

Sunday, July 28, 2024



The Gilford Community Church
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Gathering Time

As we arrive for worship, let us greet and make new friends, and be alert for guests as we celebrate the fellowship of our faith community.

Time for Prayer and Meditation

The ringing of the church bell and lighting of the candles calls us to sit down and allow ourselves to forget the hurry and worry of the world. Center your heart, mind and soul on God's love for you and all creation.

Ring the Bell and Bringing the Light

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Mary Kay Robinson

*Call to Worship

We gather here to worship:

to seek the truth, to grow in love, to join in service;

to celebrate life's beauty and find healing for its pain;

to honor our kinship with each other and with the earth;

to listen for the wisdom that guides us

in the quietness of this moment.

*Hymn of Praise

"All Beautiful the March of Days"

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Prayer of Invitation followed by the Lord's Prayer (debts)

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.

❖ Coffee Hour this week is hosted by our Membership Committee.

The Gilford Community Church is an inclusive, open community. We embrace believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. We welcome new companions on a journey of faith that often includes laughter, live music and joy. We celebrate both our differences and our shared commitments: to spiritual journey, to supporting each other, and to building community in Gilford, the Lakes Region and beyond.

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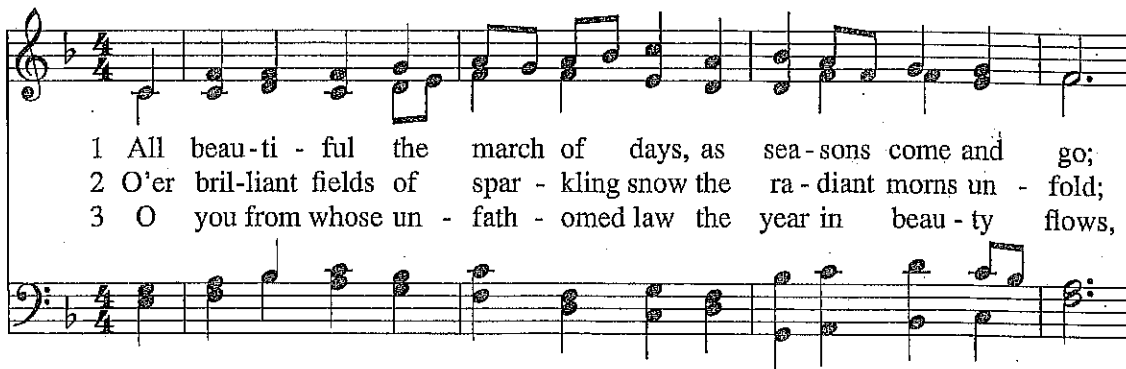
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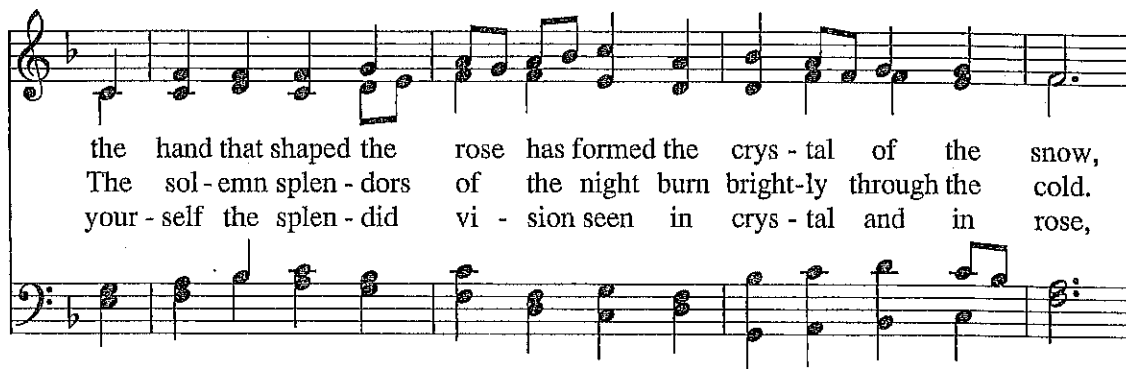
*Originally from Camillus, New York, Flautist **Mary Kay Robinson** has risen to national prominence as a versatile musician who performs, tours and records with the great Symphony orchestras and chamber musicians throughout the country. Ms. Robinson has served on the faculties of the Cleveland Institute of Music, Ithaca College, Case Western Reserve University, the University of Akron and Franklin Pierce University and has been a featured soloist with the Southern Tier Symphony (NY), Cleveland Pops at Severance Hall, and the New Hampshire Music Festival Orchestra, which has been her summer home and tribe for over 20 years. She has balanced a career of performance, teaching and arts leadership and divides her time between Cleveland and the east coast, where she can often be found goofing off in the mountains or lakes.*

