

Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ

Summer Worship

9:00 am Chapel

July 9, 2023

Our Scripture Today:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

What a blessing it is to have you here today!

Please use this QR code to register your presence on our new online church attendance check-in web page.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

“Morning Has Broken”
Kristjon Imperio, piano

Marcia Wells

WELCOME

Stacy Swain

***GATHERING
SONG**

NO. 8

“Praise to the
Living God”

1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
God toils wher - e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
In these tu - mul - tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
hu - man - kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Please read bolded parts)*

Martha Schick

God, you created the birds in the sky and the fish of the sea. You created a world teeming with life.

Yet we are too busy to be still in your goodness. We confess that we move from moment to moment without stopping to pray, to give thanks, to rejoice in you. Forgive us for our perpetual motion, God.

Use this time for your own silent confessions.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE *(Please read bolded parts)*

People of God, know this Good News. God is always with us, even when we move too quickly to remember God's presence. God is always seeking us out, finding us where we are, embracing us in everlasting arms. We do not need to be perfect, we do not need to be great. God's goodness is and will always be more than enough.

Thanks be to God!

AMEN.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

Please stand as you are able and share a greeting of peace with one another.

SUNG RESPONSE - NO. 423 "Great is Your Faithfulness"

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
morn-ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed your
hand has pro - vid - ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un - to me!

The image shows a three-line musical score for a song. Each line consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style, primarily using chords and single notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, the second line to the second, and the third line to the third. The score ends with a double bar line.

PSALM READING

Psalm 145:8-14

Neil Simister

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE
(Instrumental)

“He's Been Faithful”

Carol Cymbala

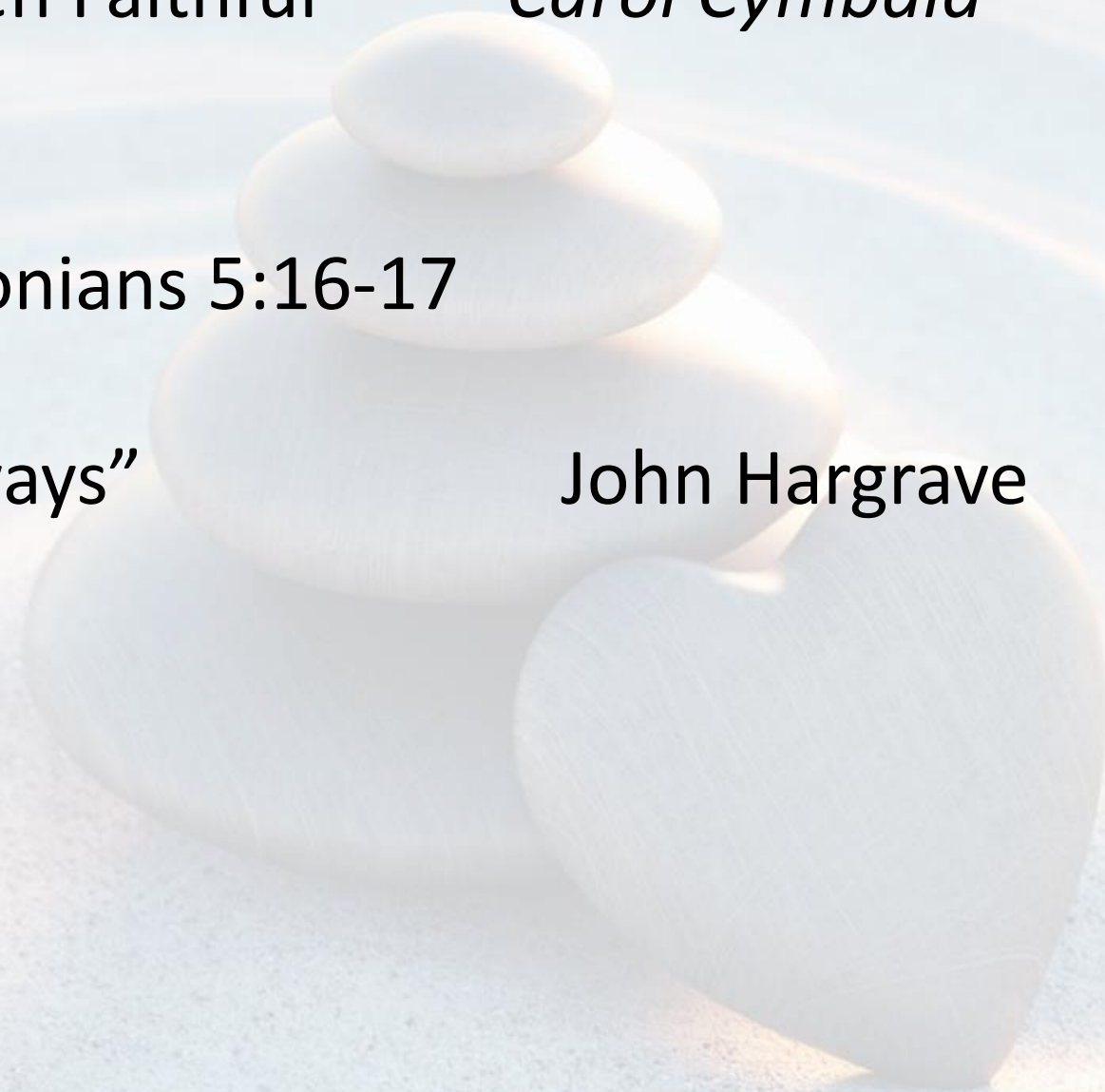
SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

