# The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost June 16, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle. Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ. These sheets help our pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

*C*: Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN

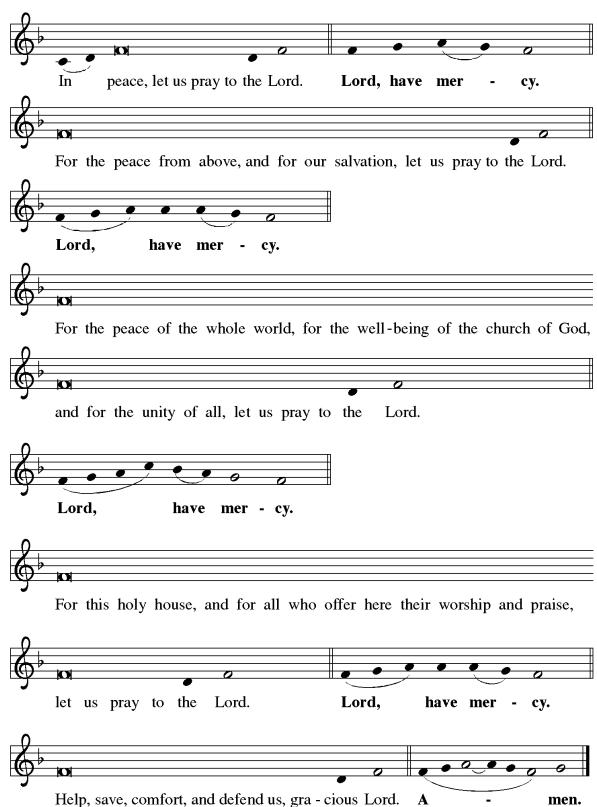
For the Fruit of All Creation

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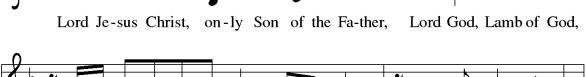
\*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

\*KYRIE *S138* 



men.



take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy you on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.







# \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray ... O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

# **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 15:34—16:13**

<sup>34</sup>Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. <sup>35</sup>Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

<sup>16:1</sup>The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." 8Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

# PSALM 20 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

<sup>2</sup>send you help from the sanctuary and strengthen you out of Zion;

<sup>3</sup>may the Lord remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice;

<sup>4</sup>grant you your heart's desire and prosper all your plans.

<sup>5</sup>We will shout for joy at your victory and unfurl our banners in the name of our God;

may the Lord grant all your requests.

<sup>6</sup>Now I know that the Lord gives victory to the anointed one; God will answer out of the holy heaven, gaining victory with a strong right hand.

<sup>7</sup>Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we rely on the name of the Lord our God.

<sup>8</sup>They collapse and fall down, but we will arise and stand upright.

<sup>9</sup>O Lord, give victory to the king and answer us when we call.

# **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

# \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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\*Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

The holy gospel according to Mark.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground," and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY Pastor Traci



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## \*APOSTLES' CREED

- P: Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
  - I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
  - I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.
- A: Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.
- A: Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.
- A: You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of marginalization, discrimination, and hate. As we anticipate Juneteenth, banish white supremacy and bigotry from the hearts of your people and remove the inclination toward anger and violence. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.
- A: Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises. Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns, and people facing chronic pain. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.
- A: As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace. Merciful God, *C:* receive our prayer.
- A: With gratitude, we remember the saints who are now at home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. C: Amen.

# \*THE PEACE

*P:* The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please share the peace with those around you using a greeting that is comfortable for both you and them.

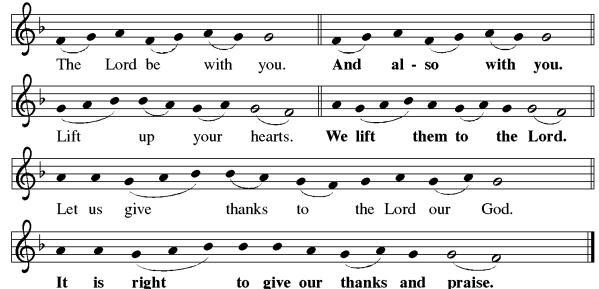
## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

An offering plate is located near the entrance to the nave; we offer thanks for the abundance God has first shown us:

A: Let us pray ... Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. C: Amen.

