Plymouth
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

November 8, 2026 • 9 a.m.
Faithful Response Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC THE CORN SONG *Gustav Holst*

Marie Scholtz, *soprano,* Paul Scholtz, *tenor*

Through vales of grass and meads of flow'rs,
Our ploughs their furrows made,
While on the hills the sun and show'rs
Of changeful April play'd:
We dropp'd the seed o'er hill and plain
Beneath the sun of May,
And frighten'd from our sprouting grain
The robber crows away.
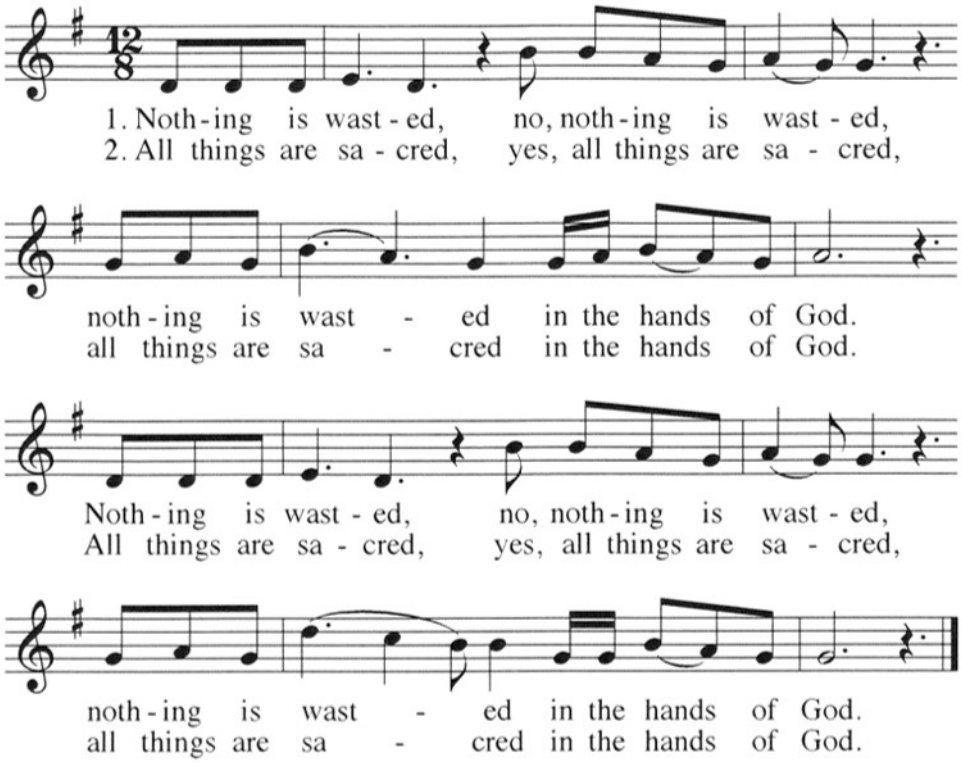
All through the long bright days of June
Its leaves grew green and fair,
And waved in hot midsummer's noon
Its soft and yellow hair;
And now with autumn's moonlit eves,
Its harvest time has come,
We pluck away the frosted leaves
And bear the treasure home.

Wher'er the wide old kitchen hearth
Sends up its smoky curls,
Who will not thank the kindly earth
And bless our farmer girls.
Then shame on all the proud and vain
Whose folly laughs to scorn,
The blessing of our hardy grain,
Our wealth of golden corn.

OPENING HYMN BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS *"Dennis S.M."*
(page 4)

WELCOME Birdie Cunningham

SONG OF PREPARATION NOTHING IS WASTED *David Bjorlin*



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LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE John Bennett

SUNG RESPONSE NOTHING IS WASTED *David Bjorlin*
(above)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING DEUTERONOMY 8:11-18 Mary Adair
Wendy Nilsson

One: These are the words of our ancient tradition.

All: May these words become Living Wisdom within us, among us, and beyond us.

Message RESPONDING FAITHFULLY TO THE GIFT OF LIFE — Rev. JT Smiedendorf

Invitation to Offering

One: In deep humility and gratitude to God, who shepherds and comforts us, let us bring our offerings to God.