REFLECTION / HOMILY

“Pray Always”

John Hargrave



SUNG RESPONSE

“Down to the River to Pray”



As I went down to the riv-er to pray, stud-y-in' a - bout that good ole

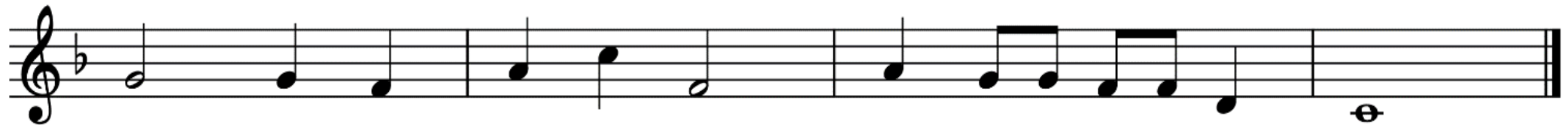


way and who shall wear the star - ry crown, good Lord, show me the way.



O sis - ters let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

broth - ers
chil - dren
sin - ners



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INVITATION TO PRAYER STATIONS & OFFERINGS

- *baptismal remembrance
- *candle lighting
- *written prayer requests
- *sand prayers of release
- *silent prayer in your seat

*financial gifts may be offered in basket or by QR code



Preparation for Holy Communion

EVERYONE is invited to share in the Lord's supper.

Please collect bread and cup, return to your seat, and hold until we commune together.

HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Thanksgiving at the Table

One: Let us pray... Amen.

Come Holy Spirit! By your presence among us, bless this grain from the earth and this fruit of the vine.

All: Come Holy Spirit! Make this a Holy Communion as we share the food and drink of abundant life in Jesus' name.

Jesus' Words of Invitation and the Gifts of his Life

Communion Prayer and Lord's Prayer

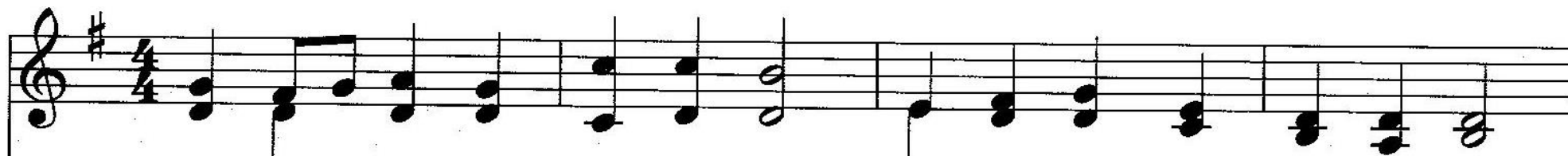
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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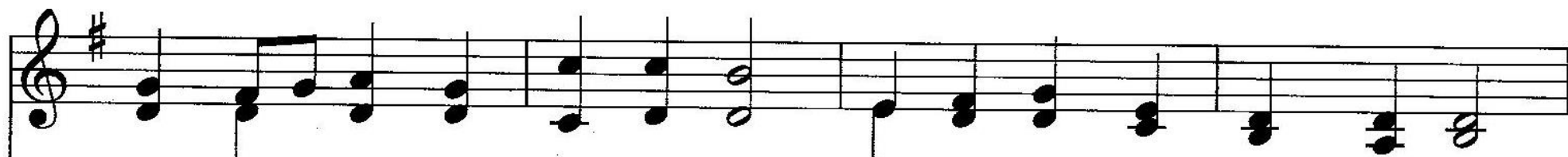
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen**

COMMON LIFE & WELCOME TO VISITORS

*CLOSING SONG - NO. 28 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

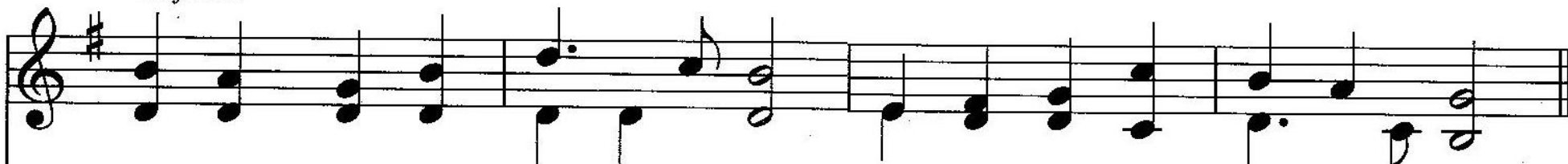


1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,



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,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain



God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

***COMMISSION**

One: Thank you God, for our life together and the mission to which you call us.

ALL: Send us forth to make your transforming love real in this beautiful and broken world.

AMEN

***BLESSING**

SENDING MUSIC

“Deep River”

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor



Thank you for joining us today!

Please join us in Village Common
to share in fellowship and lemonade.

We invite you to scan this
QR code to learn about upcoming
common life events
and opportunities, or **to give.**



Dismissal: Go in Peace!