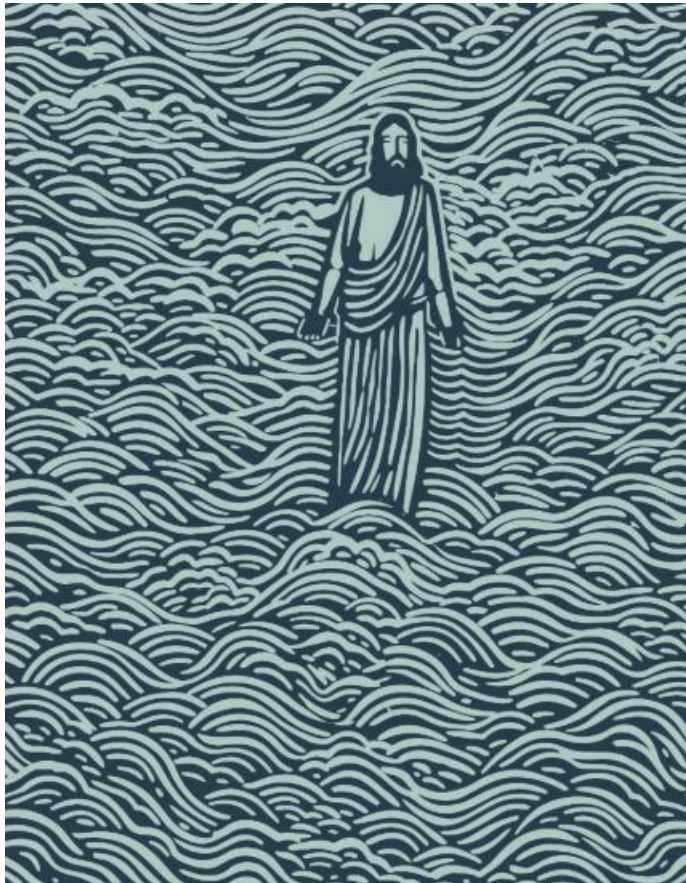




*Worshiping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 9, 2026 // 10am

CENTERING WORDS:

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you. ~ Isaiah 43:1b-2a

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: The God of life be with you.

All: And also with you!

GATHERING SONG #664 *Morning Has Broken*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather together to worship God,

All: who comes to us when we least expect it,

One: who calls us out of the safety of our ordered lives

All: and invites us to join as one in the adventure of faith.

One: Let's worship God together!

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN** #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

**Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.* _____

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy One, you call us beloved, yet we confess we forget who we are.

All: We turn away from your compassion and carry our burdens alone.

One: You invite us into honesty, repair, and reconciliation.

All: Forgive us when fear or weariness keeps us from the next faithful step.

One: Restore our courage when our faith is small...help us begin again.

All: Make us new in Christ Jesus, and teach us to step out with courage and love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Don't Be Afraid

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14: 22 – 33

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

REFLECTING TOGETHER

*HYMN #720 *Jesus Calls Us*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

LIFE AT FIRST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #606**

All: Praise God whose image we all bear.
Praise Christ whose mercy we all share.
Praise Spirit making justice grow.
One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

All: Giver of perfect gifts,
refine these offerings and our hearts
so that they may bear fruit.
Bless each of us with the joy of gift giving
and help us to know the good that our generosity
lends to the world in your Holy Name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator," "Our Mother," or "Our Parent."

All: 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.

***HYMN #69** *Here I am, Lord*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG #543** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis,
FPC Choir, Rose Gifford

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Habitat Work Date // August 13 is the next Habitat work date. Be sure to plan accordingly as work dates fill up fast. Contact Bill Haines with questions, wehaines@icloud.com

Holland Community Theatre // Sign up to see the comedy "Get Smart" at HCT on Saturday, August 15th at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$12.50 to be paid when you sign up. If you would also like to join the group for dinner at the Curraugh, indicate that, too. Questions? Contact Chris Urbaniak

Presbyterian Women Bible Study // Wednesday, September 9 at 9:30am will be our first meeting. Join us if you are able.

Men's Book Group // We will pick up again in September. Like last year, we plan to meet on the second Monday of each month at 2:30pm. The next couple books are:

September 14 – *The Path Between the Seas* by David McCullough

October 12 – *Chicago's Great Fire* by Carl Smith

Note from the Bookkeeper // Second quarter (January-June) giving statements were sent out Monday August 3 via email. Please let the bookkeeper know if you did not receive your statement.

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We do not have everyone's email address on file so if you want to be included in the future, please provide that information to the administrative assistant Lori Lepard, office@fpcholland.org or 616-392-9022. Please let Marlene know if you would like a copy of your 2nd quarter giving statement sent out using USPS.

Children's Advocacy Center // Children's Advocacy Center is requesting our help in restocking Cora's Care Closet. They are specifically asking for cleaning supplies such as: laundry detergent, paper towels, dish soap, toilet paper, multi-purpose cleaner & personal hygiene items. Families going through crisis are invited to access the closet for basic needs. A complete list of needed items is located near the Outreach shelves or in the Wednesday, eWeekly email. This is one small way we can help lighten their load. Our drive will take place through Aug 16. Bring items to the church and place them in the Outreach shelves marked for them or you can take directly to the center. Thanks for your help meeting this need. CAC is one of our partner agencies supported by Outreach Council. If you have questions, contact Janet Hostetler, 740-704-4822.