All: **In thanks and gratitude, we offer these gifts to you.**

You may use the QR code on page 7 to give.

Offertory SOON AND VERY SOON — *Andrae Crouch*

Presentation and Consecration of Gifts

You are asked to bring forward your Estimate of Giving (or I Responded Online card) and place it in the bowl.

Prayers of the People

The congregation is invited to respond in unison to each prayer, saying:
"Loving God, we open our hearts to you."

The Lord's Prayer

Tender, loving God, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn HERE I AM, LORD (pages 5-6) — *"Here I Am, Lord"*

Blessing

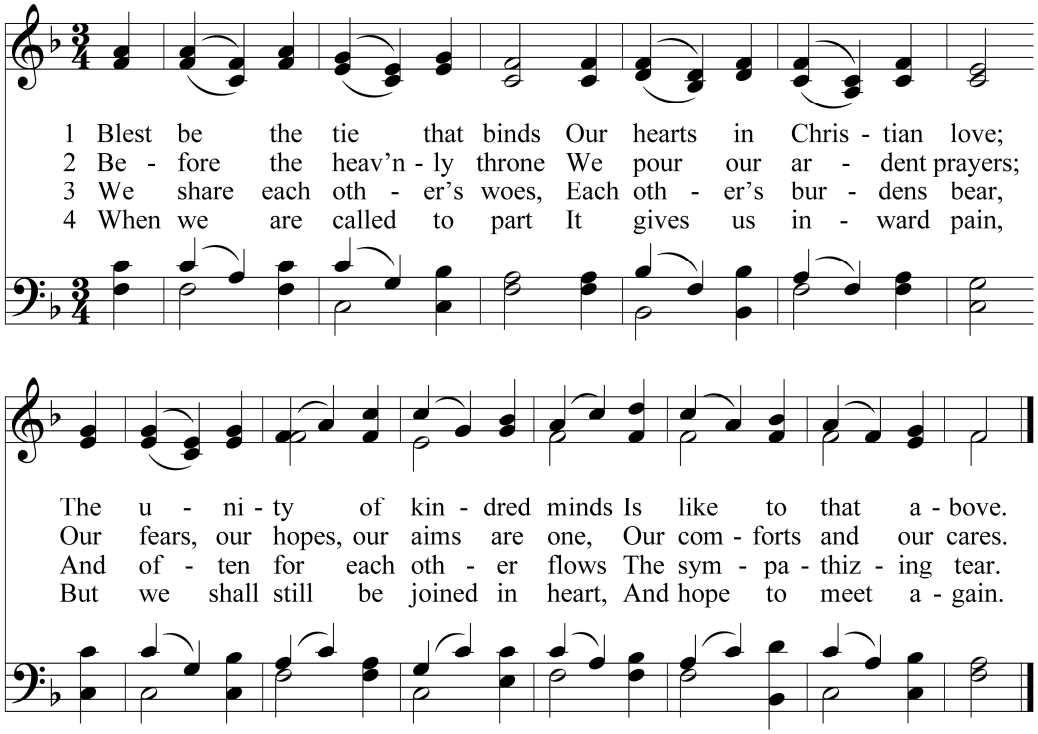
As the postlude is played, you are welcome to leave the sanctuary or stay and enjoy the music.

Postlude WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING — *Philipp Nikolai (1556-1608) arr. Laura Caviani*

