



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship

August 31, 2025

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Call to Worship

Psalm 46

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Many: Therefore, we will not fear.

One: Though the earth should change and the mountains shake.

Many: The Lord of hosts is with us!

One: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

All: The Lord of hosts is with us. Let us worship the Living God!

Hymn

For The Beauty of the Earth

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion and power. We find it hard to give ourselves to you with gratitude and praise. Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes that diminish joyful thanksgiving. Heal and restore us, that we may return to you with a right spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Confession 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

Children's Time

Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Children going into preschool through 3rd grade are invited to leave for Children's Church following the Children's Time.

Offering

*You may offer a gift of thanksgiving physically or digitally.
More information is on the back of the bulletin.*

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

Prayers of the People and 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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-10

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mosaics of Faith

Rev. G. Michael Creamer

Hymn

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Participants

Sr. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Derek R. Davenport

Assoc. Pastor: Rev. G. Michael Creamer

Parish Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Barb Kennedy

Choir Director/Organist: Dr. Michael Hammer

Soloists:

Anna Singer, soprano,

Paul Yeater, tenor

Ushers: Tim Merrill, M. Mccrady, C. Mccrady

Tech Crew: Rici Brockinson, Lexie Merritt

Credits

Prelude

For The Beauty of the Earth, Hymn #14

Gloria Patri, Gloria Patri

Jesus Loves Me, Hymn #188

Offering

Doxology

Blest Be the Tie that Binds, Hymn #306

Postlude

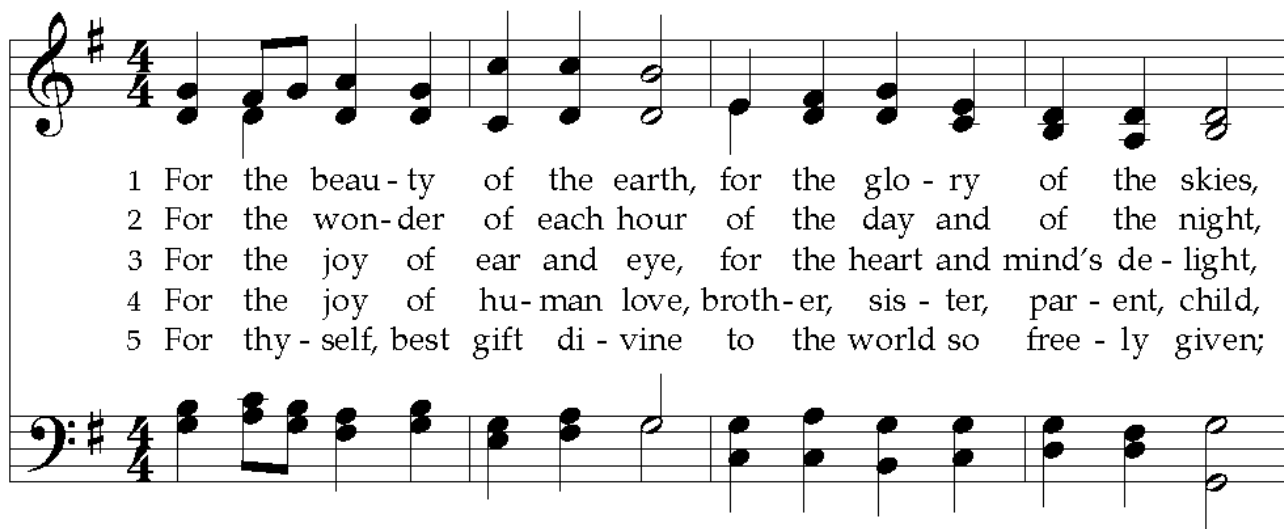
Today's flowers are given

**In Loving Memory of
Beverly Lorraine Harris**

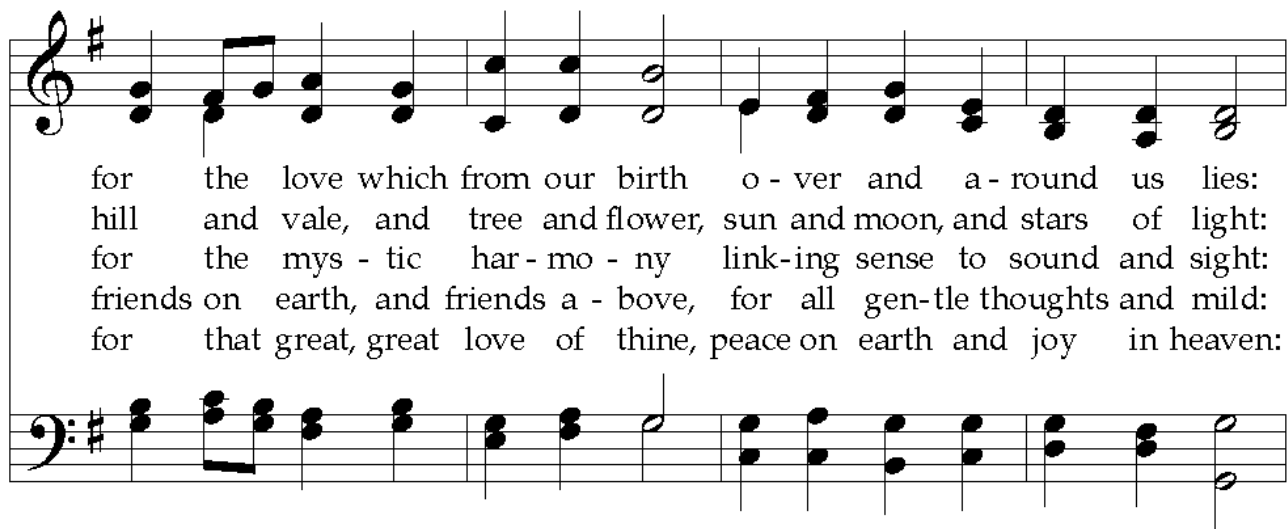
*by
Lorraine Adell Lubbert*

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der 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,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



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:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.


Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we



Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and



kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Notes

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME HERE?

Thank you for visiting our church this morning. We'd love to reach out to you. Let us know you were here by putting your name and contact information in one of the pew pads. We welcome you to visit our website to learn more about ways you can take part in groups, classes, and events. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Sharon Barber (sbarber@sewickleypresby.org/412.741.4550).



Upcoming Dates:

Saturday, August 30

Day on the Lawn Donation Drop-Off Day

Sunday, August 31

Worship Services at 9 & 10:30 AM
Rev. Mike Creamer will be preaching.

Monday, September 1

Day on the Lawn Prep Week Begins

Saturday, September 6

Day on the Lawn Rummage Sale

Sunday, September 7

10 AM Worship Service Only
We will meet on the Front Lawn!

Visit our website for complete details on events and groups that meet during the week: sewickleypresby.org

PRAYER NEEDS

Prayers for Presence and Healing

- Ron Charles
- Betsy Spalding

**You can find a full Prayer List with updated and continued prayer needs in the weekly church email on Thursdays.*



Your giving today helps make everything we do at SPC possible. It supports our ministers and staff, our outreach in the community and beyond, and the care of our historic sanctuary, classrooms, and Faith House. Thank you for being part of this work—every gift matters.

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday | 9 AM – 4 PM
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