

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUNDING THE CHURCH BELL

* THE CHRIST LIGHT ENTERS

PRELUDE *How Can I Keep From Singing* Sarah Bereza

*GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)
Iona Worship Book

Out of darkness came light
And the power of God was revealed
In the running wave and the flowing air,
In the quiet earth and the shining stars.
Out of the dust came life;
And the image of God was revealed
In the human face and the gentle heart
In the warmth of flesh and the depth of soul.
And God looked at the creation,
And behold, it was very good.

*HYMN (See insert) *For the Beauty of the Earth* vs. 1-2

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

You who give us unfailing love, be our shepherd in these new days ahead and in all our days on this earth. Teach us to walk with you and each other in humility and gentleness, listening only to your voice guiding and protecting us. Amen.

*PRAYER RESPONSE *Gloria Patri*

*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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) Iona Worship Book

**Oh soul behind all souls,
In everything we touch,
In everyone we meet,
Your presence is around us,
And we give you thanks.**

**But when we have not touched
But trampled you in creation,
When we have not met,
But missed you in one another,
When we have not received,
But rejected you in the poor,
Forgive us,
And hear now our prayer for mercy.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING *John 10: 7-10*

SERMON *The Way of Abundance* Rev. Dr. Eileen Sypher

*HYMN (See insert) *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* vs. 1-3

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *The Lord's Prayer*

THE MORNING OFFERING

*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ and Spirit one.*

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

Generous God;

**Over and over your grace sustains us,
over and over your love provides for us,
over and over your arm steadies us.**

**We give you these gifts,
with gratitude and joy,
thankful that you are God over all. Amen.**

*HYMN (See insert)

Be Thou My Vision

*THE BENEDICTION Iona Worship Book

May God's goodness be yours,
And well, and seven times well, may you spend your lives:
May you be an isle in the sea,
May you be a hill on the shore,
May you be a star in the darkness,
May you be a staff to the weak;
May the love Christ Jesus gave fill every heart for you;
May the love Christ Jesus gave fill you for everyone.

Amen

**Please stand if you are able.*

We remember in our prayers: Family of Ruth Davison, Roseanne's father Stephen, Rose Young, The Boucher Family, Beverly Parsons, Mike & June Finnegan, Joe Evans, Sharon Leeman, Carol Johnsen, Pat Greene, Sam Soule, the Betancourt family, and our neighbors at the Edgecomb Green.

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For The Beauty Of The Earth

1. { For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies, }
 { For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies, }
 2. { For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night, }
 { Hill and vale, and tree, and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light: }
 3. { For Thy church that ev - er - more Lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove, }
 { Of - fring up on ev - 'ry shore Her pure sac - ri - fice of love, }

Chorus

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

BE THOU MY VISION

SLANE

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

1. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
2. I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
3. Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
4. May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

1. Thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
2. Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
3. Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
4. Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

1. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
2. Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
3. High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
4. Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: 10 10 10 10; Ancient Irish; tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; fr. Eleanor Hull's *Poem Book of the Gael*, 1912, alt.
 Music: Trad. Irish Melody; adapt. from *The Church Hymnary*, 1927.

MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED

RESIGNATION

1. My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need; The
2. When I walk through the shades of death, Your
3. The sure pro - vi - sions of my God At -

1. Lord God is his name. In pas - tures
2. pres - ence is my stay; One word of
3. tend me all my days; O may your

1. green he makes me feed, Be - side the liv - ing
2. your sup - port - ing breath Drives all my fears a -
3. house be my a - bode, And all my work be

1. stream. He brings my wan - d'ring
2. way. Your hand, in sight of
3. praise! There would I find a

1. spir - it back, When I for - sake his ways;
2. all my foes, Does still my ta - ble spread;
3. set - tled rest, While oth - ers go and come,

1. And leads me for his mer - cy's
2. My cup with bless - ings o - ver -
3. No more a stran - ger nor a

1. sake, In paths of truth and grace.
2. flows, Your oil a - noints my head.
3. guest; But like a child at home.

Text: 86 86 D; based on Psalm 23; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
 Music: William Walker's *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.