

*“Love first. Love always,  
and we’ll figure out the rest of it as we go along.”<sup>i</sup>*



*Reign of Christ Sunday  
November 23rd, 2025  
11:00 a.m.*

*North Chevy Chase Christian Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation  
Connecting Faith with Community.*

## *The People of God Gather*

*If you're new to North Chevy Chase Christian Church, please consider filling out the Feedback Card you will find in the Pew pocket. We'll follow up with a brief phone call or email to say thank you for worshipping with us and to answer any question you may have.  
We are glad you're here with us today!*

### **WELCOME**

Rev. Stephen Tickner

### **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist

*Congregation standing in body or spirit*

### **Call to Worship and Opening Prayer<sup>1</sup>**

Richard Sherman  
Worship Leader

One: In this present time, no matter what passes before  
us,

**ALL: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help  
in trouble.**

One: As earth shakes and nations are in an uproar,

**ALL: God is present with us and is our refuge in times of  
trouble.**

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<sup>1</sup> Call to Worship provided by Nancy C. Townley, "Call to Worship 4," Worship Connection: November 6, 2022, Ministry Matters, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/4369/worship-connection-november-10-2019>. Opening Prayer provided by Center for Faith and Giving of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

One: As the world trembles in fear and worry,

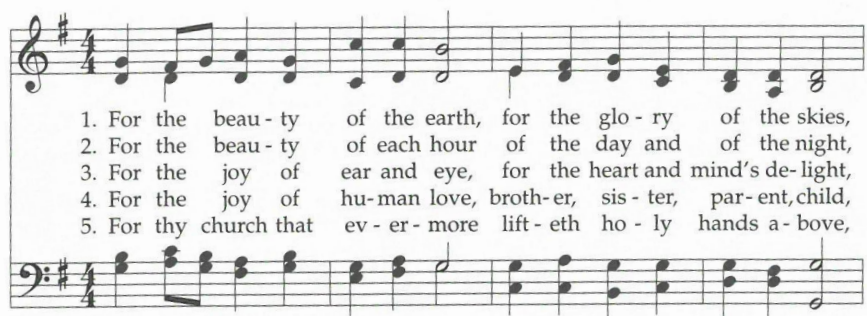
ALL: May we find stillness and peace, knowing God is God of all.

One: Now with our hearts open to God, let us pray...

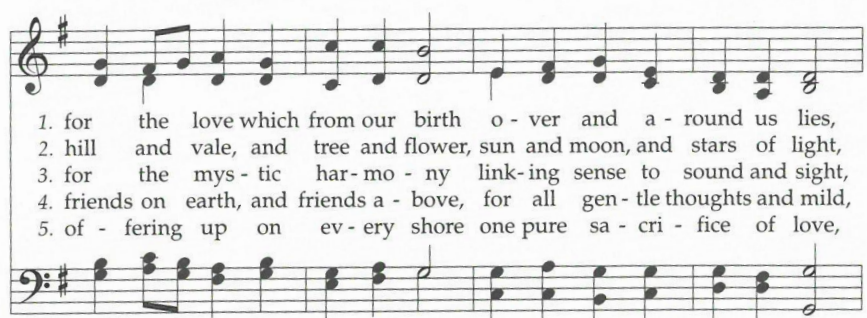
OPENING HYMN “For the Beauty of the Earth” CH 56  
Choir only Verses 2 and 3

GOD THE CREATOR

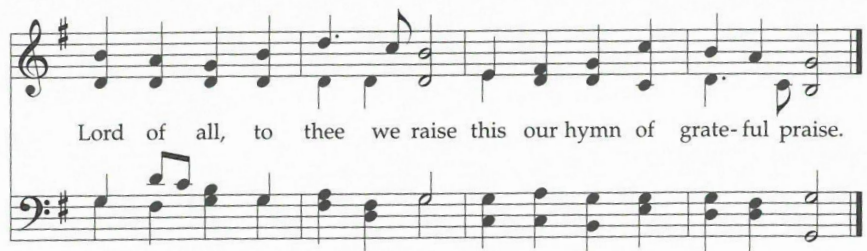
For the Beauty of the Earth 56



1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,  
2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,  
4. For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
5. For thy church that ev-er-more lift-eth ho-ly hands a-bove,