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

John Fawcett, 1739/40-1817
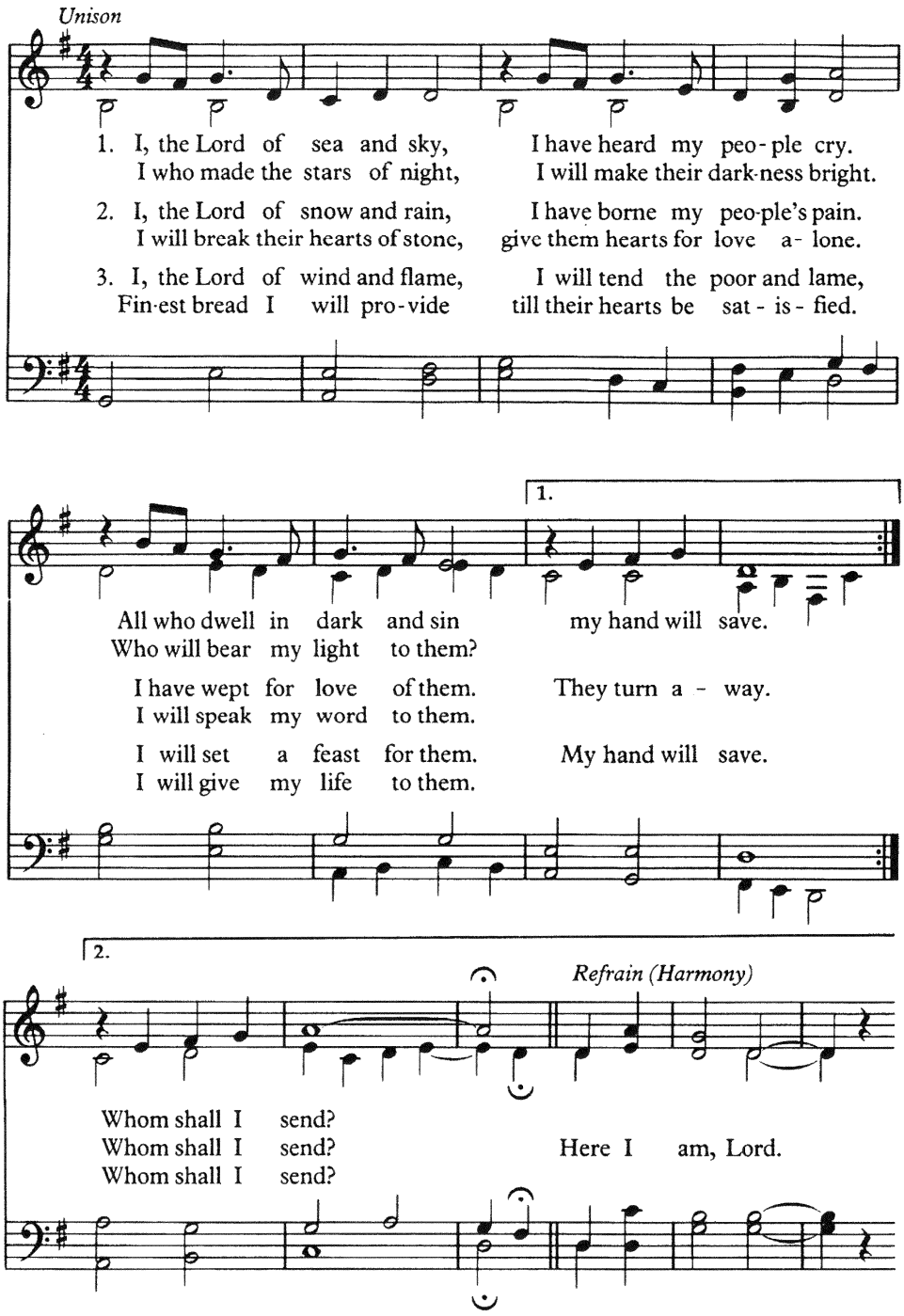
DENNIS S.M.
Melody by J. G. Nägeli, 1768?-1836
Adapted by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872
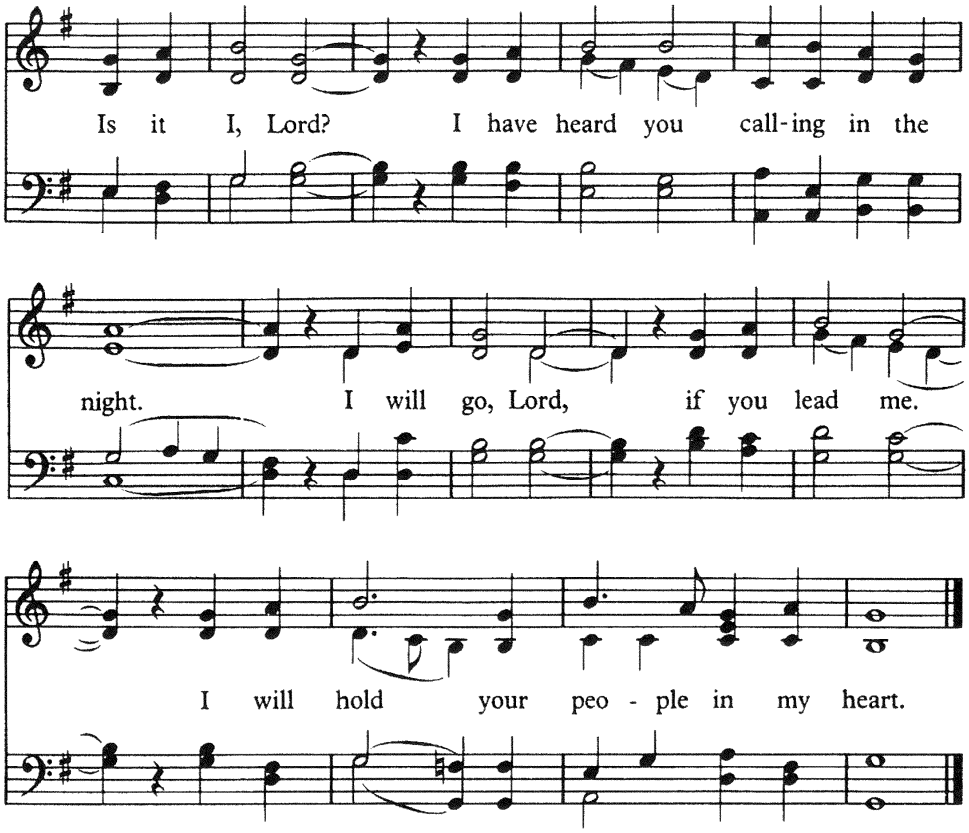


