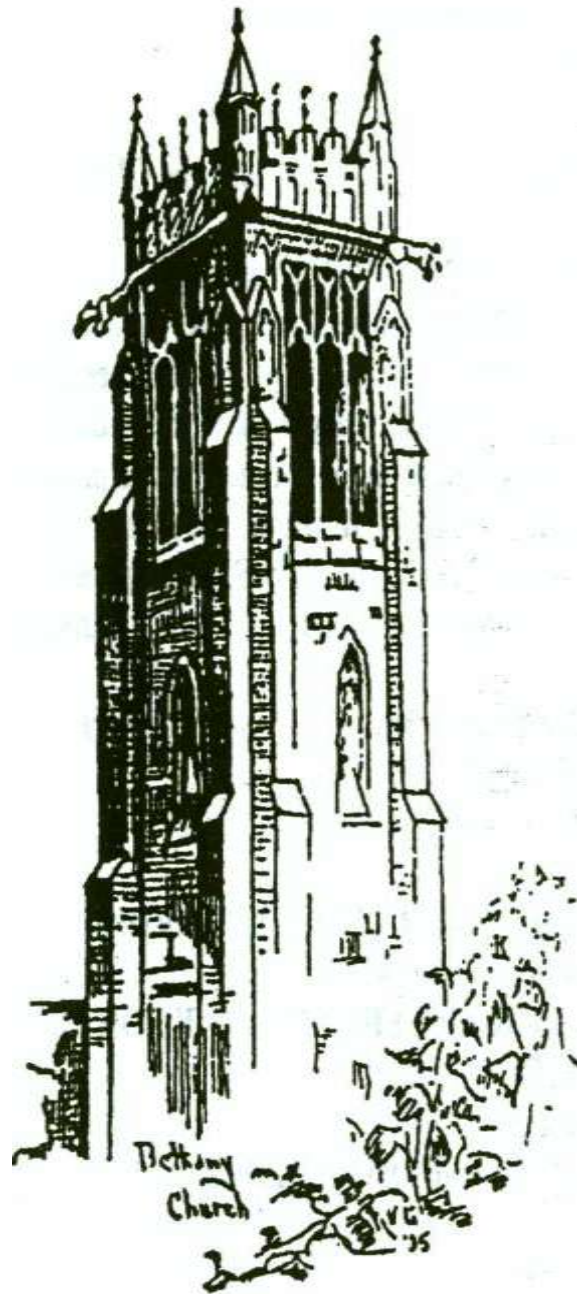


# **BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Quincy, Massachusetts

Founded

1832



**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**



**THE LORD'S DAY – A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**September 26, 2021**

**Prelude:** "O How I Love Jesus"

trad. melody, arr. Ringham

**Announcements:**

**Solo:** "Sweet Holy Sprit"

Traditional Spiritual

(Paul Frazer)

**Call to Worship (Responsively):**

Our world offers many wide avenues  
and beautiful boulevards to walk;

**Our God invites us to walk the road  
of service and sacrifice.**

Our society suggests we put down our roots  
in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

**Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope,  
watered by the rivers of joy and grace.**

Our culture promotes achievement, success,  
climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

**Our God tells us if we want to be first  
we need to go to the end of the line.**

Let us submit to the leadings of the love that is God,  
**that we may be compassionate to all beings,  
that we may live and serve in community with others,  
that we may ask for and offer forgiveness,  
that we may praise and enjoy God forever.**

**Prayer of Invocation (Unison):**

**Gracious God, we long to know your Presence, to feel the movement of your Spirit. Lead us,  
O God, into practices from which our spirits shrink because the demand is so great. Give to  
us a quiet confidence, just a simple trust. Let us be true to that which you have entrusted to  
our keeping, the integrity of our own soul. For us, God, this is enough. In Christ's name we  
pray...**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)**



**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**HYMN:** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**Pilgrim Hymnal 66**

(See Insert)

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 9:30-37

(See Insert)

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**SERMON**

"Greatness is in Our Midst"

Rev. Patrick S. McCorkle

**HYMN:** "Holy, Holy, holy, Lord God almighty"

**Pilgrim Hymnal 251**

(See Insert)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** "Brighten The Corner"

Ogden, arr. Boyer

**\*\*\*The Worship is over. The service begins.\*\*\***



**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of Doris Raleigh Laukkanen by her daughters, Judi McAuliffe, Elaine Brady and Carol Maivesti.

