

**Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
**3501 Campus Blvd. NE      Albuquerque, NM 87106**

*Live-streamed to our VistaStream YouTube channel*  
*(<https://www.montevista.org/vistastream>)*

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 1, 2024**  
**10:30am MT**

**Order of Worship**

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Prelude

*Meditation from Symphony #1, Op.13*  
by Charles-Marie Widor

Paulette McClellan

\*Call to Worship

Ray Reeder

One: The God of all creation has gathered us this day for praise and worship!

**Many: Thanks be to God for this generous gift!**

One: May we place our whole lives in God's gracious care.

**Many: God is leading us to a new life of hope and service.**

One: The God of justice calls to us to be faithful doers of God's word.

**Many: God's word has the power to heal and restore life.**

One: Beloveds of God, you are wonderfully enveloped in God's love.

**Many: Let us worship our God who loves us completely and unconditionally.**

\*Opening Hymn

*We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God*

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\*Opening Prayer

Ray

Holy God, as we gather this day in our collective worship of you and all that you are, we give thanks that your promises are trustworthy. You call us to serve you alone, and then you show us the way to serve you by serving others. You give us strength and protection to be your people. Open our ears to hear your promises again and again, today and every day. Help us to trust in you to always be our refuge and our strength. Give us the resolve to serve you fearlessly and with boldness. In your many holy names we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Ray

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as

the Lord our God is whenever we call to God? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

One: A word from God for the people of God.   **Many: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Hymn

*Lord, Be Glorified*

(vv 1, 4, 5)

(Please share your prayer concerns & joys with Rev. Dawn at [revdawn@montevista.org](mailto:revdawn@montevista.org).)

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dawn

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**Blessed One, our Father and our Mother. Holy is your name. May your love be embodied in the world. May your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Protect us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be, are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music

*How Blest Are We*  
by David Lantz III

Vista Voices

Sermon Text

James 1:17-27

Rev. Dawn

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Parent of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of God's own purpose God gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of God's creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Parent, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

One: A word from God for the people of God.   **Many: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*"Celebrating God's Generosity"*

Rev. Dawn

Response in Song

*For the Life That You Have Given*

## Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

### Invitation to the Table

Anne Loveless

(Your tithes & offerings can be given via online donations on [our website](#), on the [Givelify app](#), or by mailing your check to the church office. Thank you.)

*Communion Hymn	<i>Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</i>	422
Words of Institution		Rev. Dawn
Prayers for the Elements		Anne
Receiving Communion		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Dawn
Invitation to the Community of MVCC		Rev. Dawn
*Closing Hymn	<i>Nurtured by the Spirit</i>	
*Announcements		Rev. Dawn
*Benediction		Rev. Dawn
Postlude	<i>Trumpet Tune in C</i> by David Lasky	Paulette

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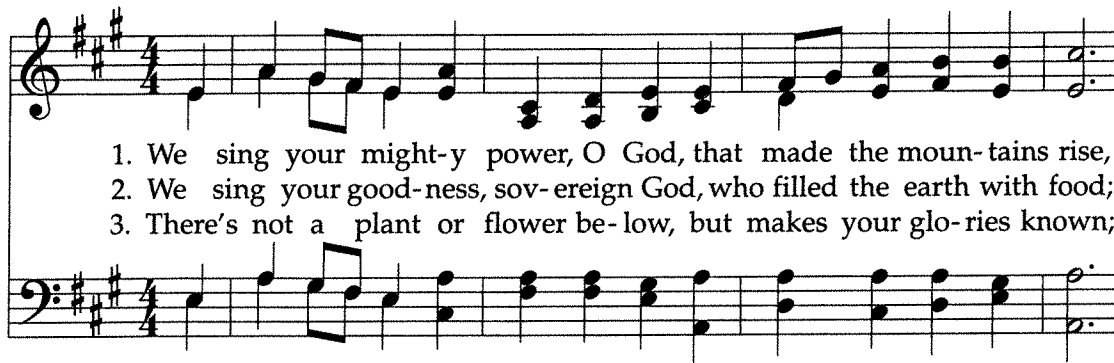
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Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist

