

Inside Everything



1 Timothy 4:1-6, 9-10

1/22 @ 10am, LIVE! On-Site & Online
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January 22, 2023

PRELUDE

Voluntary I by J. Alcock

Valerie Becker, *organ*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

John Philip Newell, Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul (2021)

One: Awake, O my soul, to the compassion of the divine deep within you, as within all things.

Many: Awake to its sacred flow of feeling and its strong currents for change.

One: Be true to it in yourself.

Many: Set it free in others.

One: Awake, O my soul, to the compassion of the divine deep within you, as within all things.

Many: Awake, O my soul. Awake.

All: Let us worship God together in spirit and in truth, in word and in deed.

HYMN

All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing (see below)

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Maddie Foster

READING FROM SCRIPTURE *from the Letters of the Early Church, 1 Timothy 4:1-6, 9-10*

SERMON

“Inside Everything”

Rev. John MacIver Gage

HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness (see below)

SHARING OUR PRAYERS (“O God, hear our prayer”)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*using these or whichever words are closest to your own heart*)

Our Father/Mother in heaven, holy is your name. Your reign come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

We Walk by Faith by Karen Marrolli

Chancel Choir

*We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
from God who spoke as none e’er spoke, but we believe God near.
We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
But in God’s presence we rejoice and cry, “my Lord and God.”
Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you and seek where you are found.
That, when our life, of faith is done, in realms of clearer light,
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.*

PARTNERING IN THE GOOD NEWS

SINGING OUR THANKS & PRAISE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below!
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts—Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!**

BLESSING

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE: While we work to fill the vacant church office manager position, our longtime financial administrator, Cindy Sullivan will assist us by picking up some extra hours. The office will be open reduced hours in the interim: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays @ 8am-2pm and Thursdays @ 8am-12noon. *As always, it's best to email or call ahead if you need to come by.*

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION *to be held after worship on Sunday, January 29, 2023*

Article I: To receive and act upon the reports of the standing committees, special committees, and officers of the church.

Article II: To elect Officers and Committees for the Church year 2023.

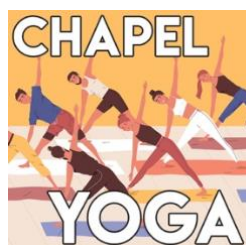
Article III: To amend the Bylaws with regard to regional UCC affiliation, number of Deacons, a temporary Moderator, and the audit or review of the church's operating account.

Article IV: To adopt a budget for fiscal year 2023.



Hear ye! Hear yea!

Official Hearing TODAY after worship (on-site & online) to review the proposed business for our annual meeting next Sunday, 1/29, including proposed by-law changes and the proposed church budget for 2023.



Chapel Yoga THURS @ 9am through 2/23

One of the best things any of us can do for our physical, mental, and spiritual health is find ways to reaffirm the living connection between our body, mind, and soul. And yoga is a great way to do that. Our own **Carol Oberle, a trained yoga instructor**, will help us kick off the new year leading a **50m yoga class for 8 weeks on Thursdays @ 9am in the chapel**. This beautiful space we now share with the Charles River Ballet is perfect for yoga with the gorgeous winter light pouring in.

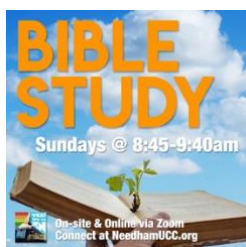
This class is free to church members and their guests. *Participants will need bring a yoga mat and be prepared to leave your shoes and water bottles in the hallway before entering*



Mindful Meditation ONLINE

Sundays @ 7pm LIVE! via Zoom at <http://zoom.us/j/907548568>

What is mindful meditation? *It's a type of meditation in which you focus on being intensely aware of what you're sensing and feeling in the moment, without interpretation or judgment. Practicing mindfulness involves breathing methods, guided imagery, and other practices to relax the body and mind and help reduce stress.* Who couldn't use more of that? Join longtime practitioner Sue Findlay and others Sunday evenings online via Zoom.

