

July 12, 2020

9:30 Worship

"The Good Earth"

*\* indicates those who are comfortably able may stand*

*"...your word is a lamp to my feet,  
and a light to my path..."*

*-Psalm 119:105*

Gathering Music

Amy Crousoe

Welcome and Greetings

Kristy Odneal

Prelude

"Fantasia"

Amy Crousoe

*George P Telemann*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

\*Call to Worship

*(adapted from Psalm 119:105-120)*

Pat Forward

God's word is a lamp to our feet;  
God's word is a light to our path.

**We have sworn an oath to be God's servants;  
We are confirmed to God's righteous ordinances.**

God's decrees are our heritage forever;  
God's wisdom is the joy of our hearts.

**We live by God's law; and on it we meditate.  
God is our hiding place and our shield.**

Though we are afflicted by many challenges, God is our guide.  
We offer our praises to God!

**Uphold us, O God; that we may be safe;  
Deal with us according to your Steadfast Love!  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn

"Hymn of Promise"

#433

\*Opening Prayer

Pat Forward

**God of family and community, you call us together to do your will in the world; but often we let distractions get in our way. Our families are divided by quarrels and power struggles; and our churches often are as well. Teach us to nurture our lives with good soil; that your seeds of wisdom may take root and bring forth a good harvest. Inspire us to listen to one another deeply and share our concerns. Guide us in our actions that we may be vessels of your Good News; that all the world may benefit from the harvest. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing Quinn Rosenthal  
Jacob and Esau quarrel in Rebekah's womb; and that quarrel spilled over into their lives, affecting their faith and their leadership positions in the world. Often, we act in similar ways, putting power struggles and pride over humility and service. But just as God forgave Jacob, God forgives us as well. God forgives all our sins; of commission and omission. We are all God's children, blessed and beloved; forgiven and free! Praise be to God!

\*Prayer Response "Spirit of the Living God" NCH #283  
**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!**  
**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!**  
**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!**  
**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!**

Children's Time Quinn Rosenthal

Response "This Little Light of Mine"  
**This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!**  
**This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!**  
**This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!**  
**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

Anthem Kennedy Lucas  
John Higgins  
"Simple Gifts"

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 25:19-34 Pat Forward  
*Isaac and Rebekah conceive twin boys, Jacob and Esau, who quarrel in Rebekah's womb. Their quarrel continues all their lives, and this is highlighted when Jacob steals Esau's birthright from him.*

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:1-8 Pat Forward  
*Jesus tells the parable of the sower. As you hear the words of this familiar parable read, what images come to mind about how God is Speaking in our world today through the wisdom of this parable?*

Sermon: "The Good Earth" Quinn Rosenthal

\*Meditation Hymn "God Made from One" NCH #427

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer Quinn Rosenthal

The LORD's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response                   “Grant Us Peace”  
**Hear our Prayer, O Lord!**  
**Hear our prayer, O Lord!**  
**Hear our Prayer, O Lord!**  
**And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!**



Presenting our Gifts

“Be Thou My Vision”

Amy Crousore  
John Carter

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You can also give online by visiting our website: [www.columbiaucc.com](http://www.columbiaucc.com)*

\*Response                   “We Praise You, O God”                   NCH #420  
**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;**  
**In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.**  
**We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;**  
**We bless your Holy name, glad praises we sing!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Pat Forward

**God of love; with the gifts we give today, we pray for healing in the world. We give of our hearts, reflecting the gifts you have already given us. We pray for restoration of all your children and the renewal of the covenant we share. Take these gifts and let them be used for reconciliation, for justice, and for your vision of Shalom. Amen.**

\*Benediction

Quinn Rosenthal

\*Response:                   “Let There be Peace on Earth”  
**Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!**  
**Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!**  
**With God our Creator, Children all are we!**  
**Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!**  
**Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!**  
**With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:**  
**To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!**  
**Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!**

\*Postlude

“The Call of the Trumpets”

Amy Crousore  
Henry Purcell

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through service and outreach*

# In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth, 1985

*Unison*

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
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*Natalie Sleeth composed her "Hymn of Promise" first as a choral anthem and then adapted it to this version for congregational singing. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed it.*

Tune: PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Natalie Sleeth, 1985

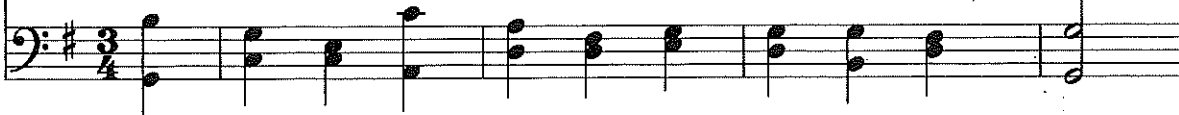

## God Made from One Blood

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Thomas H. Troeger, 1988





1 God made from one blood all the fam - ilies of earth,  
 2 We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears  
 3 Through fam - ilies we've tast - ed the val - ue of trust  
 4 Help fam - ilies in all of their var - i - ous forms

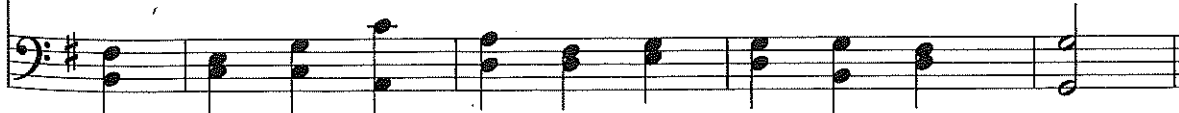
the cir - cles of nur - ture that raise us from birth,  
 for all of the fam - ilies we've known through the years,  
 and felt what it means to be lov - ing and just,  
 to face with in - teg - ri - ty strug - gles and storms;

Com - pan - ions who join us to work through each stage  
 The in - ti - mate net - works on whom we de - pend  
 Yet fam - ilies have al - so be - trayed their best goals,  
 Grant peace to our homes that will nur - ture the bud

of child - hood and youth and a - dult - hood and age.  
 of par - ents and part - ners and chil - dren and friends.  
 mis - treat - ing their mem - bers and bruising their souls.  
 of peace for the fam - ilies you made from one blood.



*This text was commissioned by Yale University Press for A New Hymnal for Colleges and Schools (1992) to provide a hymn that recognizes the many different kinds of families that are represented when a campus congregation gathers to worship.*

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.  
*Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839*