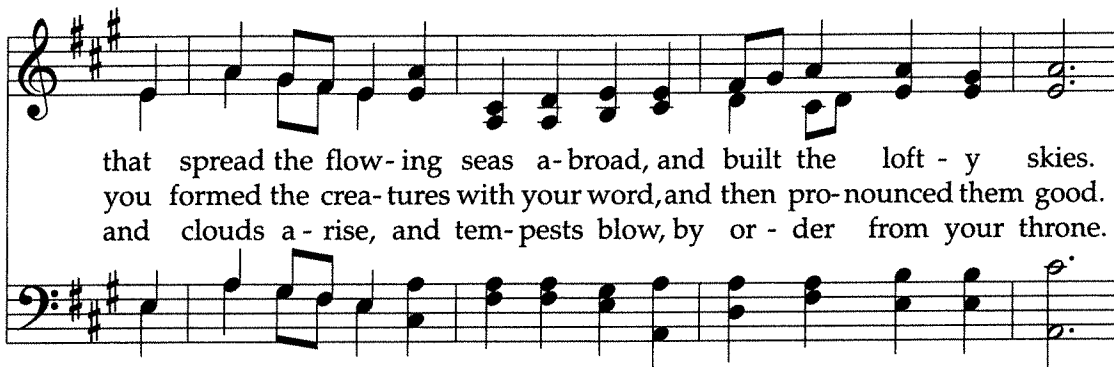
Wally Miller, Sound

Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol, Senior Minister, Preaching and Presiding

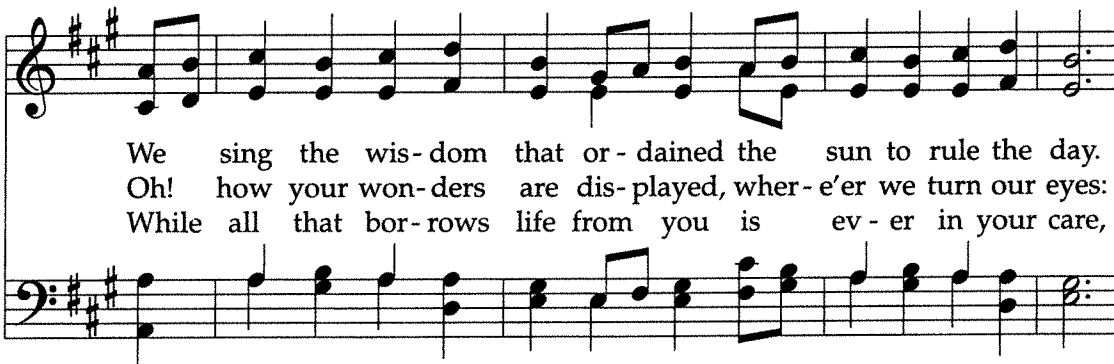
# We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God 64



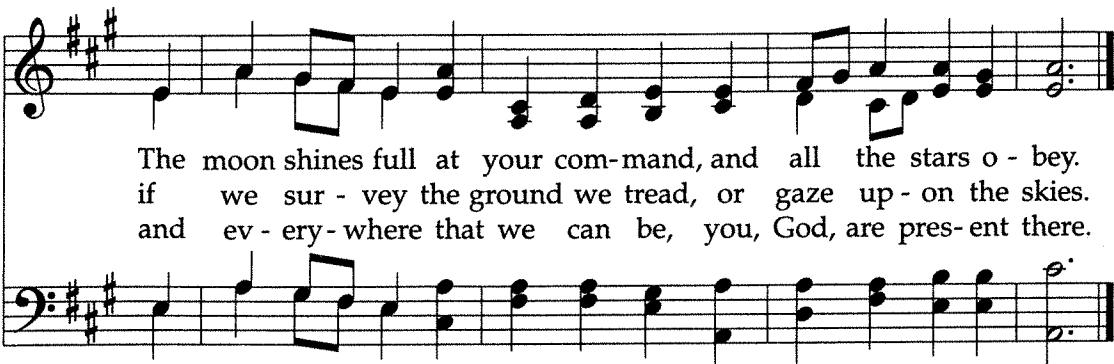
1. We sing your might-y power, O God, that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2. We sing your good-ness, sov-ereign God, who filled the earth with food;  
 3. There's not a plant or flower be-low, but makes your glo-ries known;