1. for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,  
2. hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
3. for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight,  
4. friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
5. of-fering up on ev-ery shore one pure sa-cri-fice of love,



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864  
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

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## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Congregation seated*

### **PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL: 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.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**      **"Sing to the God of Harvest"**

by Healy Willan

Congregation join on Verse 3

NC4 Choir

<sup>V3</sup> To God, the great Creator, to whom all life belongs,  
Accept these gifts we offer, our service and our songs,  
And lest the world go hungry while we ourselves are fed,  
Make each of us more ready to share our daily bread.

*Tune: "Wie lieblich ist der Maien" can be found at CH# 386*

## *Proclaim*

### **A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

Luke 23:33-43

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[<sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

## MESSAGE

“Don’t Look Up” Rev. Stephen Tickner

## HYMN

“There’s Something About That Name” CH 115

PRAISE TO CHRIST

### There’s Something About That Name 115

Je- sus, Je- sus, Je - sus! There's just some-thing a - bout that

name! Mas- ter, Sav- ior, Je - sus! Like the fra- grance

af- ter the rain. Je- sus, Je- sus, Je - sus! Let all

heav- en and earth pro- claim: kings and king- doms will

all pass a - way, but there's some-thing a - bout that name!

## *We Give and Receive*

*Communion is the central act of community within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in remembrance of the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The invitation to the Table is extended to all who wish to follow Jesus and to share in the community of God's people. Everyone is invited to eat from this Table.*

### **THE INVITATION TO GIVE AND RECEIVE**

**PRAYER BY THE ELDER**

Charlene Smith

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### ***COMING FORWARD TO GIVE, AND TO RECEIVE THE BREAD AND THE CUP***

*We come forward to bring our physical bodies and our financial gifts to God. You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to place your tithes & offerings in the trays available; and to receive the elements of bread and cup, taking them and returning to your seats down the side aisle, to consume the elements in silent reflection.*

### **MUSIC FOR REFLECTION “The Family Table”**

American Folk Melody ‘Land of Rest’, arr. J.W.

NC4 Choir  
with Sally Coberly, flute

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*...And Go Forth to Serve*

## SHARING OF JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Congregation standing*

**CLOSING HYMN**

**"Thou Art Worthy"**

**CH 114**

JESUS CHRIST

*Revelation 4:11*

114

Thou Art Worthy

Thou art wor- thy, thou art wor- thy, thou art wor- thy, O Lord,

to re- ceive glo- ry, glo- ry and hon- or, glo- ry and hon- or and

power; for thou hast cre- at- ed, hast all things cre- at- ed,

The musical score is written for a congregation, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score is divided into three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system ends with a double bar line. The third system ends with a double bar line.

thou hast cre - at - ed all things; and for thy plea-sure

they are cre - at - ed, for thou art wor-thy, O Lord.

WORDS and MUSIC: Pauline Michael Mills, 1963

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## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist

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*Please join us for coffee hour in Harlow Hall  
following the conclusion of the Postlude*

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# SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Stephen Tickner, Minister

Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist

Sally Coberly, Flute

Christine Schadeberg Wydro, Director NC4 Adult Choir  
NC4 Adult Choir

Richard Sherman, Worship Leader

Charlene Smith, Elder at the Table

A/V Team - Yvonne McGee, Lydia Oladapo,  
Devi Rambarran

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*HEARING ASSISTANCE HEADPHONES are available in the Narthex.*

*Please set all pagers and cell phones to vibrate at this time.*

*CH = Chalice Hymnal (found in the pew racks)*

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## **Acknowledgment of Native Americans: A Statement toward Reconciliation**

For thousands of years indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives. We gratefully acknowledge them, past and present, and their stewardship of this land on which we stand.

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<sup>i</sup> Quote from Chaplain Owen Chandler at the 2023 General Assembly. Attribution for Cover Art:

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