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The Steeple



March 3, 2021

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Gathering



It has done my heart good to hear of so many of you lovely people taking the time to get vaccinated and helping others to navigate the process as you are able. It also does my heart good to see so many folks returning to church or letting me know the dates that they are going to return once fully immunized. The desire to return home is strong and passionate, and it brings me to tears to see just how much folks love this community and the way that they miss being together. I hold this desire hand in hand with a sense of great joy when witnessing this community

in action, especially when caring for one another amidst the challenges of life in a pandemic.

Just in the past few weeks we've had to figure out how to navigate the rituals of hospital entry and ER visits amidst the ever-changing COVID protocols, not to mention continuing to have to adapt our own rituals to accommodate the way we are able to gather in these challenging times. I remain thankful for the collective way we see these challenges through and am witnessing that we are equal to the tasks set before us. I hope you feel the same. At the risk of sounding patronizing, let me just say how proud I am of our community. I continue to hope that part of the Spirit you encounter in service to St. Luke's is one of accomplishment and delight for we have much to be thankful for.

I can think of nothing more integral to Christian expression than the way we gather and the way that we use the time that has been given to us to serve and love one another. I long for the day when all the stoves are on in Metcalf because we are cooking supper for one another. I long for the day when we can gather for coffee and catch up. I long for Bible study with you all, meeting with the Young Disciples, joining you in service to our community, and hearing laughter in the halls of this holy place not just on Sunday mornings. I long, with my most ardent prayer, to be present with you for the ways in which new songs will be sung once Spring gives way to Summer at this our home.

One of my favorite prayers says, "O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*" And I want you all to know that there is a holy stillness here, one that is palpable and full of the presence of your memory. In these in-between times I, along with many of our beloved friends, live out of the richness of this memory. I know now, just as sure as the morning gilds the skies, that the call to gather – and to gather safely – will awaken in us a beautiful blessing: the blessing of remaining anchored in each other despite the fact of living apart from one another for so long.

Fr. Nick+

COVID PRECAUTION REMINDERS

When in the St. Luke's Building...

- 1) Wear your face mask
- Exercise the 6-foot social distance rule.
- Follow the pew seating guidelines.
- Wash/sanitize your hands frequently.
- 5) Avoid coming if you feel ill or "not quite right."

Don't be taken in by **e-mail scams** such as this one received by some members of St. Luke's:

Hi Dan.

Good morning and how are you?

I need a favor from you, please email me back when you get this message.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Nicholas I. Phares



The first signs of Spring, Pawhuska

Uncork Your Support-Home Edition



Saturday March 6, 2021 Supporting the Lowe Family Young Scholars

What

Wine tasting-Home Edition. Pick up charcuterie trays with wine to enjoy from your home!

When

RSVP deadline extended to St. Luke's members until
12 noon, Thursday, March 4
Pickup March 6th from
4pm-6pm.

Wine Pull

Wine Pulls can be purchased ahead of time or at pickup. \$20 each or 6 for \$100

Tray Options

\$75 - Small Tray and 2 halfbottles of wine. \$125 - Large Tray and 2 bottles of wine.

Where

Pickup of trays, silent auction, and wine pull. St. Luke's Episcopal Church and enjoy at your home!

Silent Auction

Opens 12pm February 19th and closes 7pm March 5th. Items available at pickup. 32auctions.com/Uncork2021

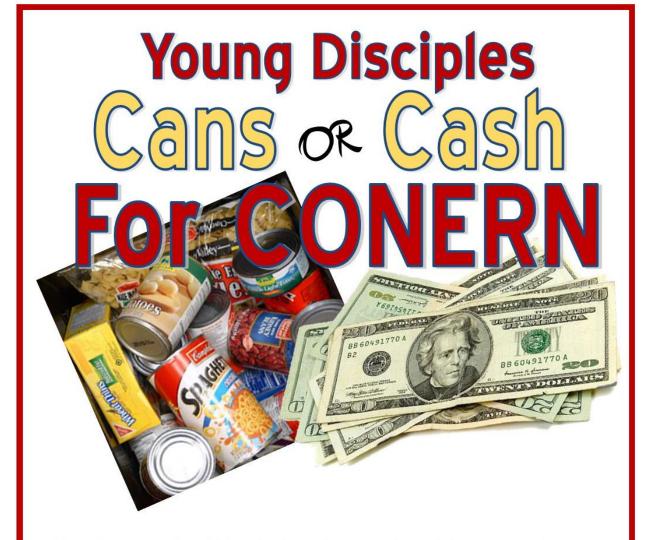
St. Luke's has been the gathering spot for this festive community event for several years, but because of covid precautions, this year's fundraiser for the Lowe Family Young Scholars program will be a drive-by & pick-up of charcuterie trays and wine on Saturday, March 6, from 4-6 pm.

