

Williston-Immanuel United Church

Portland, Maine

June 15, 2025



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ORDER of WORSHIP

10:00 am

Welcome

Rev. Deborah Tate Breault

***Gathering Song**

“I Am Becoming Peace” (sung through twice)

Linnea Good

I am becoming peace, I am becoming peace

A well of patience, well of grace, make my soul a holy place

I am becoming peace.

Words to Ponder

“To pay attention, this is our endless and proper work.”

-Mary Oliver

Music for Centering

Opening Words

Gracie Johnston

One The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new people!

Many **The winds of the spirit have given us breath and the fire of the spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and each other.**

One Come here in faithfulness and be ready for the surprises that God’s Spirit brings.

Many **We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God’s promise to us that we can live new lives of freedom and grace. May God help us to be true people of spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days!**

***Hymn of Praise**

“This is My Father’s World”

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*** Prayer of Invocation**

Gracious God, gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness, you have brought us forth from the womb of your being and breathed into us the breath of life. We know that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you. Feed our deep hungers with the living bread that you give us in Jesus the Christ. May Jesus's promise, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them", be fulfilled in us. Make us a joyful company of your people so that with the faithful in every place and time we may praise and honor you, God Most High. Amen.

The God Box

Jani Darak-Druck

The Reading of Scripture

The Psalter

Psalm 8

The New Testament Epistle Lesson

Romans 5:1-5

The Message

"Grace Filled Mission"

Rev. Deborah Tate Breault

Prayers of the People

(Please use any name for God you prefer)

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,

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Want to give electronically? See the back page. If you are new here and have filled out a "Wanna Do Some Good" form, please place it in the offertory plate so that we might donate \$5 to our special offering. If giving a cash donation, please use an envelope and designate where your offering should go.

Choral Offering

“For Where Love is There is God”

Douglas Wagner

Come as strangers to the altar, for where love is, there is God
Come you poor, you weak, who falter, for where love is, there is God
Song and scripture wed together, bound by faith in sacred word
sharing peace and consolation, for where love is, there is God
Let us each love one another, for where love is, there is God
and embrace as sister, brother, for where love is, there is God
Heal our hurting, lift our spirits, cease our cold, contentious ways
Spread the grace of love unending, for where love is, there is God
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, for where love is, there is God
For where love is, there is God.

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of
our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open
to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another and generous toward
your world. Amen.**

Announcements

***Closing Hymn**

“Glorious Things of You are Spoken”

Benediction

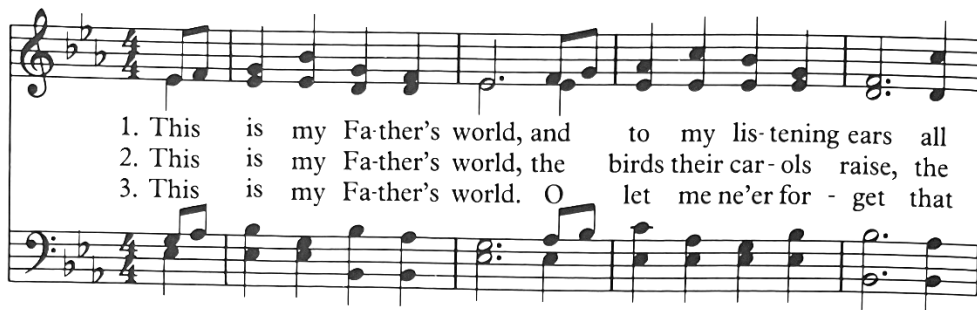
Postlude

“Midday Mood”

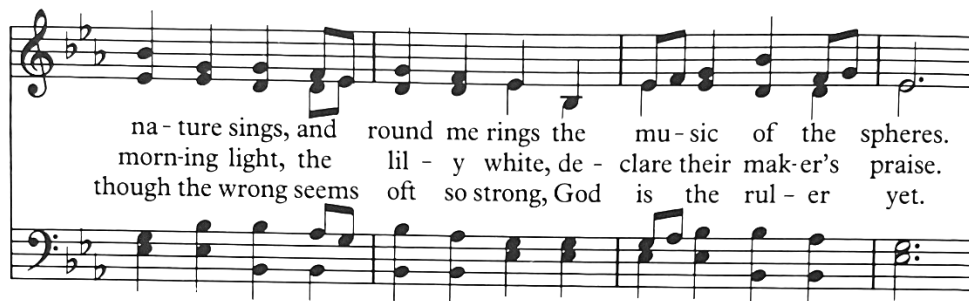
Sharon Aaronson

The altar flowers are from Sally Campbell wishing you a happy summer!