# \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

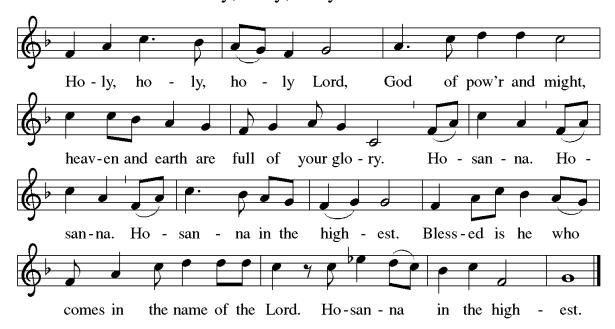
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#### \*PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



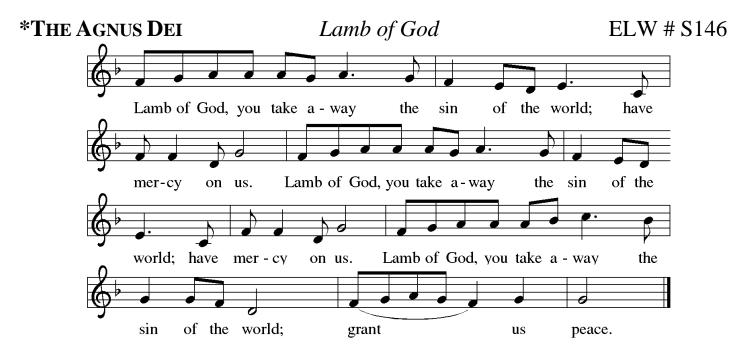
#### \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light.
- In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.
- In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
- Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

C: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



#### \*INVITATION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

# **COMMUNION HYMN**

As the Grains of Wheat

*ELW* # 465

# \*BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen.

#### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray... Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. C: Amen.

#### \*BENEDICTION

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. C: Amen.

\*SENDING SONG

On What Has Now Been Sown

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#### \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. C: Thanks be to God.

#### \*POSTLUDE

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**Today's Altar Flowers** are placed to the Glory of God and in memory of Steve McGraw from the McGraw Family.

# Serving God and Us

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Organists - Mary Nelson, DeAnna Cree

Our Missionary Family – Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings

Our Administrative Assistant – Jen Ripka

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Assisting Minister – Greg Haffling

Our Lector – Jeff Hoenstine

Our Usher – Dennis Smith

Our Altar Guild – Tonya Walter

Our Audio/Video Tech - Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Second Quarter Ventures in Faith to "Youth & Camping"

#### This Week at St. Matthew:

# 814-793-2413: Office Hours

Pastor Traci – Wed. 2:00-5:00 p.m. Jen – Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

#### **This Week Events**

**Today** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Father's Day

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Monday – Lift Every Voice Video Presentation, Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m.

Thursday – Food Pantry, Allegheny St. 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Mary Jane Allision, Vivian Beach, Fred Brandenberg, Linda Claar, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Ginny Sell.

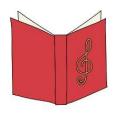
Prayer Concerns: Dawn Alexy, Amy & Family, Avery, Virginia Barnes, Randy Barrett, Elaine Buchart, Kaye Burket, Tana Byler, Caleb, Diane Cappel, Phillip Claar, Dave Clayton, Greg Comer, Terry & Cathy Creek, Greg Dick, Pastor Sharon Erb, Brian Fleck, Ron Focht, Jim Fritz, Joe Harteis, Rodger Hoover, Marilyn Horton, Baby James, Ruth Johnson, Audrey Kensinger, Darren Kreutzer, Linda Lehman, Bill Lively, Kristen Malloy, Ruth Marshall, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Carl Miner, Charles Minnick & Family, Pat Mountain & Family, Nathan, Deb Peters, Bob & Annette Ritchey, Paul Ruth, Ginny Sell, Jane Metz Short, Dan Sinal, Denny Smith (Shelly Hill), Margie Smith, Dorothy Stahl, Jean Stonerook, Cindy Thomas, Tiffany Townsend, Drew Wenzel, Susan Werner, Jean White, Joel Widmann, Pete Williams, Pat Winston, Tom Woodrow, Jody Zelanko, and for our Missionaries: Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.

Away at School: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jeff Hoenstine.

**Those Serving in our Armed Forces:** Bradley Buchart, Melody Estep, Colin Guyer, Nathan Smith (Germany).

**Prayers and Christian Sympathy** are asked for Ginny Sell and Family upon the death of her nephew, Chuck Corle on June 3, 2024.