Morning Has Broken

664



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



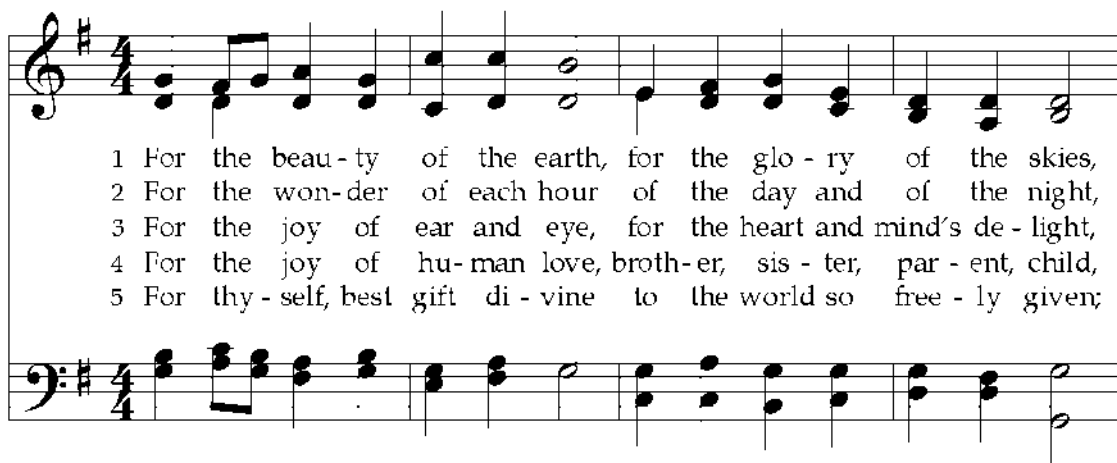
spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



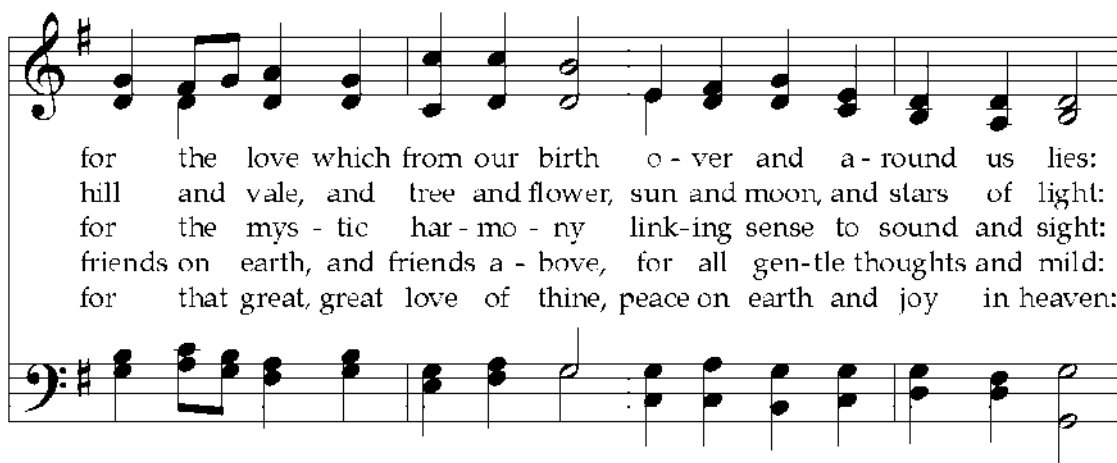
morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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



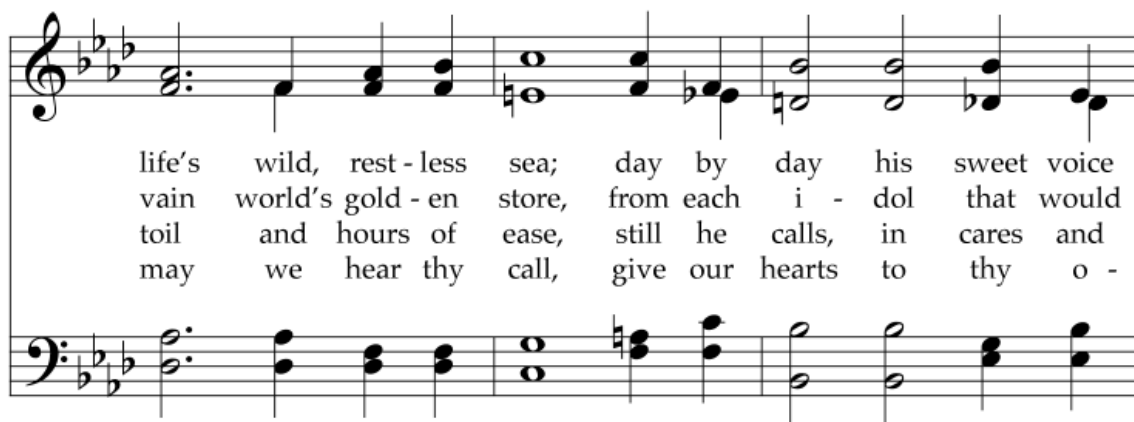
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Jesus Calls Us

720



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



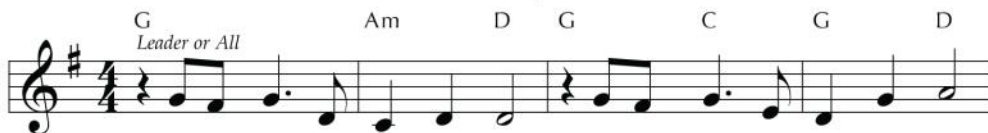
life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

543

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

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Children's Programming During Worship:

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship. If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age. Available for the whole service.
- Celebration Time - 4 years of age through 1st grade. Available after Children's Time.

Education Offerings After Worship:

Education hour is from 11:15a -12:00p. *All are welcome to participate! Please note Education Hour is on summer break for children and youth and will resume in September.*

- Adult Class - Michigan Room
- Youth - Youth Room
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years

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