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, and built the loft - y skies.  
 you formed the crea-tures with your word, and then pro-nounced them good.  
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from your throne.



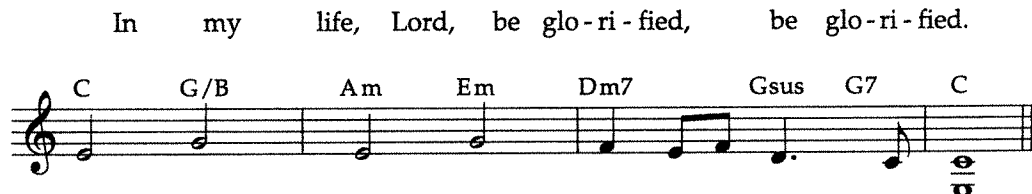
We sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.  
 Oh! how your won-ders are dis-played, wher - e'er we turn our eyes:  
 While all that bor-rows life from you is ev - er in your care,



The moon shines full at your com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
 if we sur - vey the ground we tread, or gaze up - on the skies.  
 and ev - ery - where that we can be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

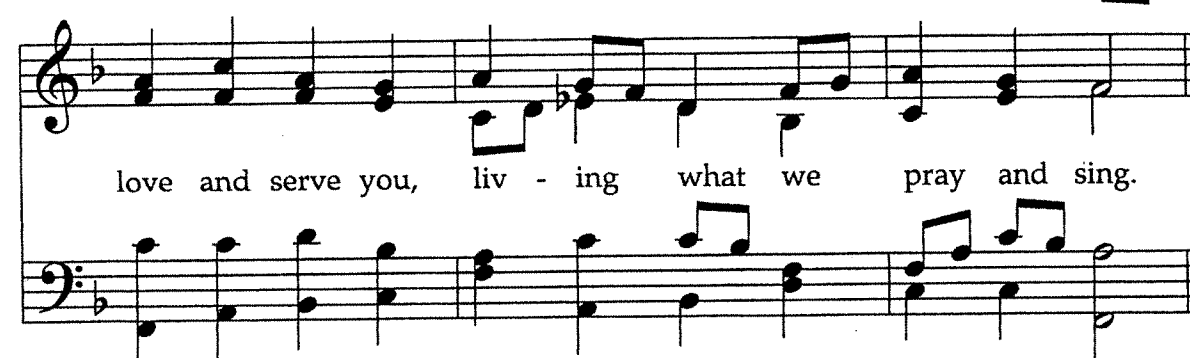
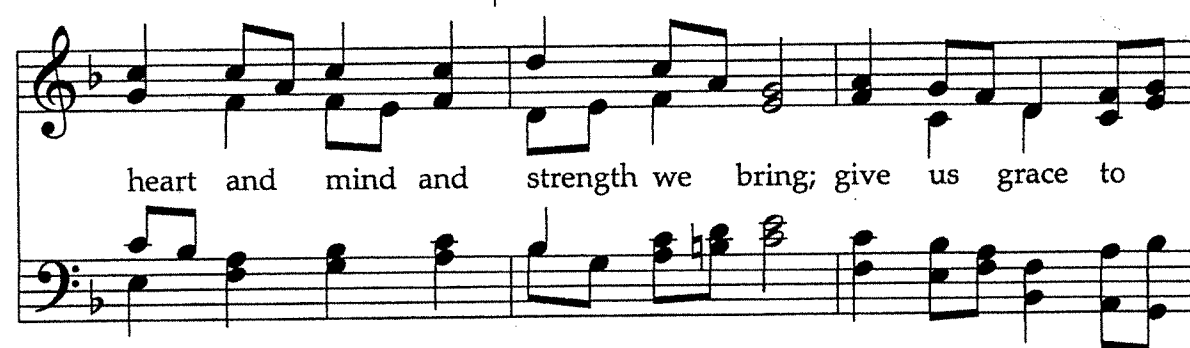
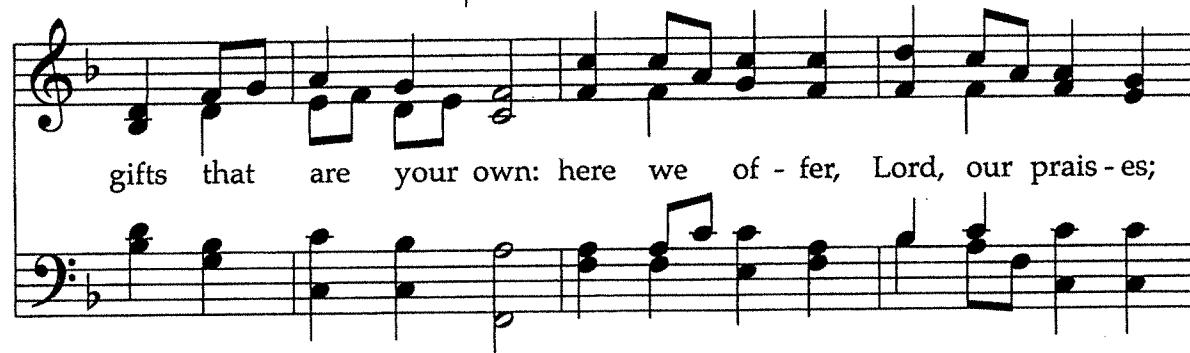
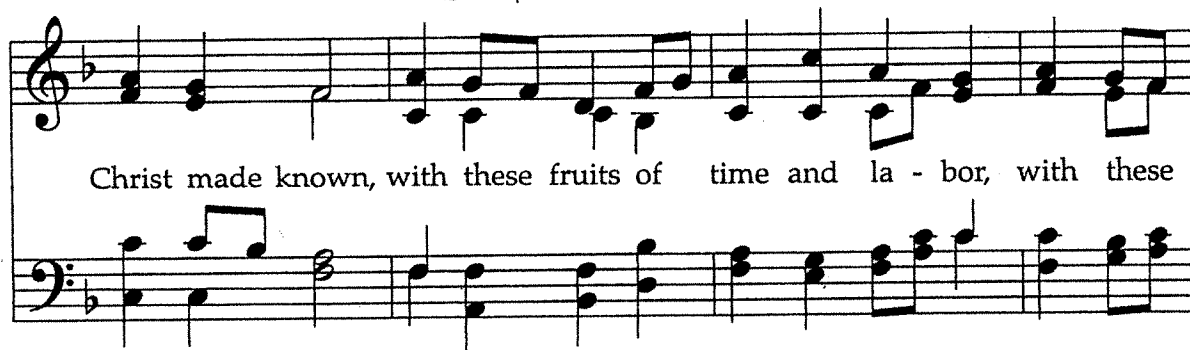
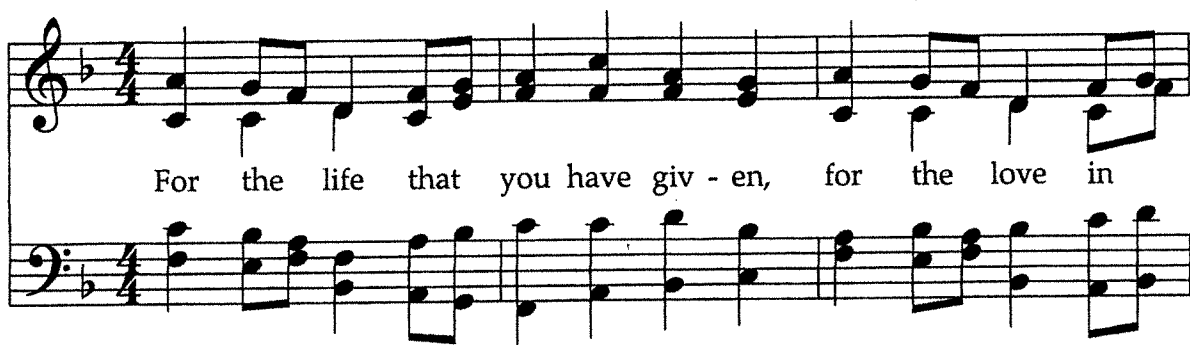
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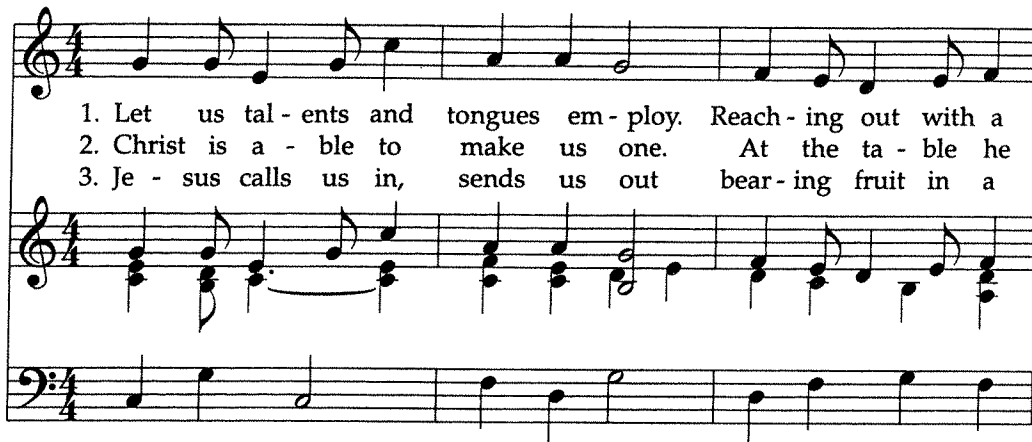
2. In your church      3. In our praise      4. In our work      5. In our prayers

