



Greenwood Forest

Baptist Church April 28, 2024



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Bulletin Art Sunrise

Robert Andrew Parker from *America: The Third Century*

This piece was part of a collection of 13 prints in a special portfolio commissioned for the bicentennial of the United States. Parker was part of a midcentury movement of representational illustration. He did much of his work for books and magazines. An idiosyncratic artist, Parker didn't intend to become an influential illustrator but was discovered by several magazine art directors, which led to his highly influential role in American illustration. He counted among his inspirations everything from the music of Thelonious Monk to graphic war imagery, which he employed in his antiwar work.

In this work, we see a gentle sunrise coming up over the mountains. There does not exist much commentary on this piece and the book that contains it is few in copy and held largely by art museums. You can imagine Parker gesturing at what could be possible for a third century of the United States. In the wake of the Vietnam War and in the middle of the tensions of the Cold War, perhaps it is a yearning for a brighter future. What could be on the other side of this sunrise?

We hope that the cantata today will also be a window into possible futures, a glimpse of God's desire for the earth and for us.



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church

an inclusive
community
of faith

Welcome

We are so glad you've chosen to join us this week. Greenwood Forest Baptist Church is an inclusive community of faith, which means we welcome, affirm, and include all God's people in their diversity of genders, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, ages, abilities, and backgrounds. We are each beloved by God and we are happy to welcome you to our church exactly as you are.

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REMINDERS



Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers. There is also a glider in the back of the sanctuary if you need to rock your little ones.



Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary along with a transcript of the sermon.



Services are livestreamed and you may end up on camera.



Gender-neutral, single-occupant bathrooms are located at the back of the sanctuary in the Narthex.



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Announcements Church Events and Updates

Spiritual Life Survey

Each year, we take some time to reflect on our collective spiritual life at Greenwood Forest through a survey of church members. Your responses inform how we plan events for the next church year and what emphases we explore in worship and discipleship. Please fill out this year's survey at gfbccary.org/life24.

Cary Community Meeting on 5/1 at 6:30pm

Our rezoning application is going forward for a community meeting hosted by the Town of Cary on May 1 at 6:30pm. This is a virtual meeting and we'd love to see you there in support of the project! You can register for the meeting at the Town of Cary's website or via the link you received in your inbox. Contact Rev. Spears-Newsome if you have any questions.

Ministry Monday (5/13)

We will have our next night of church ministry team meetings on May 13. We meet in two groups.

Group A Committees (6-7pm): Children's Ministry, Congregational Care, Personnel, Properties, and Youth

Group B Committees (7-8pm): Discipleship, Finance, Outreach and Fellowship, and Worship

Business Meeting (5/19)

We'll be having a regular business meeting at 2pm on May 19 in the Fellowship Hall. Agenda items include property updates, the nominating process, and other regular updates.

Churchwide Faith Formation this Sunday!

Dr. Lydia Hoyle and Rev. Bucky Sydnor will continue to present three different interpretive approaches to the story of Lazarus in John 11 through April 28. Lydia will teach on April 21, focusing on Eastern Orthodox and imaginative/contemplative approaches to the text, and Bucky will teach on April 28, focusing on the historical critical approach. It will be a fascinating three weeks of diving into one of the most interesting passages in John's gospel.

Baby Shower for the Owoc-Edwards Family

The Jubilee Faith Formation Class is hosting a baby shower for Lou and Evan Owoc-Edwards today, April 28, in the Fellowship Hall from 2-4pm and you're invited! The whole church is welcome to enjoy a time of gifts, games, and food. The Owoc-Edwards family is registered at BabyList. If you bring a pack of diapers, you'll be entered in a raffle for prizes!

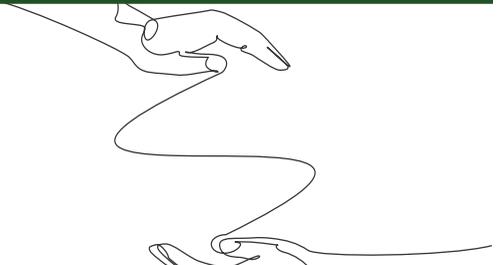
Community Notes Prayer Requests and Giving



PRAY

Please keep in prayer these members of our community and their friends and family. To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names rotate off and can be re-added upon request.