**Prayers and Christian Sympathy** are asked for Pat Mountain and Family upon the death of her husband, Robert Mountain on June 7, 2024.



# Lift Every Voice and Sing—Along: Monday, June 17th, 7PM in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for an evening of education and edification: a video presentation of a sermon on Exodus, a hymn-sing of Lift Every Voice and Sing, a brief time of prayer for our community, and refreshments. Please invite your friends and neighbors.



Community Mending Meal at St. Matthew



Favorite clothing in need of repair?
Give it another chance!

Bring laundered clothes that need mending to work on yourself or get help from our sewers.

Materials, machines, & expertise provided.

Free Lunch Available Starting at 11AM Sloppy Joe, Baked Beans, Fruit, & Dessert

LUNCH & SIMPLE MENDING
JOIN US FOR BOTH OR EITHER

St. Matthew Lutheran Martinsburg Fellowship Hall 115 E Penn Street (Maple Street Parking Lot) Wednesday, June 26 from 11AM--1PM

# St. Matthew Seniors Are Invited To A Young at Heart Luncheon



Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 12:00 PM

# Held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 115 East Penn Street Martinsburg, PA Please RSVP to the Church Office (814-793-2413) by July 8



The 2024 Altar Flower chart is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. Altar Flowers are a perfect way to remember loved ones or to honor loved ones. The following dates are available: 7/21, 9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 12/1. Please sign up now for the Sunday you wish to place

flowers on the Altar. Price - \$40.00. If you would like a Sunday(s) you can also call the church office at 814-793-2413.

# **Martinsburg Food Pantry**



We will be open in June for distributing food on Thursday, June 20, from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. Those helping will be 3 or 4 people from St. John's United Church of Christ besides the regular helpers to distribute food.



# Following are the most needed items for June:

Cereal, Peanut Butter, Ravioli, Tomato Sauce, and Hamburger Helper Any items with good dates are appreciated.

Many thanks!
Linda Smith

# **Church Messenger**

The June 2024 *Messenger* is now available at the St. Matthew **Website** (stmatthewlc.com), and on your recent **Email** message from St. Matthew by using the link listed in the body of the message. A paper copy of the *Messenger* is available in the news rack in the church Narthex. By calling the church office at (814-793-2413), you can request a paper copy to be sent by mail to your home. Do not hesitate to call the church office if you need help in securing a copy of the *Messenger*. Your readership and articles are always appreciated.







For the plow-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, In our world-wide task of car-ing for the hun-gry and de-spair-ing, For the won-ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,



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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit hun-dred - fold, 1 O a

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those who sowed of old, to its plant - ing be in vain. that hu - man work can yield.



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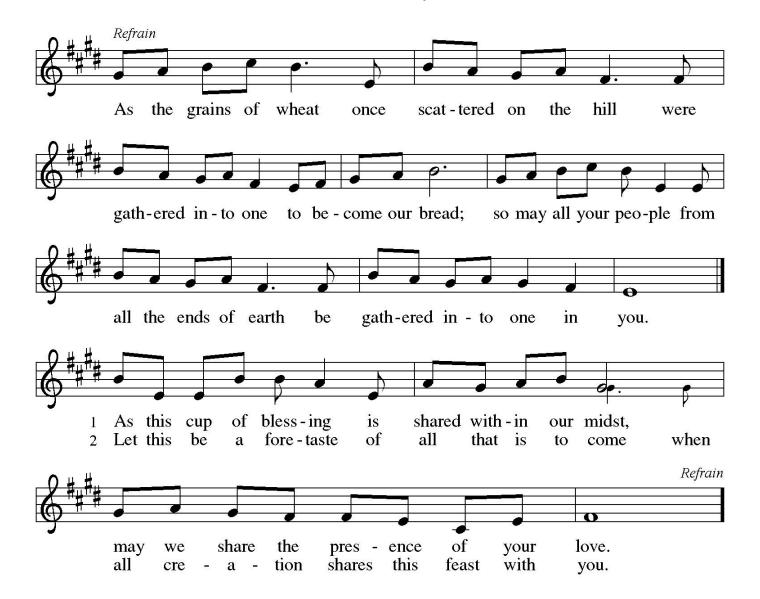
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- 1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be stow; the
- 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be fore you here, may

pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es, meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise! Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give. you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731-1789