# 717 For the Life That You Have Given

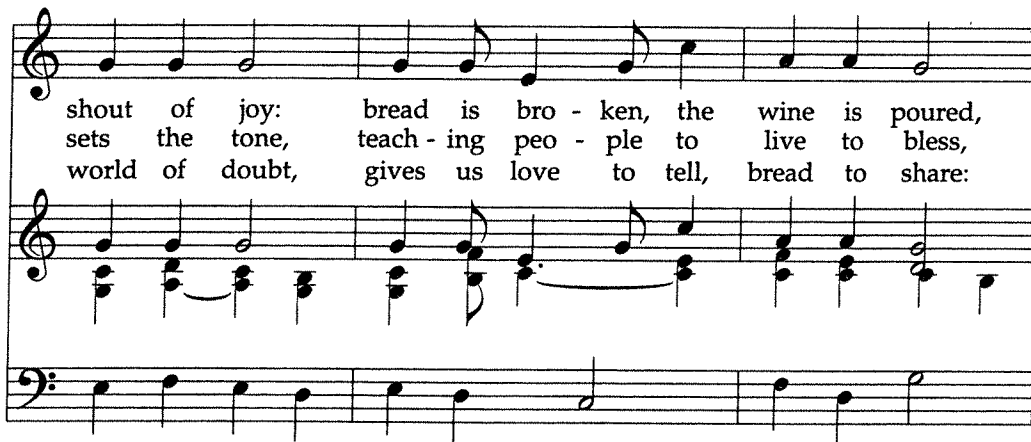


The text was commissioned in 1987 by Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, where it has continued to be used each Sunday as the offertory response. The triune activity of God as Creator (line 1), Savior (line 2), and Sustainer (line 7) enables and inspires our thanks and praise.