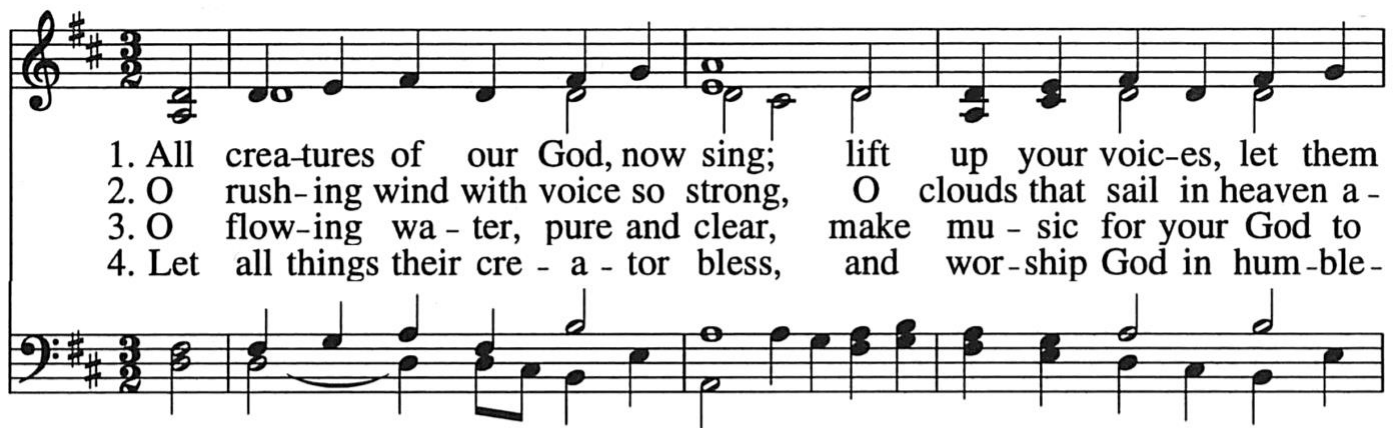


Sundays @ 8:45-9:40am beginning 2/5

On-site in the Reception Room at church & online via Zoom @ <http://zoom.us/j/907548568>

Our current Year W project, listening for the voices of women, girls, and the divine feminine in the scriptures is the perfect opportunity/excuse to do some Bible study together. Join us to reflect together on each Sunday's Bible passages for preaching, listening for what tradition, scholarship, and the insight of the Spirit has to say to us today.

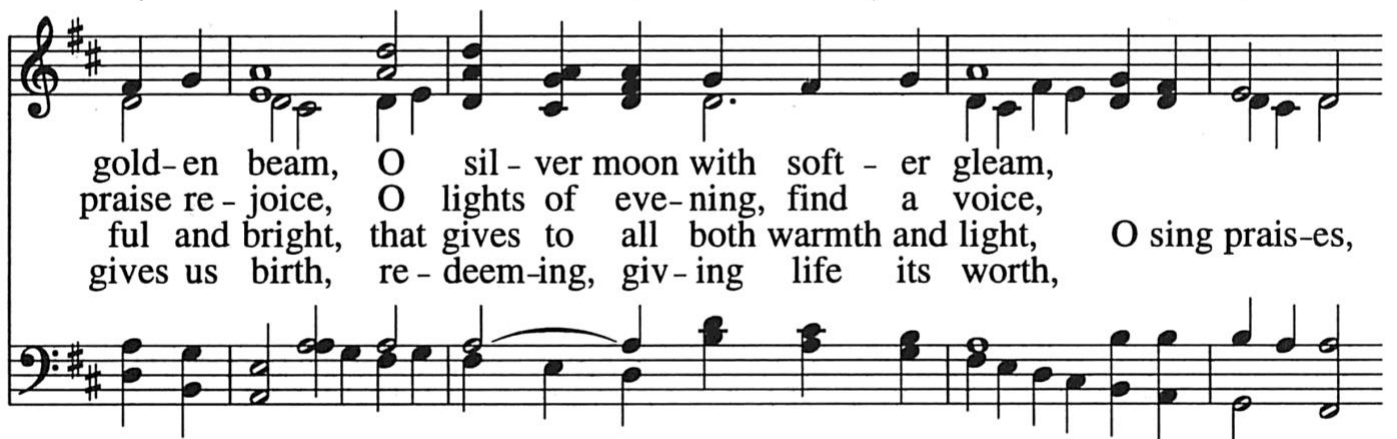
All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing



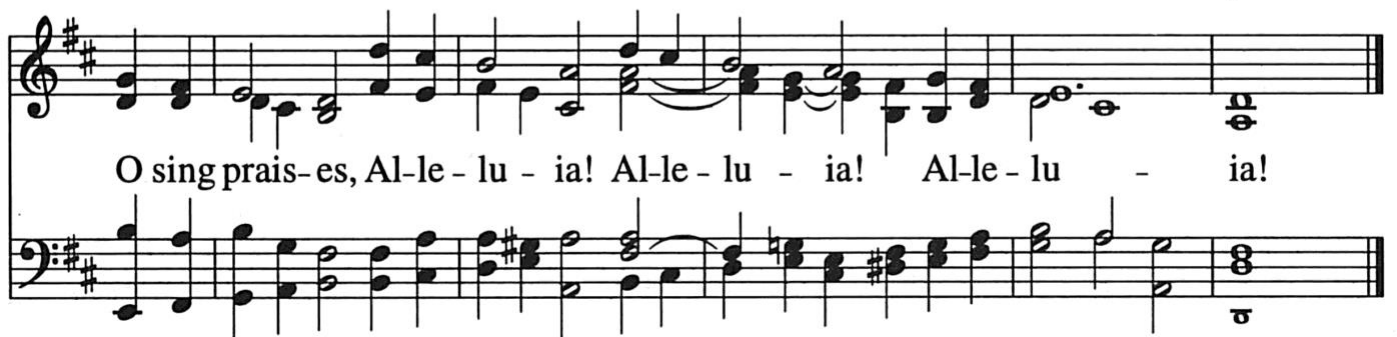
1. All crea-tures of our God, now sing; lift up your voic-es, let them
2. O rush-ing wind with voice so strong, O clouds that sail in heaven a -
3. O flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your God to
4. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship God in hum-ble-