TODAY'S HOST FAMILY comprises six members of the Joyful Noise Ukulele group: Mary Adair, John Bennett, Chris Church, Becky Dougherty, Jill Nelson & Wendy Nilsson.

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES that we are on the sacred traditional territory of the Dakota people. It is an honor to live, pray, seek justice, and create community alongside Dakota, Ojibwe, and other Indigenous people in the Twin Cities.

MANY AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUALS AND HYMNS were never credited to their creators or were claimed by other individuals. When Plymouth Congregational Church uses music or music texts created by people who were kept in chattel slavery, we will donate to a historically Black institution as a reparative action in honor of the creators and their descendants.


Unison
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a- lone.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.
1.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
Who will bear my light to them?
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will speak my word to them.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
I will give my life to them.
2.
Refrain (Harmony)
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.
Whom shall I send?



WORDS: Dan Schutte, 1981 (Is. 6:8)
MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

HERE I AM, LORD
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CHURCH REGISTER

In Memorial
Terry Armstrong (October 26, 2026)
Dwayne Cody, *husband of* Ginny Buran (October 21, 2026)

In Hospice Care
Wes Bue, *husband of* Denise Eng-Bue, *father of* Beck Eng-Bue

Home and Hospital Visits: Plymouth's ministers and Director of Congregational Care call upon members of the church in their homes, hospitals, or care and rehabilitation centers. If you know of someone who would like a visit, please contact Birdie Cunningham at 612-977-1261.

Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Connie Buran Schreck, David John Buran and Dwayne Cody by Ann Buran and Ginny Buran Cody.

Chapel Trio: Laura Caviani, *piano*; Chris Bates, *bass*; Dave Schmalenberger, *drums*

Chapel Trio Arrangements: Laura Caviani; **Songleader:** Marie Scholtz

Worship & Program Staff: Rev. JT Smiedendorf, *Acting Lead & Intentional Interim Minister*; Rev. Kate Taber, *Director of Spiritual Formation,* Birdie Cunningham, *Director of Congregational Care;* Nina Jonson, *Director of Children Youth & Families;* Philip Brunelle, *Organist-Choirmaster*; Marie Scholtz, *Associate Music Director*; Laura Caviani, *Chapel Trio Director*; Sonja Thompson, *Assistant Organist;* Cody Bourdot, *Director of Theater Arts & A/V Production*

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