All Beautiful the March of Days

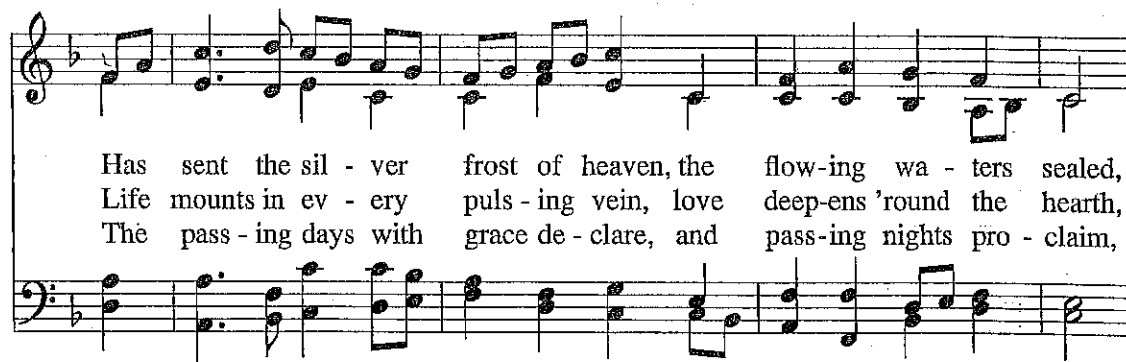
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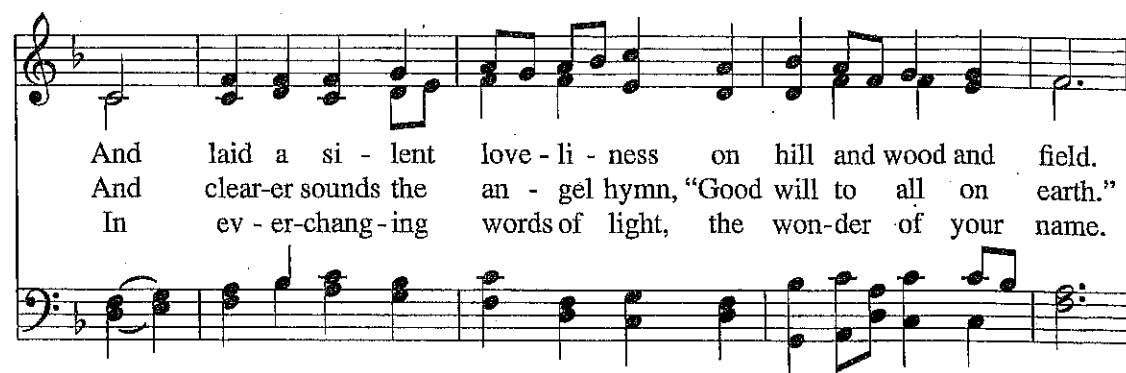
1 All beau-ti - ful the march of days, as sea - sons come and go;
2 O'er bril-liant fields of spar - kling snow the ra - diant morns un - fold;
3 O you from whose un - fath - omed law the year in beau - ty flows,



the hand that shaped the rose has formed the crys - tal of the snow,
The sol - emn splen - dors of the night burn bright - ly through the cold.
your - self the splen - did vi - sion seen in crys - tal and in rose,



Has sent the sil - ver frost of heaven, the flow - ing wa - ters sealed,
Life mounts in ev - ery puls - ing vein, love deep - ens 'round the hearth,
The pass - ing days with grace de - clare, and pass - ing nights pro - claim,



And laid a si - lent love - li - ness on hill and wood and field.
And clear - er sounds the an - gel hymn, "Good will to all on earth."
In ev - er - chang - ing words of light, the won - der of your name.