ring, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! O burn - ing sun with
long, sing your prais - es Al - le - lu - ia! O ris - ing morn, in
hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! O fire so mas - ter -
ness, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! O praise the One who

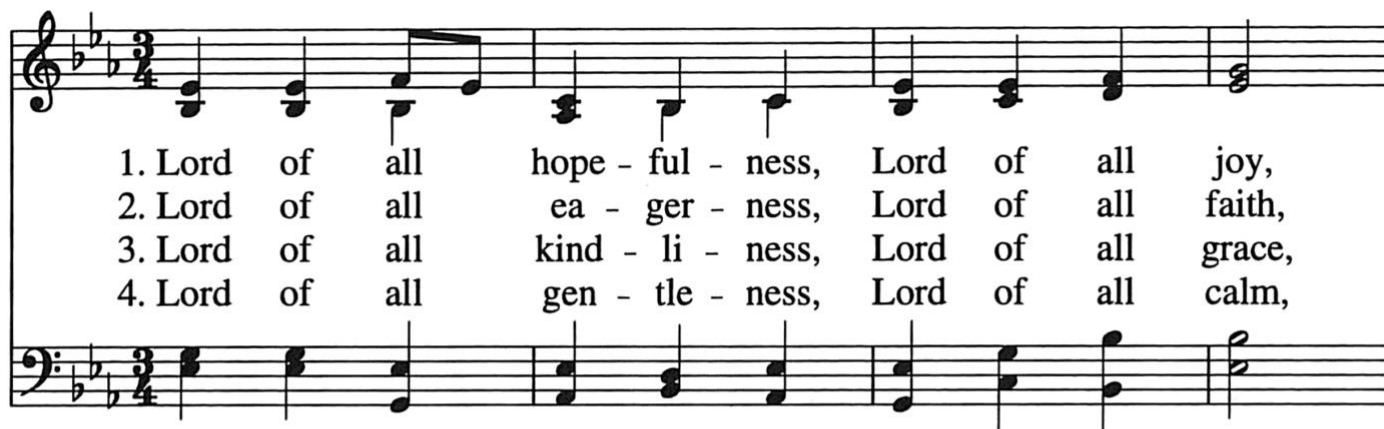


gold - en beam, O sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
praise re - joice, O lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
ful and bright, that gives to all both warmth and light, O sing prais - es,
gives us birth, re - deem - ing, giv - ing life its worth,

