

In Response to a Question:
"What Does the Earth Say?"

The earth says have a place, be what that place requires; hear the sound the birds imply and see as deep as ridges go behind each other. (Some people call their scenery flat, their only pictures framed by what they know: I think around them rise a riches and a loss too equal for their chart — but absolutely tall.)

The earth says every summer have a ranch that's minimum: one tree, one well, a landscape that proclaims a universe — sermon of the hills, hallelujah mountain, highway guided by the way the world is tilted, reduplication of mirage, flat evening: a kind of ritual for the wavering.

The earth says where you live wear the kind of color that your life is (grey shirt for me) and by listening with the same bowed head that sings draw all things into one song, join the sparrow on the lawn, and row that easy way, the rage without met by the wings within that guide you anywhere the wind blows. Listening, I think that's what the earth says.

- William Stafford



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

Prelude *Sheep May Safely Graze* J.S.Bach

Greeting Rev. Henrietta Brown

***Call to Worship** Jeff Petertil

We come together to worship God.

We give praise to God, from whom all blessings flow.

We worship a Creator whose blessings are especially evident in Spring.

We give praise to God, as do all creatures here below.

The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

God has founded the world upon the seas and established it on the rivers.

God creates, sustains, and redeems our world.

I am sustained by birdsong and redeemed by bee buzz.

May our praise exceed that of the trees that are pushing forth new life.

May my praise acknowledge the life force flowering around me.

We worship with all who celebrate the continuing creation of life.

I praise the cycle of life and I live in God's beauty.

***Opening Hymn** *We Are One in the Spirit (stzs 1,2,3)* p. 3

***Opening Prayer** Jeff Petertil

Confession Rev. Colin Knapp

Lord, have mercy on us.

We talk about love, but our actions betray us.

We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.

We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.

Lord, have mercy on us.

by the power of your Spirit

so that our lives may show

our love for Jesus Christ,

in whose body we live

and in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

We seek God's grace with boldness

because we trust in Jesus Christ,

the One who laid down his life for us.

This is the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

THE CHURCH

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

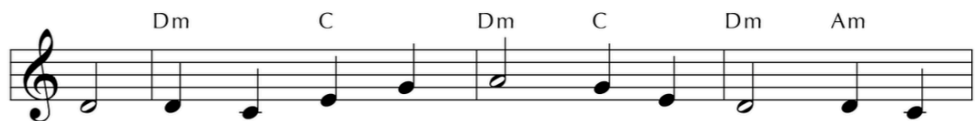
A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966
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THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

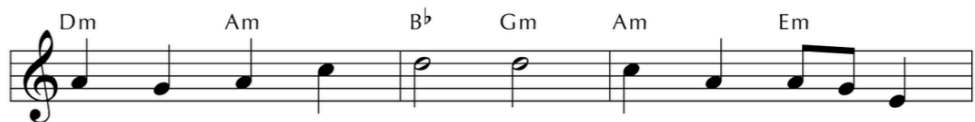
What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

One: This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. All: Thanks be to God

Children’s Message

Maureen Deahl

New Testament Reading

1 John 3:16-24

One: This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

More Than Words

Rev. Colin Knapp

Anthem

Touch the Earth Lightly

Murray/Alonso

Prayer for the Offering

Jeff Petertil

***Doxology**

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above you heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!*

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Lord’s Prayer All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the manner of their choosing, included below is one version:

Our Father (Mother, Creator), 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and the Sharing of the Cup

Resurrection Acclamation

Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.

I died, and behold, I am alive for evermore, alleluia!

Communion Hymn

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Rev. Henrietta Brown

***Closing Hymn**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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***Benediction**

Rev. Colin Knapp

Love will come to perfection in us when we can face the day of judgment without fear – because our relation to this world is just like Christ’s. There is no fear in love, for perfect

love drives out fear. (1 John 4:17-18)

Form in us, O God, a community of creativity and collaboration.

Our salvation is bound together with Creation.

Postlude

Resucito, resucito

Arguello/Trapp

Pilgrim History

November 1935: "The musical press of Chicago has frequently referred to the fine congregational singing at Pilgrim Church." The choir held two hymn festivals and published a monthly newsletter called The Warbler.

Today's Liturgist is Jeff Petertil. Connect Leaders are Maureen Deahl and Cheri Houha. Ushers are James Jones and Mark Pedigo. Our Online Worship Coordinators are Delena Wilkerson, Chuck Behensky, David Taylor-Glass, and Carol Bustamante. Our Sextons are Claudia Divis and Leslie Lauderdale. We give our thanks for their important contributions to our worship gathering. Pilgrim seeks to be accessible to all. Please ask an usher for assistance you may need to worship with us.

AFRICAN SANCTUS

Today, Sunday, April 21, 4 P.M.

African Sanctus is a 1972 choral Mass and is David Fanshawe's best-known composition. It's a celebratory work expressing unity between peoples, their faiths and their music by incorporating a Mass with traditional African music. The concert, led by Pilgrim's chancel choir director, Dr. Wilbert O. Watkins, features Rosalind Lee, soprano soloist; percussionists Brooks Truly and James Yakas; guitarist John Regor; bass player Andrew King, and pianist Joan Hutchinson, Pilgrim's Minister of Music.

Admission to the concert is free, with a freewill offering taken.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
 MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923
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FAITHFULNESS
 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 배 꾸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Announcements

Tree Dedication and Fruit of the Earth Potluck

Sunday, April 28, 2024

The Anniversary Bur Oak, donated by Leslie Sutphen and Byron Lanning, is a keystone native species. It will help support our urban ecosystem.

Following the dedication Pilgrim’s Green Team invites you to bring vegetarian, vegan, or sustainably produced dishes to share during our “Fruit of the Earth” potluck.

Metropolitan Association Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 4, 2024, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Join your friends and colleagues from the Chicago Metropolitan Association on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at The Church of the Good Shepherd (5700 S. Prairie Ave, Chicago IL 60637), celebrating this year's theme, ubuntu - "I am because we are." The cost is \$15 with advanced registration and \$20 at the door. The registration cost includes a hot breakfast provided by Nicole Jordan Catering and lunch from Yassa African Restaurant and Cedars Mediterranean Kitchen. Please note any dietary restrictions/needs during registration. Instructions and the link to register can be found at the end of this email. **The deadline to register is Monday, April 29th.**

Join the Pilgrim Crop Hunger Walk Team

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 1PM

The 41st Annual Crop Hunger Walk is returning to a multi-congregational, in-person walk stepping off from Pilgrim Church and we need walkers for our team!! Help us raise money to end hunger in our community and the world. Festivities begin at 1pm with activities for kids and adults. The walk steps off at 2pm and includes a 3-mile or 1-mile route. Visit bit.ly/pilgrimcropwalk2024 to join or donate. Contact Pilgrim's team captain, Rose DiPietro, for more info at rose.dipietro@gmail.com.

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