# A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 16, 2024, 10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

#### Welcome and Greeting - Lorraine

Handbell Prelude: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (John Rosamond Johnson, arr. Mitchell Eithun) - Laura/Lorraine/Shannon/Barb

#### **Opening Sentences** - Roger

Hymn 443: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" - DeeAnn et al.

**Opening Prayer** - Roger

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Rev. Art Doxology - DeeAnn

Special Music (Hymn 304): "Lift Every Voice and Sing" - DeeAnn et al.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors) - Rev. Art

#### Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34 - Lorraine

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

# Sermon: "YOU CAN BE A SHRUB!" - Rev. Art

Hymn 491: "In Christ We Are One Body" - DeeAnn et al.

# Benediction - Rev. Art

# Benediction Response 541 (refrain only): "Here I Am, Lord" - DeeAnn et al.

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

# Greet One Another - All

Participants: Rev. Art Ritter, DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Lorraine Finison, Laura Sparks, Shannon Quinn, Roger Kennedy

#### **GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE**

# 443 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Jane Parker Huber, 1926–

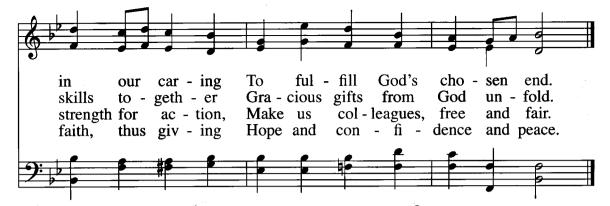
John Zundel, 1815-1882



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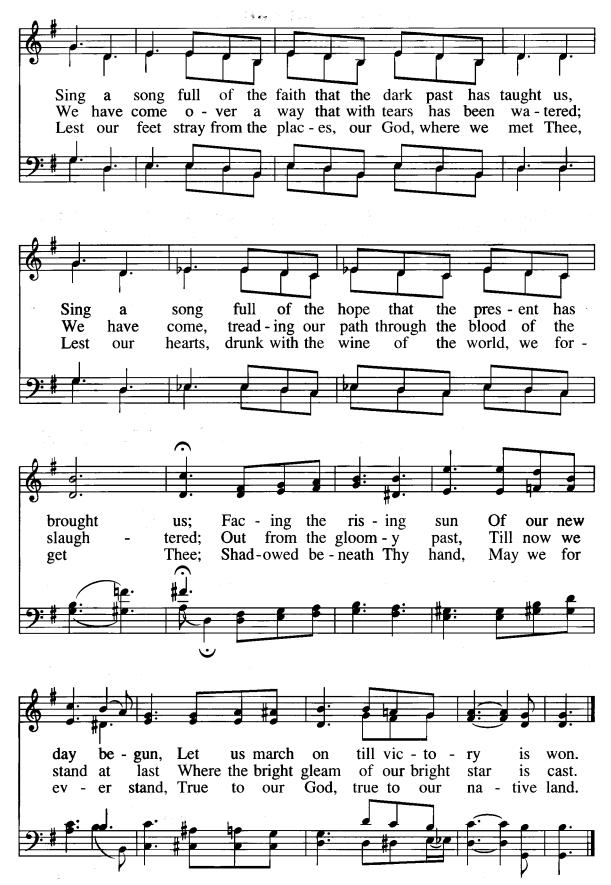
There are not enough of us to do Your work here on earth, Lord! Many of us have been in Your service for years and know that every effort we make in Your name becomes a blessing to us. The problem we have is enabling others to know that blessing as well. Lord, guide us in this endeavor! Help us seize the opportunities you present to us by providing us with the necessary words and actions to witness to the joy of a lifetime in Your service. As for me and my house, we have come to know that the longer, the deeper, and the broader our service has been to You, the closer we have come to Your presence. Help us to grow stronger in Your presence. Reveal to us the areas of life where our love has made all the difference in the life of another. Make us proud to be in Your service, and challenge us to affirm those who would join us in building Your kingdom. Thank You, Father, for the excitement of the journey we have made together. Thank You for the hills and valleys that have made life interesting, and thank You for the example of our Brother Jesus, who not only shows us how to walk in Your way, but walks for us when we are unwilling or unable. We give You all praise, because without You there is no meaning to our lives. Amen.

Rev. Richard Adair



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**GOD'S REVELATION** 





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