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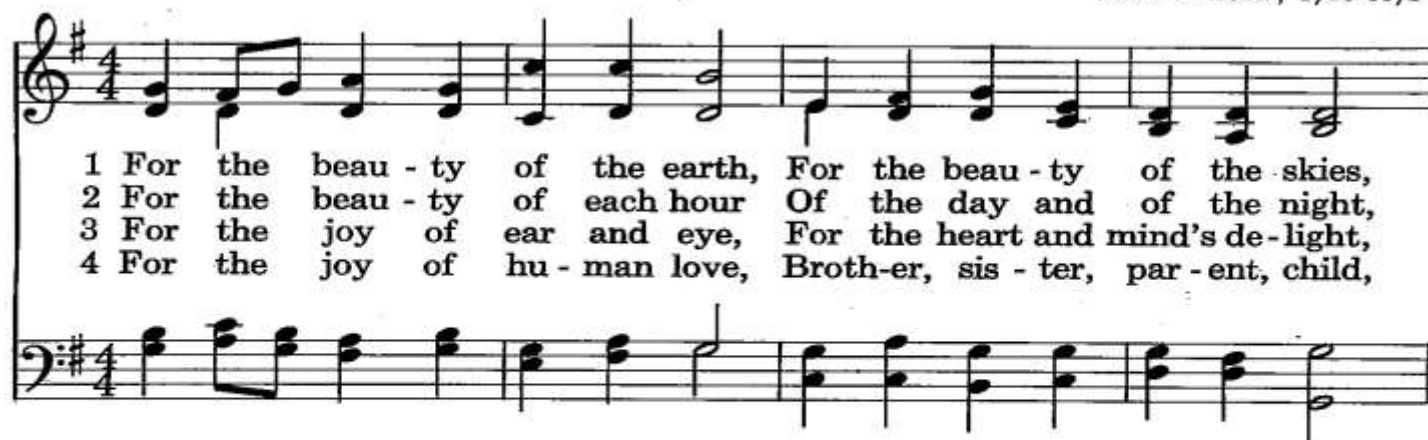


# For the Beauty of the Earth

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*Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.*

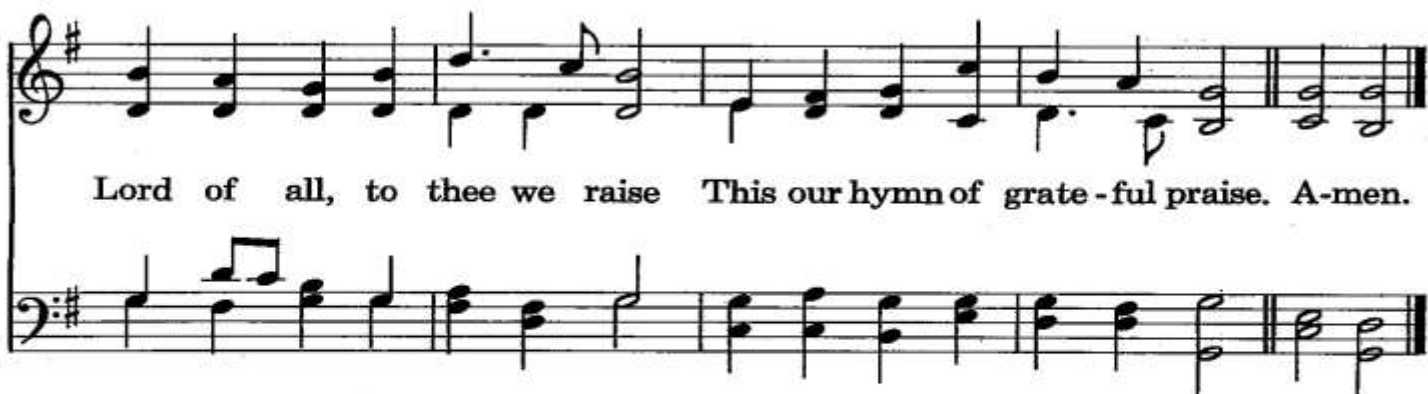
DIX 7.7.7.7.7.  
Abridged from a chorale by  
Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, For the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, Broth-er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,  
For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,  
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, For all gen - tle thoughts and mild,



Lord of all, to thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise. A-men.

5 For each perfect gift of thine  
Unto us so freely given,  
Graces, human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

6 For thy Church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love,



Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

NICAEA 11.12.12.10.  
John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 Per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A - men.



## **MARK 9:30-37**

Bound for Jerusalem, Jesus continued teaching his disciples that the cross would be his inevitable end. Now that they knew he was the Messiah, however, they had another agenda. Which of them were to have prominence in the Messiah's kingdom? It took a child set in their midst to show them what serving with Jesus really meant. To be with him in his divinely appointed glory involved humiliation like his. Naturally they didn't get it.

### **Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection**

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

### **Who Is the Greatest?**

<sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."





Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Sunday Service in the Church and online (Bethany Web Page)	9:30 AM
Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Fellowship in Allen Parlor	10:30 AM
Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Administrative Council (Zoom meeting ID and password will be sent to Administrative Council Members by email)	7:00 PM

**Thank you to Tom Boyer, Paul Frazer and Marsha Sherman  
For providing this morning's music.,**

**FILL THE PEW!**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER, 3 2021**

Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected in the Narthex. Items help to feed the needy in our local Community. All Donations will help stock the Interfaith Social Services food Pantry in Quincy.





**Please Keep the following people in your prayers.**

**Don't forget to reach out with a card or a call.**

Kimberly Beers-Powers	Tom Boyer	Kevin Douglas
Pam and John Egan	Bill Ericson	Family of Barbara Johnson
Family of Ronald T. Jones	Judi McAuliffe & Fam.	Dorothy Mersereau
Frieda Matthews	Harry Massey	Family of George Nason
Bill & Carol Harding	Family of Dominic Paulo	Ava Piazza
Fam. of Estelle Weinberger	Loraine Walsh	David and Jingjing Wang
Peter & Grace Wang		

And all of our at risk members during the COVID-19 crisis

Please send prayer requests and any church news to

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All prayer requests will go directly to the Minister's email.

## *Mission Moment:*

— “ —

No one has ever  
seen God; but if we  
love one another,  
God lives in us and  
his love is made  
complete in us.

1 John 4:12

— ” —