The <u>deadline to order the trays and wine has been extended until 12 noon Thursday, March 4, for St. Luke's members</u> who wish to participate and support the LFYS program.

To order online, CLICK ON the items below you wish to purchase:

- Small Charcuterie Tray
- Large Charcuterie Tray
- Single Wine Pull
- 6 Bottle Wine Pull

Deadline for the silent auction is 7 pm, Friday, March 5. To review auction items, **CLICK HERE**



Covid cancelled YD's festive Souper Bowl food drive for CONCERN, but the need is as great as ever. The youth of St. Luke's are still planning to deliver a load of cans and other staples to CONCERN very soon.

If you haven't donated yet, please leave your items by the coat rack at the entrance to Metcalf Hall...or drop a check by the office or in the offering plate with the notation "YD Cans for Concern." YD members will turn your cash into cans of much- needed food for our community partner.

Thanks to everyone who's helped out so far!

Regular Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Please note that even during office hours, the doors are locked per COVID-19 protocol.

If you need to come in, just ring the north entrance bell or call the office at 918-336-1212.

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, March 11

10:45 am – 1 pm: Becky Liehr, Kris Bonner, Kathy Zervas, Dolores McCreary

Thursday, March 25

10:45 am – 1 pm: Darian Kedy, Becky Olsen, Jeff Birk



St. Luke's Prayer List

The prayer list can be found in the bulletin, which follows this newsletter in the Prayers of the People section.

Call or email our office with prayer requests at 918-336-1212 or office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

Bereavement Team 1

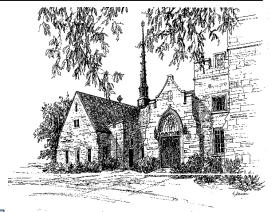
Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Jeanne Julstrom.

Planning to attend the upcoming 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. Sunday service?

If you have a standing reservation, there's no need to call. However, if you've not been attending regularly in-person – Reserve your spot by emailing to office@episcopalbartlesville.org or by calling 918-336-1212.

Alert on solicitations...

Be aware — No one from St. Luke's will request gift cards or other monetary support through email. If you receive such a message in your email, it is spam. All financial requests/special appeals at St. Luke's go through normal channels and any special requests will be made by phone or in person.



March Birthdays and Anniversaries, 1st – 13th Birthdays Anniversaries

Jerry Nezam, 1st
Jennifer Rowlett, 7th
Tom Wiseman, 8th
Geraldine Wright, 10th
Walt Gasior, 11th
Shelley Hopkins, 11th

Jim & Becky Liehr, 3rd Jim & Ada Grillot, 4th Steve & Cheryl Van Aken, 13th

If your or a loved one's name doesn't appear on the list, please email or call the office, and we will add your birthday or anniversary!



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Connecting with St. Luke's

To learn various ways to connect at St. Luke's, visit our website at: http://episcopalbartlesville.org/

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021 10:00 a.m.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

210 Southeast Ninth Street Bartlesville, Oklahoma

THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn: "Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness" See page 12

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant may say

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You're your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark* 12:29-31

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
In thought, word, and deed,
By what we have done,
And by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us and forgive us;
That we may delight in your will,
And walk in your ways,
To the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

Lord, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.* Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

Caeli enarrant

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: #455 "O Love of God, How Strong and True" See page 13
The Gospel

John 2:13-22

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then

said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily: The Reverend Nick Phares

The Nicene Creed

(Please stand as you are able)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

One the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant

We come before you O God drawn to you by the love of your Son. We humbly beseech you of your great mercy to accept the willing tribute of our hearts as we pray.

Intercessor

Almighty God we give you thanks for all the blessings of this life and the for the time that we have been given.

Silence

We pray for wisdom, courage, and strength for all your followers especially those in the leadership of your church. Set their hearts on you alone.

Silence

We pray for the leaders of the nations, that they will protect and provide for their people and work for peace and justice.

Silence

We pray for those who struggle with trauma, with financial insecurities, with grief over lost loved ones, with lost dreams. We pray for relief of pain for those whose bodies and hearts ache.

