



First Congregational Church of Hanover

United Church of Christ

We Strive to Be a Church that Welcomes All and Empowers All in
Christ to Share their God Given Talents.



Sunday, August 16, 2026 at 9:30 AM

All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi

Geistliche Kirchengesange, Cologne

D D Bm Em7 A(sus4) A D/F# A7/E D Bm Em7

1 All cre-atures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 2 O ru-shing wind that art so strong, you clouds that sail in heaven a -
 3 O flo-wing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to
 4 All you who are of ten-der heart, for - gi-ving o - thers, take your
 5 Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble -

4 A(sus4) A D/F# G D Bm A/C# D6 E A D/F# D Bm7 A7/C# D G/B

sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou bur-ning sun with gol-den
 long, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! O ri - sing morn in praise re -
 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! O fire so mas - ter - ful and
 part, sing prai - ses, Al - le - lu - ia! All you who pain and sor-row
 ness, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the

8 A(sus4) A D/F# A7/E D G/B D/A G D/F# G/B D/A

beam, and sil - ver moon with sof - ter gleam, O__
 joice, O lights of eve - ning, find a voice:
 bright pro - vi - ding us with warmth and light,
 bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Son and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One,

11 G6 D/F# Em7 D/F# G6 A7 Bm A/C# D6 E A Bm A/C#

praise him, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

14 D6 Em A7/C# B/D# Em D/F# G6 A7 D

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Outdoor Worship Service - Pet Blessing

Our Worship Service

*Please stand as you are able.

Prelude

Please enter a quiet time of reflection when the prelude music begins.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: All God's family, come and praise our Creator!

People: We come with eyes to see, and ears to flap and hear,

Leader: All creatures lift your voices in singing, meowing and barking.

People: We come to celebrate God's marvelous creation!

Leader: With dogs and cats, hamsters and snakes, we come to thank the Giver of all life!

People: All creatures that crawl, all sea serpents that swim and feathered friends that fly, we come to praise our Creator!

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God and King

Morning Prayer

God of all creation: Thank you for the beauty of our world and the gift of our animal companions. Through their unconditional love and gentle spirits, you remind us of your grace. As we gather to bless them today, keep them safe and healthy. Grant us soft hearts to care for them as faithful stewards of your creation. Fill our hearts with gratitude and our worship with joy as we give you thanks for all living things. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Blessing of the Animals

Moment of Remembrance

O Lord, we pause and give thanks for the memories of those pets we have lost. We remember with thanksgiving the ways in which they enriched our lives. We pray for the owners who continue to mourn their loss. Amen.

The Blessing Prayer

Creator God, we give thanks that all creatures great and small belong to you. We praise you for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. We give thanks for the pets that bring us joy and that help teach us the value of unconditional love. Grant that we may good caretakers of all our pets, that they too may know the joy of unconditional love. May our shared lives together be lived to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 148

Praise for God's Universal Glory

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! ² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! ³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. ⁶ He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, ⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! ⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! ¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! ¹² Young men and women alike, old and young together! ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. ¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

p *The Wisdom of Animals*

⁷ "But ask the animals, and they will teach you, the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ⁸ ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you, and the fish of the sea will declare to you. ⁹ Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? ¹⁰ In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

Gloria Patri (sung)

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.

Sermon

Rev. Peter

Sermon Hymn:

This Is My Father's World

The Offertory

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

*Doxology

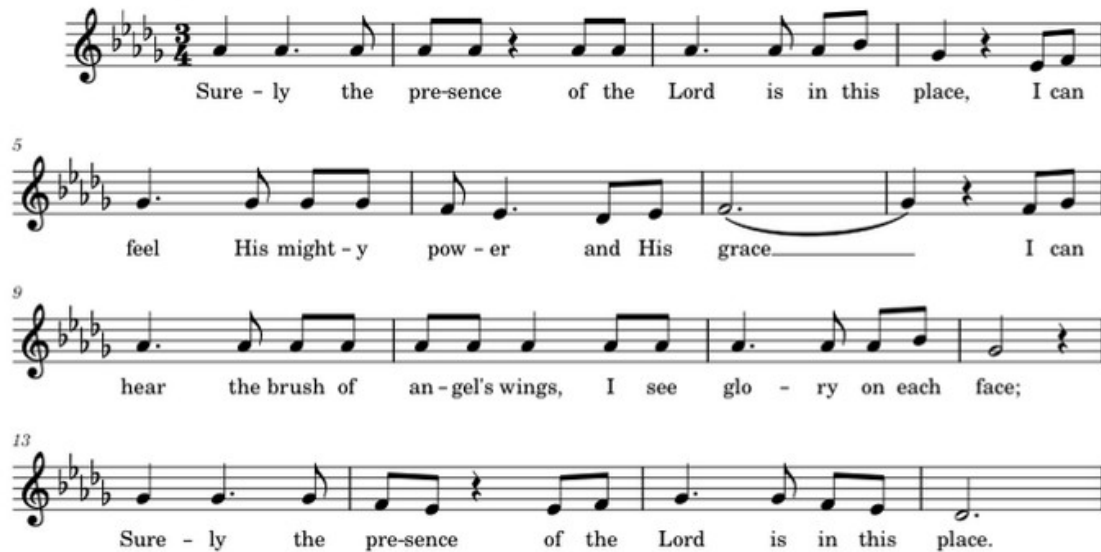
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

A Time of Prayer

Call to Prayer



Sure - ly the pre-sence of the Lord is in this place, I can

5 feel His might - y pow - er and His grace I can

9 hear the brush of an - gel's wings, I see glo - ry on each face;

13 Sure - ly the pre-sence of the Lord is in this place.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

*Closing Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*Benediction

Postlude



Sunday's Servants

Welcome to the service!

The flowers are given by the Flower Committee.
Coffee Hour is hosted by Sandy Adami and Karen Tripp.
The Deacon of the month is Dave Fiske.
The Steeple Lighting August is given by Bob Cluett
in memory of his wife Janet.

This Is My Father's World

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

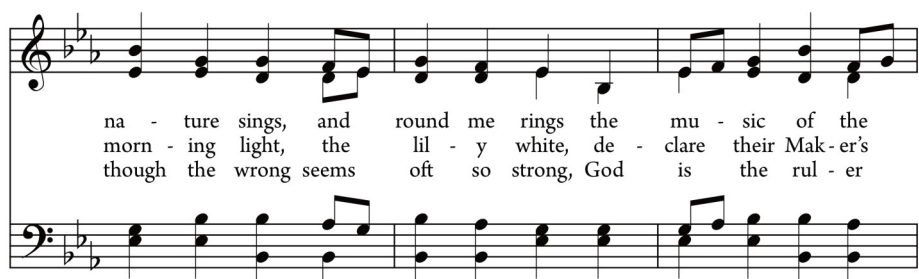
TERRA BEATA

MUSIC: English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

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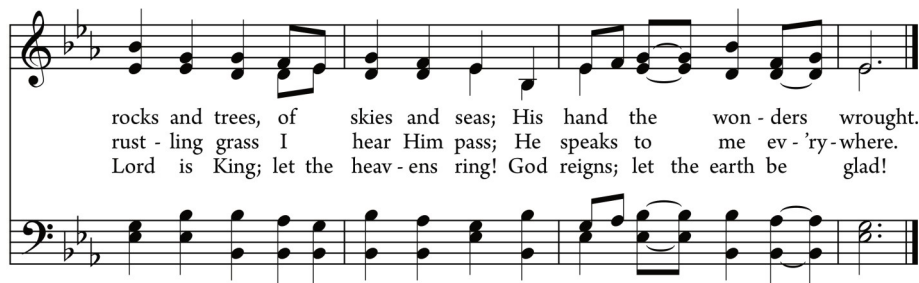
1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears all
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise, the
3. This is my Fa-ther's world. O let me ne'er for - get that



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er



spheres. This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
praise. This is my Fa-ther's world: He shines in all that's fair; in the
yet. This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.
rust - ling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.
Lord is King; let the heav - ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Unison

(Ref.) All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,

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all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1. Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3. The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
 4. The tall trees in the green - wood, the mead - ows where we play,
 5. He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

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he made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
 • the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them, ev - 'ry one.
 the flow - ers by the wa - ter we gath - er ev - 'ry day.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.



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