Nell Allen
Gilles Bikindou
Jo Brooks
Edwina Erwin
Aaliyah Murray (family of Gail Jones)
Fred Seeger
Paul Smith
Felecia Spears (friend of Susan Beck)
Nancy Walters (mother of Chuck Beck)
Mathias Warne (family of Gail Jones)
Patti Webb
Gladys Wells
Our partners at Ebenezer Baptist in Cuba



GIVING

All of the ministries of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church are supported by members of our community like you. Thank you! Supporting us is easy. You can:

- Give online at gfbccary.org/give
- Place your gift in the offering plate before or after worship.
- Set up an automated bank draft through the church office.
- Set up a recurring gift through your bank's "bill pay" function.

A monthly finance update is available in the weekly church email. If you're not receiving our weekly email and would like to, please contact the church office.

Monthly Ministry Highlight:

Outreach and Fellowship Ministry

The Outreach and Fellowship Ministry is responsible for so many things we enjoy inside our community of faith and our wider community. As we reflect on creation this month, the Outreach and Fellowship Ministry asks that you consider how you can care for the earth both at church and at home!

Introduction The Sunrise Mass



Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies, and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every "superstar," every "supreme leader," every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there--on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.

The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors so that, in glory and triumph, they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot. Think of the endless cruelties visited by the inhabitants of one corner of this pixel on the scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner, how frequent their misunderstandings, how eager they are to kill one another, how fervent their hatreds.

Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the Universe, are challenged by this point of pale light. Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In our obscurity, in all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves.

The Earth is the only world known so far to harbor life. There is nowhere else, at least in the near future, to which our species could migrate. Visit, yes. Settle, not yet. Like it or not, for the moment the Earth is where we make our stand.

It has been said that astronomy is a humbling and character-building experience. There is perhaps no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another, and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known.

— Carl Sagan, *Pale Blue Dot*, 1994

Order of Worship Fifth Sunday of Easter

† This icon indicates an invitation to stand or express reverence however you see fit.

📖 This icon indicates a worship aid is available in the righthand column.

🎵 Hymns and song lyrics are available in the songbook following the Order of Worship.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude | *Sing Praise to God* | arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome to Worship | Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Passing of the Peace 📖

Call to Worship (Psalm 104) 📖

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

Wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

You set the beams of your chambers on the waters,

You make the clouds your chariot,

You ride on the wings of the wind,

You make the winds your messengers,

Fire and flame your ministers.

You set the earth on its foundations,

So that it shall never be shaken.

You cover it with the deep as with a garment;

The waters stood above the mountains.

At your rebuke they flee;

At the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

They rose up to the mountains,

Ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.

You set a boundary that they may not pass,

So that they might not again cover the earth.

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to God while I have being.

Today's color is **white**, representing the resurrection and glory of Jesus Christ.

The Passing of the Peace

The passing of the peace is a symbolic enactment of the reconciling love and mercy of God in our midst, expressed through a peace sign, a handshake, a wave, conversation, etc. We hope you will take the time to greet and speak with those around you or with someone you haven't met!

Prayer in Worship

We use many kinds of prayers in worship. The Call to Worship is a communal prayer using call and response. The Invocation is a single individual inviting (or invoking) God into our worship this morning. The Prayers of the People uses intercessory prayer to ask God to come to the world's aid. The benediction is a blessing offered over those gathered in worship.

Invocation | *Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks*

† **Hymn** | *All Creatures of Our God and King (pg. 10, vv. 1-4)*

Offertory Prayer | *Natalie Patten*

Offertory | *"Romance" from Eine kleine Nachtmusik | Mozart* 📖

† **Doxology** | *Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

O praise God. Alleluia!

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

O praise God! O praise God!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Prayers of the People | *Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome* 📖

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

The 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn | *For the Beauty of the Earth (pg. 11; vv. 1, 2, 3, 6)*

† **Meditation** | *Rev. Dr. Stacks*

Sermon in Song | *Ola Gjeilo's Sunrise Mass*

Hymn | *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (pg. 12)*

I. The Spheres

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

II. Sunrise

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Et in terra pax hominibus

bonae voluntatis.

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will to

humanity.

The Offertory

During the offertory music, we pass plates across the pews as a way to make our collective offering to God and the wellbeing of this community. A short doxology follows as we offer our gifts.

The Prayers of the People

This prayer typically has five parts: a confession, prayers for the earth, prayers for the world, prayers for the church, and prayers for those with needs in our own community.

*Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu
Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius
Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem
nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu
solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu
Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria
Dei Patris.
Amen.*

III. The City

*Credo in unum Deum.
Patrem omnipotentem,
factorem caeli et terrae,
visibilium omnium et
invisibilium.
Et in unum Dominum
Jesum Christum,
Filius Dei unigenitum,
Et ex Patre natum ante omnia
saecula.
Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine,
Deum verum de Deo vero.*

We praise you, we bless you,
we worship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you for your great
glory,
O Lord God, heavenly king, God the
Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of
the Father,
that takes away the sins of the
world, have mercy upon us.
You, that takes away the sins of the
world, receive our prayer.
You, that sits at the right hand
of God the Father, have mercy
upon us.
For you alone are holy; you alone
are the Lord;
You alone are most high, Jesus
Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of
God the Father.
Amen.

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and
invisible.
And in one Lord,
Jesus Christ,
Only begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all
worlds.
God of God, light of light,
Very God of very God.

*Genitum, non factum,
consubstantialem Patri:
per quem omnia facta sunt.
Qui propter nos homines
et propter nostram salutem
descendit de caelis.
Et incarnatus est de Spiritu
 Sancto
ex Maria Virgine:
Et homo factus est.
Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub
 Pontio Pilato:
passus, et sepultus est.
Et resurrexit tertia die,
secundum scripturas.
Et ascendit in caelum:
sedet ad dexteram Patris.
Et iterum venturus est
cum gloria iudicare vivos et
 mortuos:
Cujus regni non erit finis.
Et in Spiritum sanctum
 Dominum,
et vivificantem:
Qui ex Patre, Filioque procedit.
Qui cum Patre, et Filio simul
 adoratur,
et conglorificatur:
Qui locutus est per Prophetas.
Et unam, sanctam, catholicam
 et apostolicam Ecclesiam.
Confiteor unum baptisma
in remissionem peccatorum.
Et expecto resurrectionem
 mortuorum
Et vitam venturi saeculi.
Amen.*

Begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father:
by whom all things were made.
Who for us,
and for our salvation,
came down from heaven.
And was incarnate by the Holy
 Ghost
of the Virgin Mary:
And was made human.
And was crucified also for us under
 Pontius Pilate:
suffered, and was buried.
And the third day he rose again
according to the scriptures.
And ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of the Father
And he shall come again
with glory to judge the living and
 the dead:
His kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
 Lord
and giver of life:
Who proceeds from the Father and Son.
Who with the Father and Son
together is worshipped and
 glorified:
Who spoke by the Prophets.
And in one holy catholic and
 apostolic church.
I acknowledge one baptism
for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of
 the dead
And the life of the world to come.
Amen.

IV. Identity/The Ground

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria
tua.*

*Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.*

Osanna in excelsis.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy
glory.

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one that comes
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the
sins of the world, grant us peace.

† **Benediction** | *Rev. Efrd*

Postlude | *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* | *arr. Cindy Berry*

*Thanks to our string players this morning: Ariadna Ilika, Tasi Matthews, Emi Mizobuchi,
Lauren Dunseath, and Zachary Hobin*

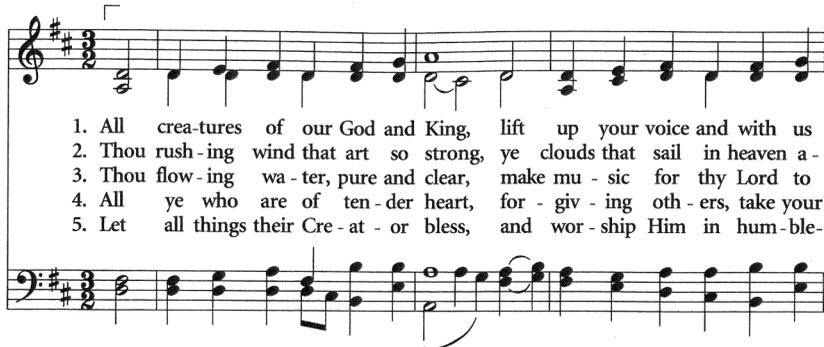
Sunrise Mass

Ola Gjeilo

**Thank you North Carolina Master Chorale members for joining us!
Hear their performance of this piece at
Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh**