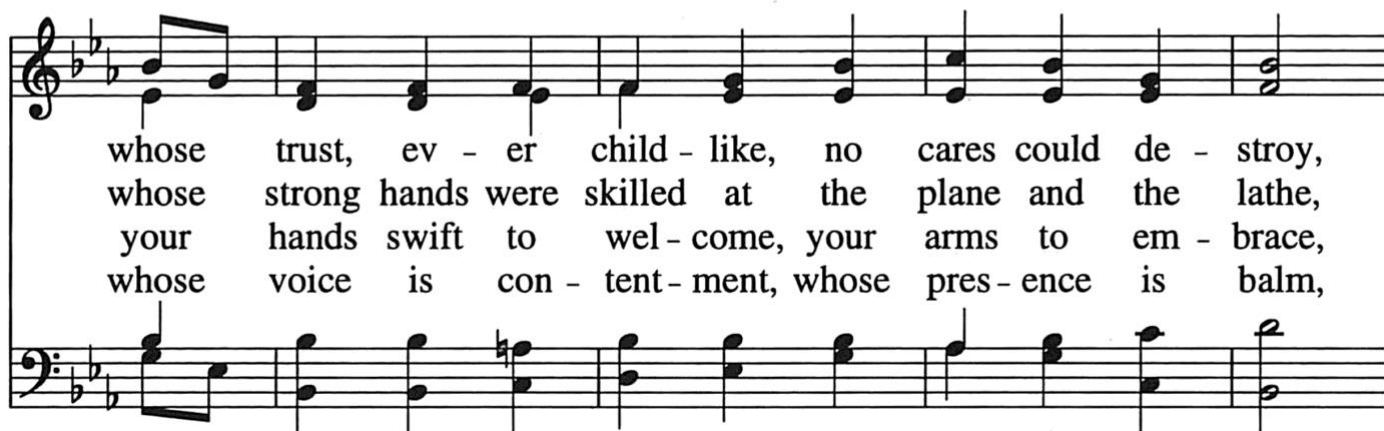


O sing prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

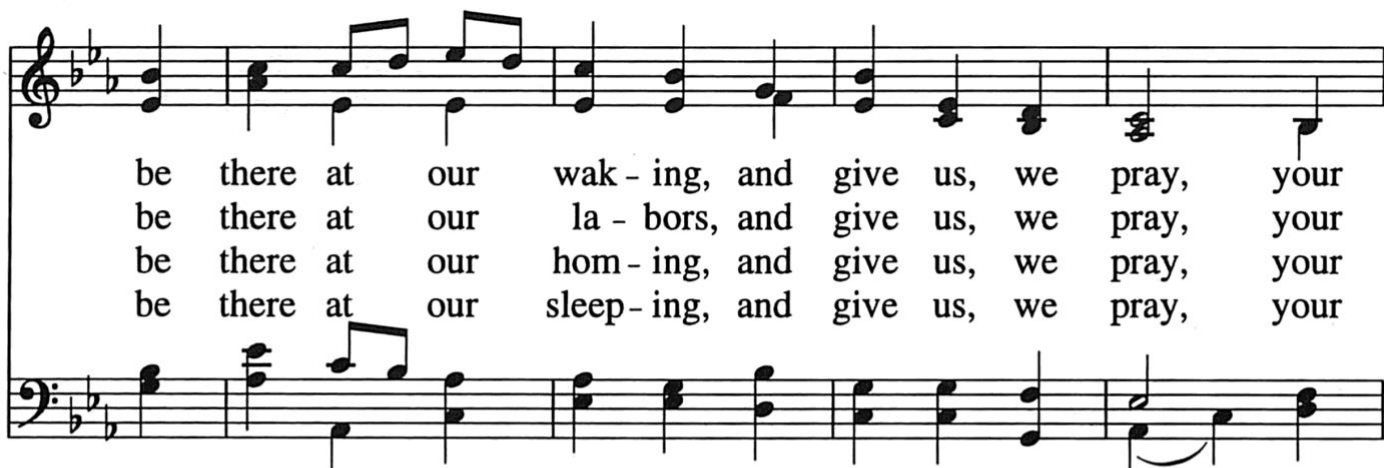
Lord of All Hopefulness



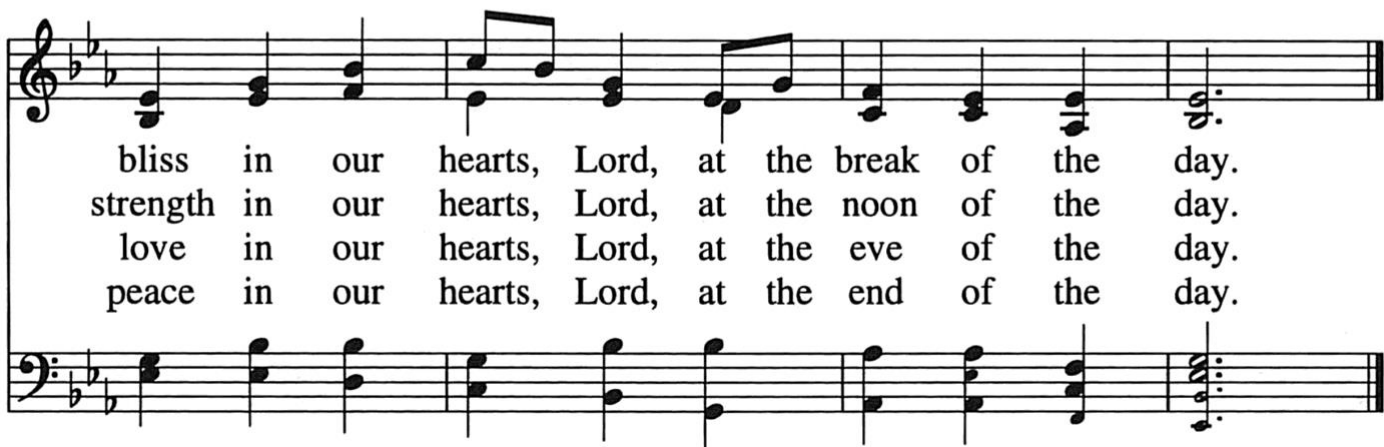
1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray, your
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray, your
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray, your
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.