



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOMING • GROWING • SERVING • LOVING

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 26, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

Words of Welcome

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: God, who rules the universe, calls us.

Many: **Christ, who took up his cross, calls us.**

One: Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul, calls us.

All: **Let us faithfully answer by worshipping the triune God!**

*Hymn (#712)

As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

O God, Holy Trinity,

Help us to confess our sins.

You give us a place in your creation,

and you intend that we live in love with all that you have made.
We confess that we abuse what you give us.
By our thoughts, actions, and the meditations of our hearts
we show how enslaved we are to life made corrupt by sin.
Far from walking in the Spirit,
we stumble on paths that lead to death.
O Fire of heaven, have mercy on us.
Satisfy the longings of our souls
by taking us up into your Spirit
that we may love our neighbor.
Rekindle our desire to follow our Savior, Jesus Christ,
whose passion for obeying you leads us to our inheritance,
which is your promised kingdom.
To you and the Son and the Spirit,
One God, be all worship and praise now and forever. (Silence)

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

One: The crucified Christ has set us free to live in the Spirit of life.
Hear the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***Congregational Response (#581)**

Glory Be to the Father

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, amen.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Anthem

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall 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.

*Hymn (#434)

Restore in Us, O God

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Congregational Response (#606)

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*Responsive Prayer of Dedication

One: God our maker, our Savior, our source of life, we thank you for your self-giving love.

Many: **You made us in your image and gave us a home in your world.**

You did not forsake us when our sin brought disaster upon what you love.

One: Instead, you sojourned with us in the wasteland; you taught us neighbor-love and holiness through the commands of Moses; you spoke to us words of justice, correction, and kindness in the poetry of the prophets.

Many: **We thank you that in the fullness of time you sent the Son to be born of Mary by the Holy Spirit, to be the perfect image of God.**

One: We thank you that Christ Jesus gave himself upon the cross to free us from the bondage to sin and death.

Many: **We thank you for receiving him in resurrection and ascension, the firstborn of the new creation.**

One: Through him we have freedom to walk in the Spirit that is eternal life.

All: **So we present our offerings and commit ourselves to follow Jesus Christ, love our neighbors, and share the fruits of the Spirit, giving you thanks and praise, O holy, triune God. Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn (#36)

For the Fruit of All Creation

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

***Please rise, in body or spirit.**



As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712

1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,
 3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day,

to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
 to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.

so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
 The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:
 O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
 help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

This text by a Presbyterian pastor in California expresses the conviction that being a good steward is an essential part of the Christian life, for self-giving is God's own nature. The tune is named for the village in Surrey where the arranger collected this tune in 1903.

(G) (C) (G) (Dsus) (D)
 B \flat E \flat B \flat F sus F
to Refrain

great com-pas-sion, you lift up your peo-ple with love.
 fa-ther's fa-vor, you bless us with par-don and peace.
 moth-er's kind-ness, the con-trite of heart, you con-sole.
 walk up-right-ly, you bol-ster our hope once a-gain.
 fire and ra-diance; a sac-ri-fice wor-thy for you.
 grave in glo-ry, you rise from the ash-es of death!

Restore in Us, O God 434

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm7) (Em) (Bm7) (Em) (C) (Bm)
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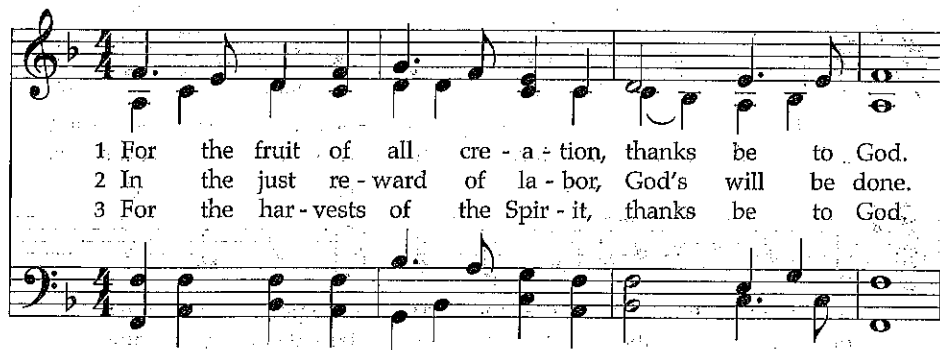
- 1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love;
- 2 O Spir - it wake in us the won-der of your power;
- 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full-ness of your joy;
- 4 Three-per-soned God, ful - fill the prom-ise of your grace,

(Am7) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Bm7) (Em)
 B \flat m7 Fm B \flat m Cm Fm Cm7 Fm

re - new your im-age in our hearts, and all our sins re-move.
 from fruit-less fear un-furl our lives like spring-time bud and flower.
 bap-tize us in the ris-en life that death can-not de-destroy.
 that we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

This text reflects the historic understanding of Lent as a time to prepare catechumens for Baptism and penitents for reconciliation at the Easter Vigil. The first three stanzas address one of the three divine Persons, while the fourth stanza implores the help of the full Trinity.

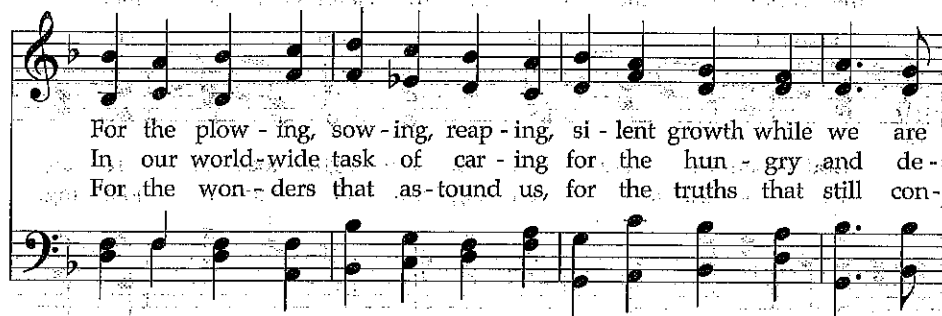
For the Fruit of All Creation 36



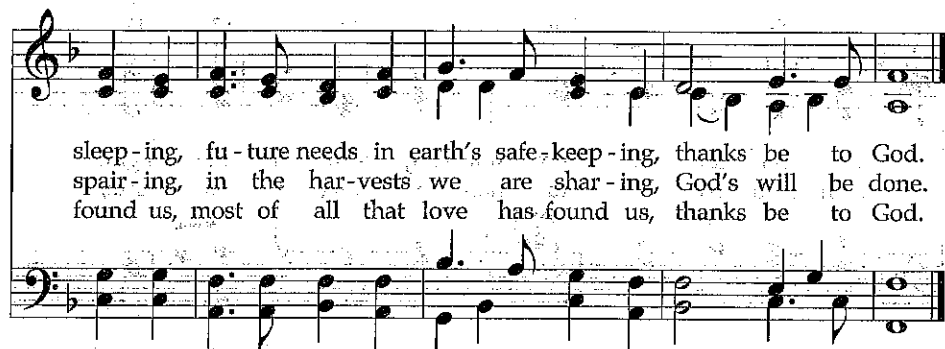
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has - found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."