Silence

We pray for the healing of this world and for all who have commended themselves to our prayers: Milton Enderlin, Mary Gillett, Linda Piper, Terry Piper, Leaona Dobbs, Connie Woods, Tracy Dobbs, Liz Green, Matt French, Shellie Greggs, Suzanne Reed, Emily DeGraffenried, Joseph Louis, Lynetta Jackson, Lorrie Loy, Kyle Frohlic, Matt French, Michelle Sheffield, Catherine Sheffield, Sydney & Ed Beasley, Rob Boyle, Marcia Zervas, Aaron Williams, Luke Karel, Bruce, Clara, Peggy, Joe, Sandra, Lysa, Helen, Kristin, and Scott.

Silence

We lift up to you all caregivers. Bless them with wisdom, patience, skill, and courage so that they may minster your love to the suffering. Embrace them with your loving mercy so that they know they are not alone in the unrelenting challenges they are facing. Bless them with times of rest and renewal. Comfort them when they are burdened with sorrow. And always, may your words speak through them and sustain them. Lord in your mercy,

Silence

We pray for those who have died and who know rest in your eternal embrace. Comfort the loved ones who mourn their loss. We pray especially for our sister Kathy and for her mom, Shirley Dunn.

Silence

Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements: Father Nick Phares

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offeratory Hymn: #470 "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"

See page 14

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People



The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

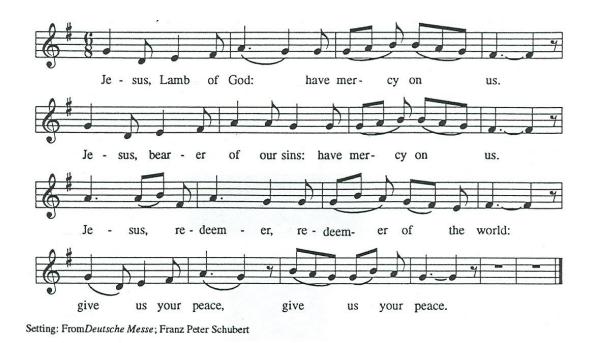
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [______ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen*.



Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for You, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,

With thanksgiving.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the people will receive the bread only.

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #334 "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing" See page 15

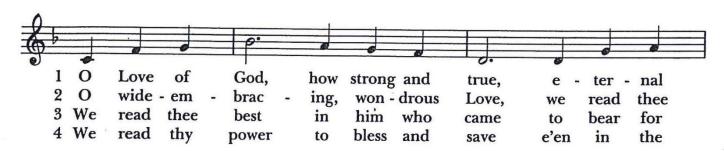
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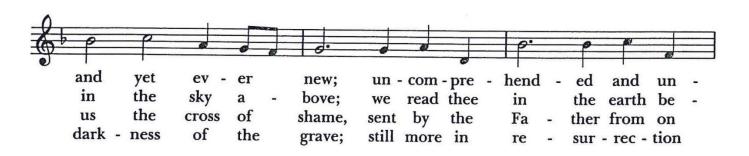
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Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness





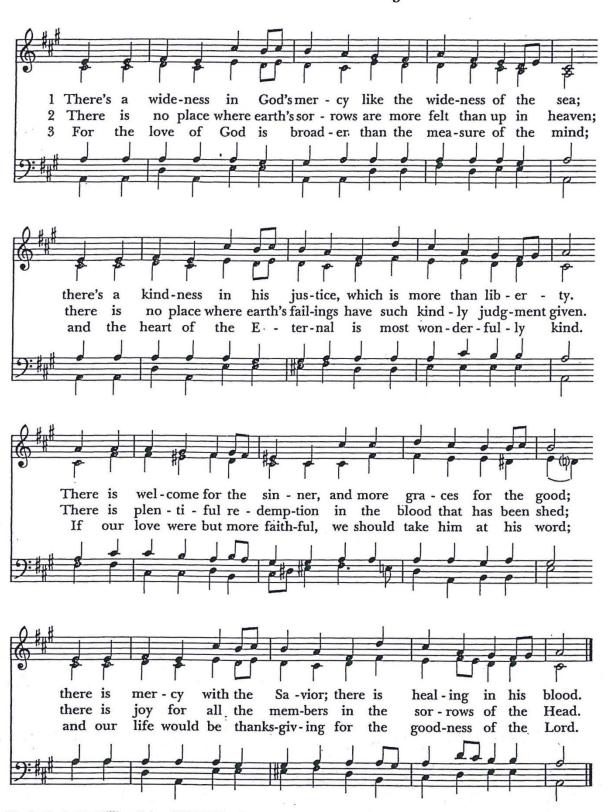




Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Music: Dunedin, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

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Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

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Words: Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (b. 1902), alt.

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