Nun danket alle Gott

(Now Thank We All Our God)

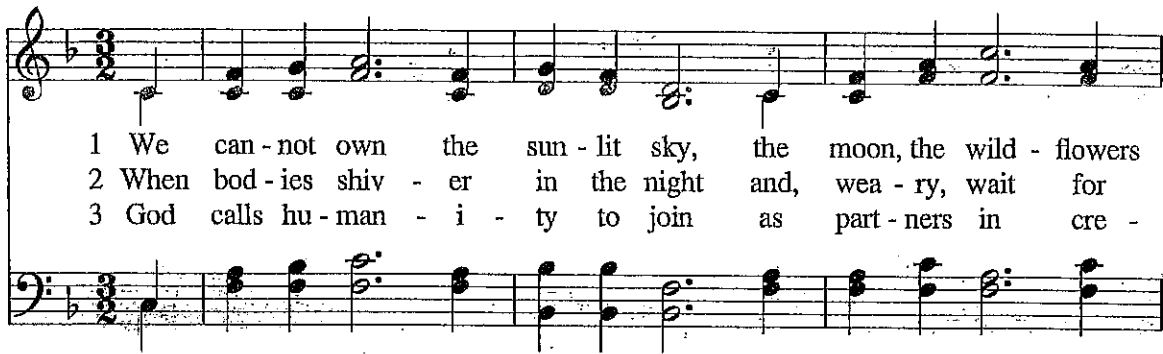
1 Nun dank - et al - le Gott, mit Herz - en, Mund und Händ - en,
 1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God our Mak - er now be giv - en,

der gro - sse Ding - e tut an uns und al - len End - en;
 Who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es,
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est heav - en,

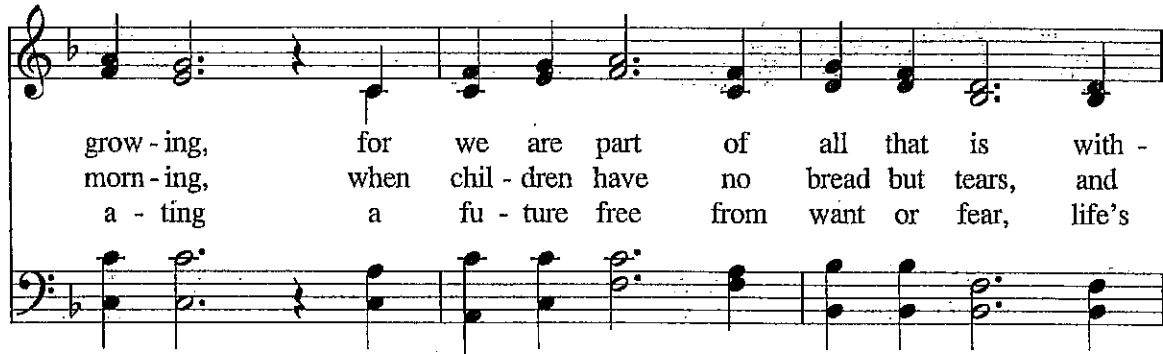
der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kind - es - bein - en an
 Who, from our par - ents' arms, has blessed us on our way
 And keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 The one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore,

un - zäh - lig viel zu gut bis hier-her hat ge - tan.
 With count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 For thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

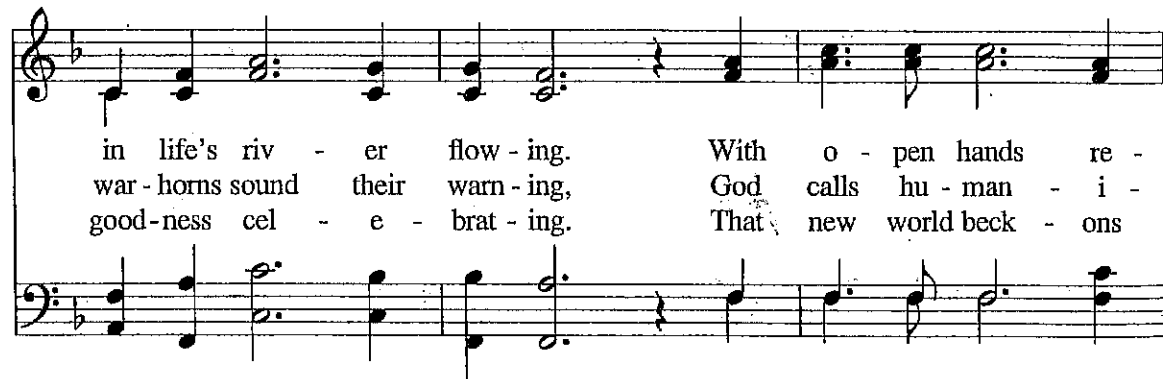
We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky



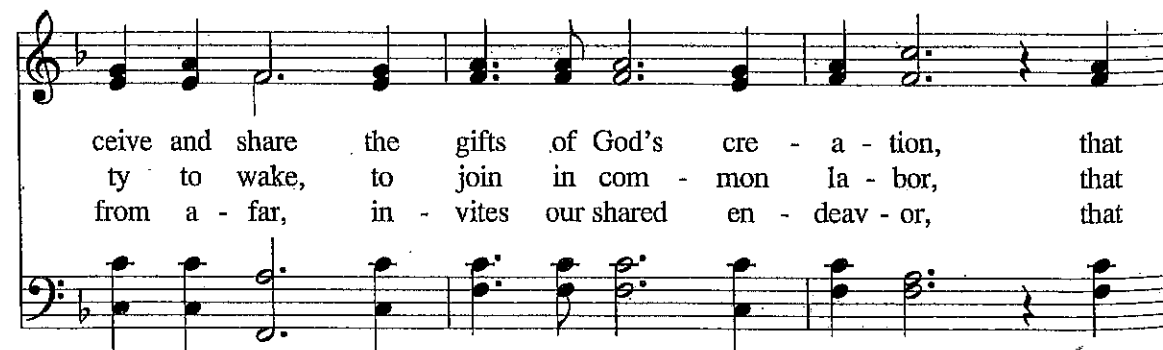
1 We can - not own the sun - lit sky, the moon, the wild - flowers
2 When bod - ies shiv - er in the night and, wea - ry, wait for
3 God calls hu - man - i - ty to join as part - ners in cre -



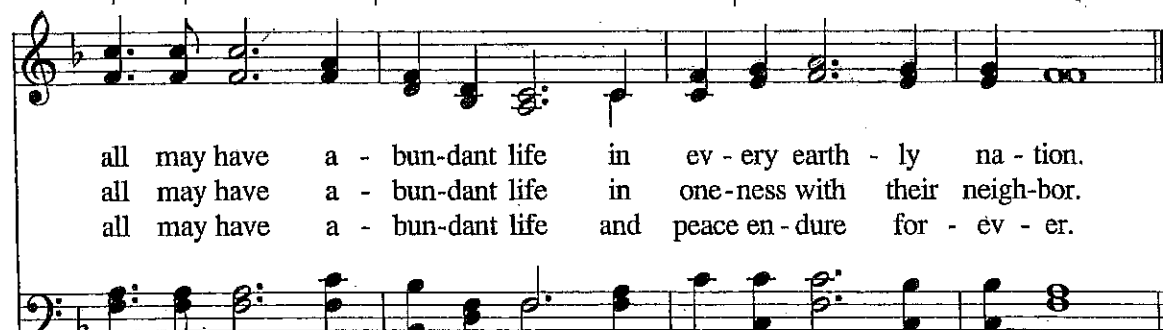
grow - ing, for we are part of all that is with -
morn - ing, when chil - dren have no bread but tears, and
a - ting a fu - ture free from want or fear, life's



in life's riv - er flow - ing. With o - pen hands re -
war - horns sound their warn - ing, God calls hu - man - i -
good - ness cel - e - brat - ing. That new world beck - ons



ceive and share the gifts of God's cre - a - tion, that
ty to wake, to join in com - mon la - bor, that
from a - far, in - vites our shared en - deav - or, that



all may have a - bun - dant life in ev - ery earth - ly na - tion.
all may have a - bun - dant life in one - ness with their neigh - bor.
all may have a - bun - dant life and peace en - dure for - ev - er.