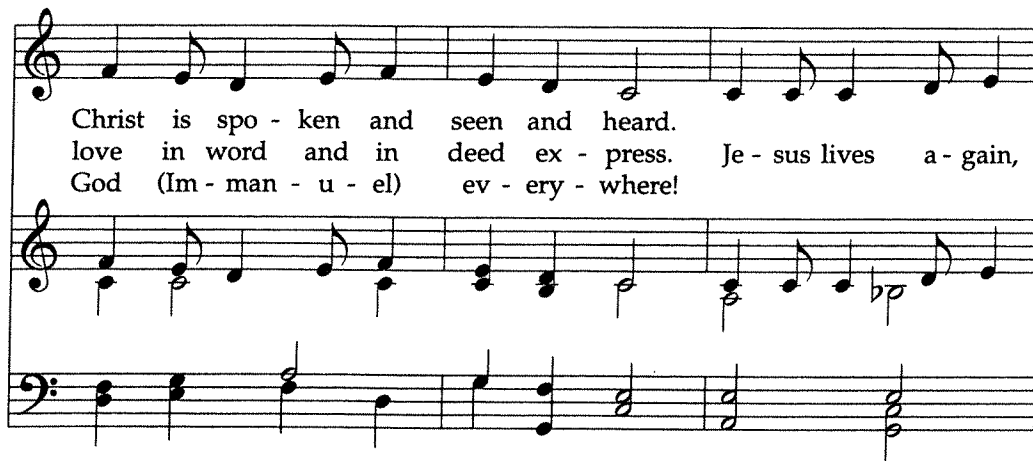
## 422 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



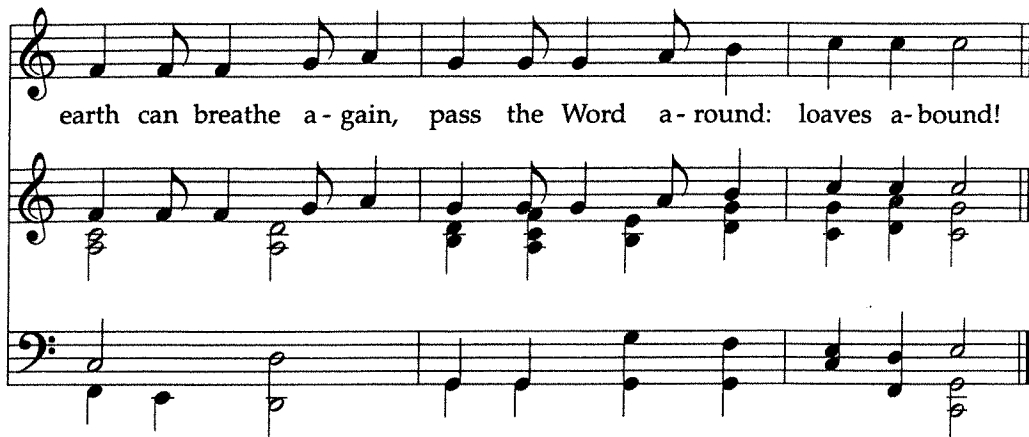
1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy. Reach - ing out with a  
 2. Christ is a - ble to make us one. At the ta - ble he  
 3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,  
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,  
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,  
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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Am Dm7 F

Nur-tured by the Spi - rit, walk-ing in God's light, we are

G7sus G7 C E7sus E Am

o - pen to the vi-sion from a - bove. Shar-ing fruits of heav-en,

Dm7 F Esus E

car - ing for the right, we will walk with the mis - sion of

Am E Am Dm7 F

love. We are the seeds sown in weak-ness, raised in

G G7 C Esus E Am Am7

power, God, make us sprout. We are in need of your

Dm7 F Esus E 1 Am 2 Am

Spi - rit; now's the hour: God, send us out! out!