May 3rd, 2024 at 7:30pm

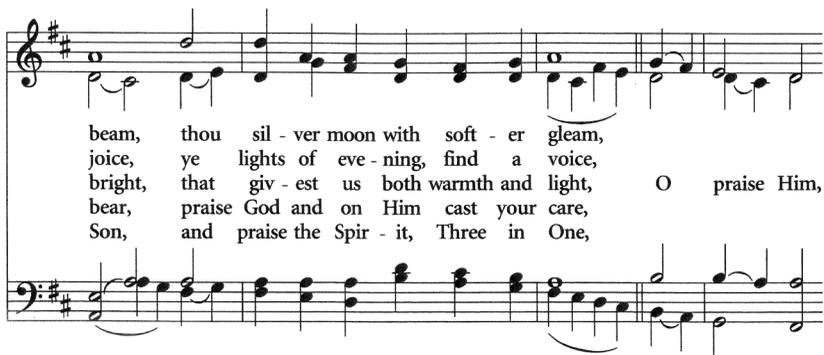
10 All Creature of our God and King



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven a-
3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy Lord to
4. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your
5. Let all things their Cre-at-or bless, and wor-ship Him in hum-ble-



sing Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en
long, O praise Him, al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing morn, in praise re-
hear, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou fire so mas-ter-ful and
part, O sing ye, al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long pain and sor-row
ness, O praise Him, al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the Fa-ther, praise the



beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam,
joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice,
bright, that giv-est us both warmth and light, O praise Him,
bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,
Son, and praise the Spir-it, Three in One,



O praise Him, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

For the Beauty of the Earth



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry 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 church that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
5. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
6. For Thy - self, best Gift Di - vine! to our world so free - ly given;



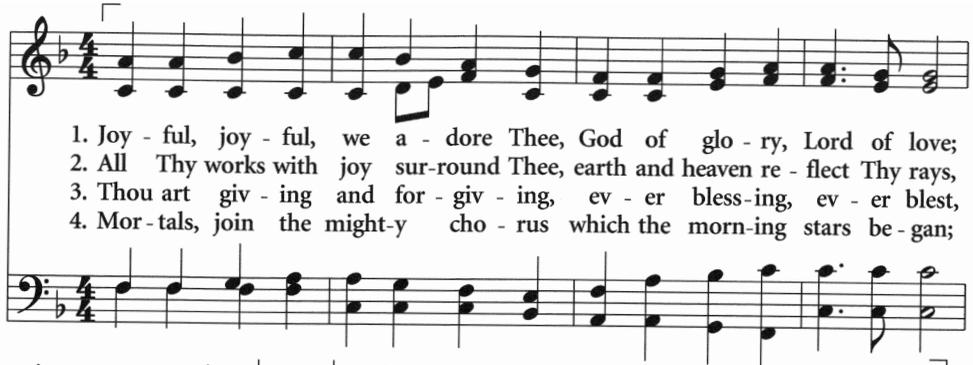
for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
of - fering up on ev - ery shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
for that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:



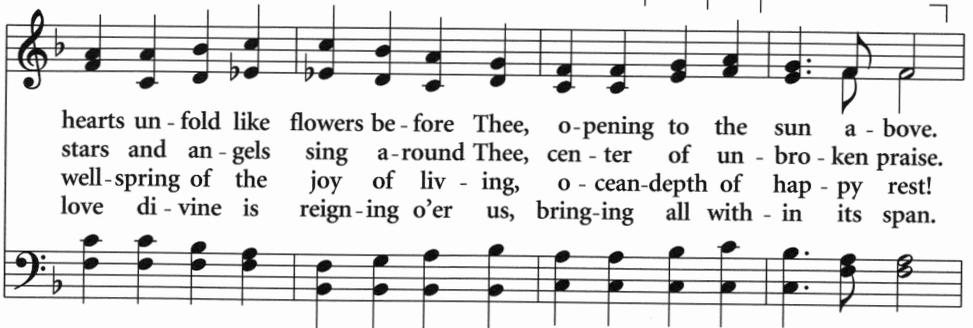
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.



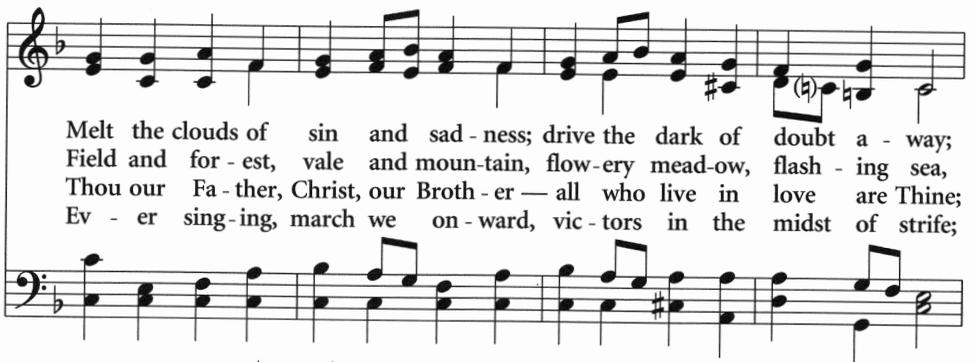
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