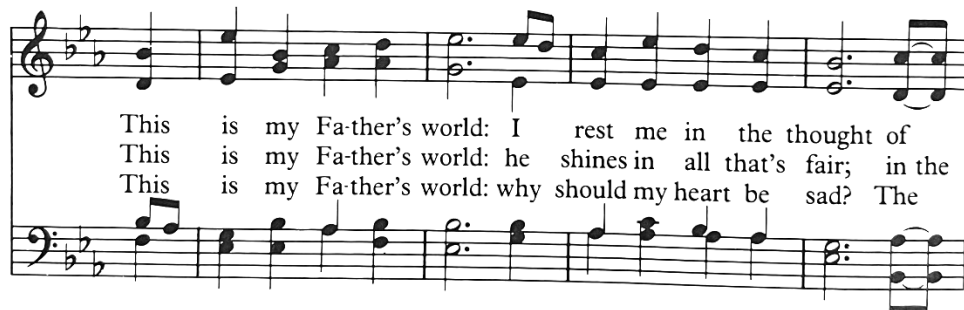
This Is My Father's World



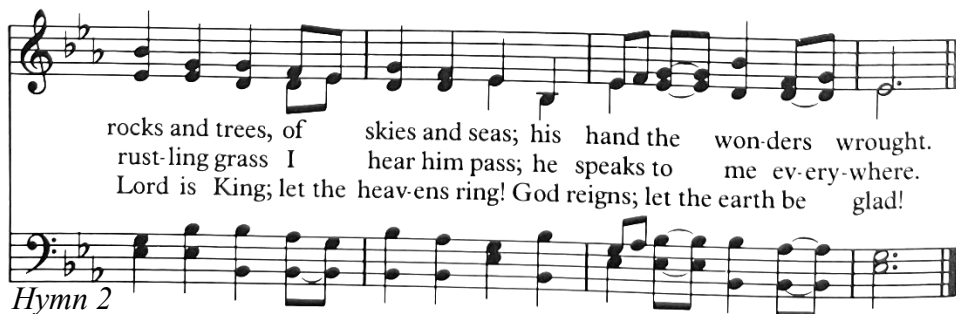
1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise, the
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world. O let me ne'er for - get that



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn-ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak-er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The



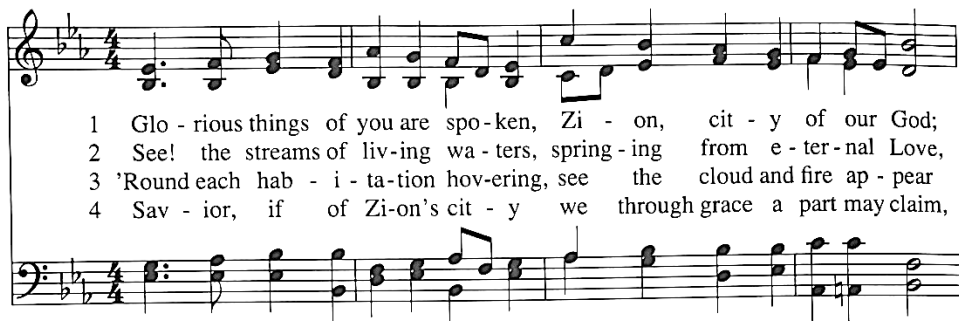
rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
 rust-ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-ery-where.
 Lord is King; let the heav-ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Hymn 2

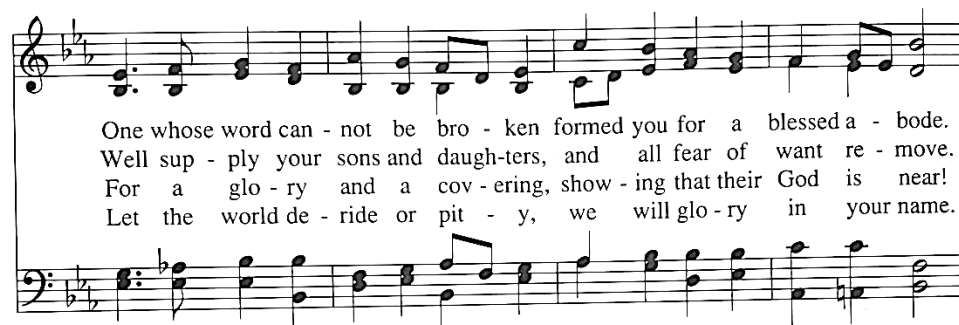
Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