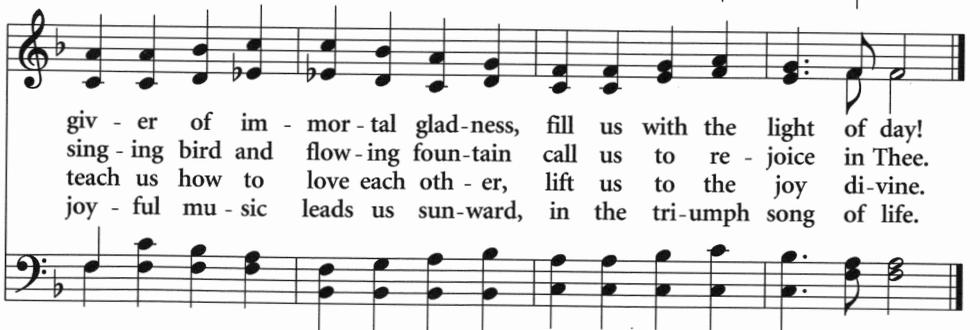
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor - tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



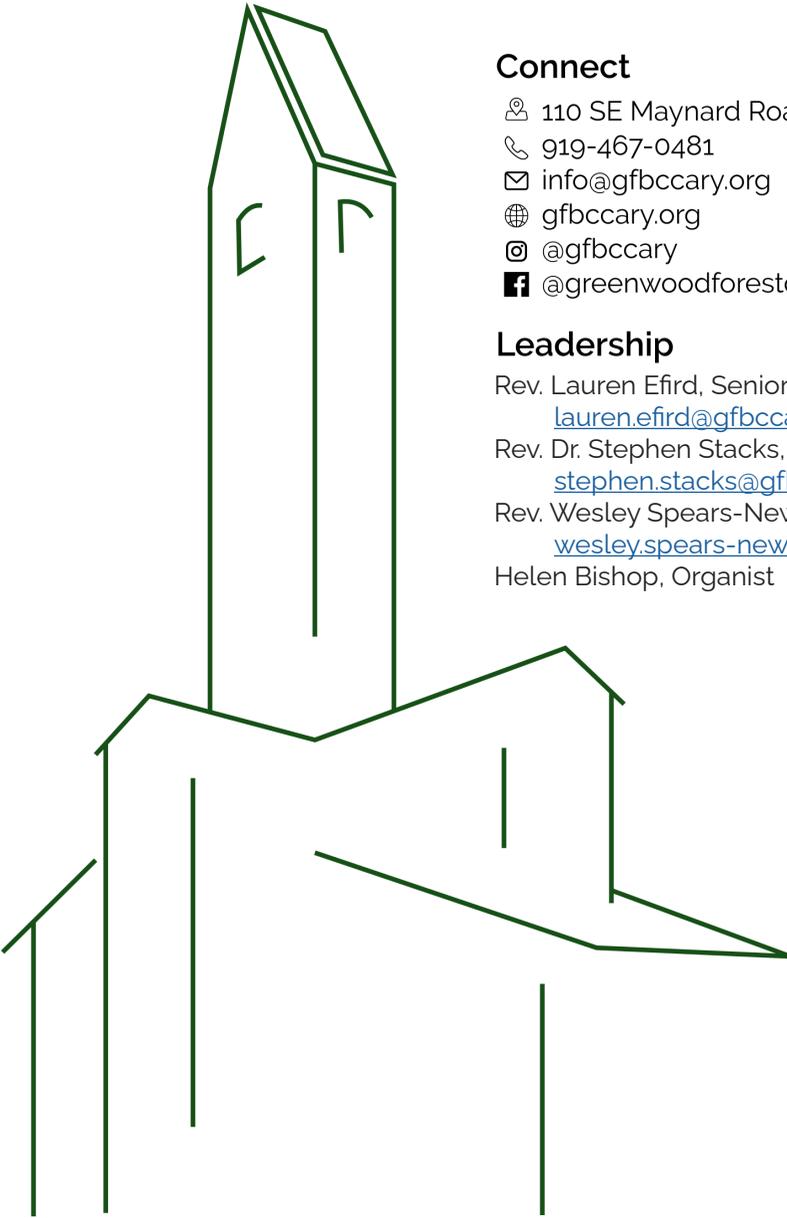
hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, o - pening to the sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!
love di - vine is reign-ing o'er us, bring-ing all with - in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our Broth - er — all who live in love are Thine;
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
sing - ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain call us to re - joice in Thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.



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