Ps. 87:3; Isa. 33:20-21; 60:18; 26:4; Exod. 13:22

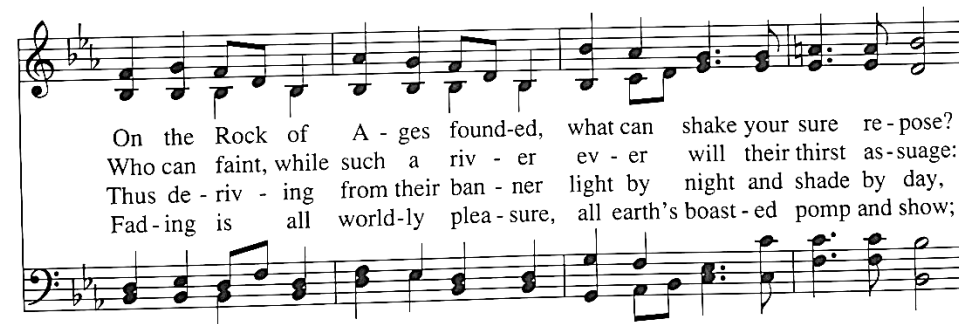
John Newton, 1779; alt.



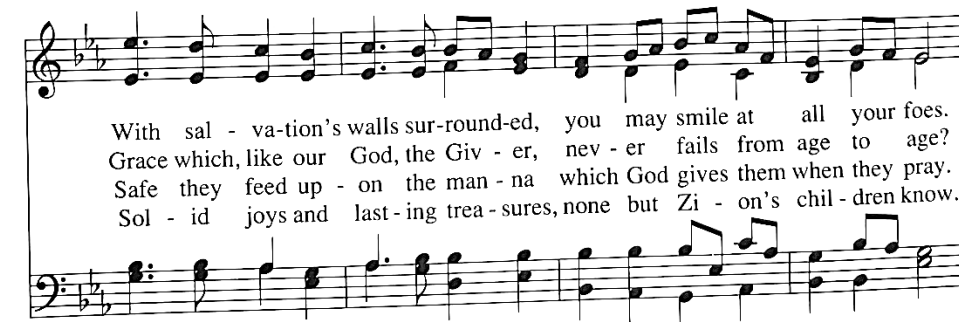
1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal Love,
 3 'Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 4 Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y we through grace a part may claim,



One whose word can - not be bro - ken formed you for a blessed a - bode.
 Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move.
 For a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that their God is near!
 Let the world de - ride or pit - y, we will glo - ry in your name.



On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose?
 Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage:
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Fad - ing is all world - ly plea - sure, all earth's boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.
 Grace which, like our God, the Giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age?
 Safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures, none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Filled with Old Testament scriptural allusions, this was one of few hymns of praise included among the many subjective, sometimes brooding, hymns in Newton and Cowper's Olney Hymns. It has enjoyed great popularity in many English-speaking countries.

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797
 Alternate tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH

June Special Offering – EqualityMaine



DID YOU

KNOW... *Organizations United to Condemn Harassment of Maine Youth Coalitions stand together to call for adults to protect children from harassment (February 25, 2025 AUGUSTA, ME)*

An elected official used her online social media to share a photo of a child that she identified as transgender, resulting in statewide and national harassment of a non-consenting minor. Equality Maine's organization stands united in declaring that adults should never harass, "out", or instigate attacks on minors. All children deserve safety and protection, so they can feel safe at home, at school, and in their community.

Due to the overwhelming need in our community the Outreach Committee has decided to increase its seed money to \$500. Therefore, we will send \$500 "seed" money to EqualityMaine. We would ask you to prayerfully consider helping this amount grow. **Please use the church envelopes and be sure to circle the red phrase Special monthly offering, donate on wiuc.org, or send your gift to the church and please indicate that your gift is for the June Special Offering.** Your generosity and care will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you! The Outreach Committee



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

From Williston-Immanuel United Church



**One Time
Offering
QR code**

PRIDE PARADE



Join WIUC on the
church steps to support
the Pride parade next
Saturday, June 21!

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Reba Delzell, *Pastor*
Rev. Deborah Tate Breault,
Sabbatical Pastor
Denise Calkins, *Music Director &
Pianist*
Kate McDade, *Church
Administrator*
Breelyn McClernand, *Childcare*
Benjamin Watzak, *Building
Manager*

New Here?

Fill out our “Wanna do some good?” form in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We will donate \$5 in your name to our Special Offering this month and get you on our mailing list. Or you can simply text **WIUC** to **84576** to receive our **All Church Email (ACE)**.

Who are we? Williston-Immanuel United Church is an inclusive Christian community that promotes faith, fellowship, social justice and love, compassionately reaching out to our broader community, celebrating our diversity, and affirming everyone’s spiritual journey. ***Acceptance without conditions, affirmation without discrimination*** these are the goals of Williston-Immanuel United Church.

***For more info about us, go to
wiuc.org***