

**For the Beauty
of the Earth**

(#353 vv. 1,2,4,6)

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,


Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree, and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,


Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.



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For thyself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven,




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Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.



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- **Happy Mothers' Day**
- **VBC - June 16th - 19th**
- **Yellow Connection Cards in pew racks**



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Children's Moment
What is a stole?

May the Peace of Christ
be with you,
And also with you!

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Psalm 136:1-15

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods.
His love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords:
His love endures forever.

PSALM 136:1-15

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to him who alone does great wonders,
His love endures forever.
who by his understanding made the heavens,
His love endures forever.
who spread out the earth upon the waters,
His love endures forever.

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who made the great lights—
His love endures forever.
the sun to govern the day,
His love endures forever.
the moon and stars to govern the night;
His love endures forever.

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to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt
His love endures forever.
and brought Israel out from among them
His love endures forever.
with a mighty hand and outstretched arm;
His love endures forever.

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to him who divided the Red Sea asunder
His love endures forever.
and brought Israel through the midst of it,
His love endures forever.
but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;
His love endures forever.

**This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.**

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**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

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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.

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Affirmation of Faithfulness

(J. Martin / J.P. Williams)

*God has been faithful
to lead us to this place,
God has been faithful,
sustained us by His grace.*

*Will we take the challenge
and make a sacred vow?
God has been faithful,
God has been faithful,
Will we be faithful now?*

*God has been faithful
to lead us to this hour,
God has been faithful,
sustained us by His pow'r.*

*Will we take the challenge
and make a sacred vow?
God has been faithful,
God has been faithful,
Will we be faithful now?*

*God has been faithful to
lead us from above,
God has been faithful with
His unfailing love.
God has been faithful,
Will we respond and dedicate our all?
Will we be faithful to His call?*

*God has been faithful
to lead us to this place,
God has been faithful,
sustained us by His grace.*

*Will we take the challenge
and make a sacred vow?
God has been faithful,
God has been faithful,*

*We will be faithful,
We will be faithful to God
We will be faithful now!*

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*We will be faithful,
We will be faithful now!*

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Exodus 14:5-18

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When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, "What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!" So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them.

EXODUS 14:5-18

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The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. The Egyptians—all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

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As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

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Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

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Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them."

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And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."

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**This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.**

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Takeaway:

The remnant is brave – not because they feel no fear, but because they stay faithful in the face of it.

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Exodus 1:15 - 21

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, "When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"

EXODUS 1:15 - 21

The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive."

So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

**This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.**

EXODUS 1:15 - 21

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No Longer Slaves

(B. Johnson / J. Case / J. D. Helser)

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You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
'Til all my fears are gone

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I'm no longer a slave to fear,
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear,
I am a child of God

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From my mother's womb
You have chosen me,
Love has called my name.
I've been born again, into your family
Your blood flows through my veins

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I am a child of God
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You split the sea, so I could
walk right through it,
My fears are drowned in perfect love,
You rescued me so I could
stand and sing,

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I am a child of God,
I am a child of God,
I am a child of God,
I am a child of God.

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**Opportunities
to
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Opportunities

- Looking for VBC Volunteers
Meeting May 17, 11:30 in Oakside Room

Give Financially

Our operating budget comes from:

- checks mailed to the church office
- Church Center Giving
- legacy gifts.
- collection during services on Sundays.

More information in Pew Racks

Offertory
Reckless Love
(C. Asbury)

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Before I spoke a word,
You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me

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Before I took a breath,
You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

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Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm
found, leaves the ninety-nine

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I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it,
still You give Yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending,
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When I was Your foe,
still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me

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When I felt no worth,
You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm
found, leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it,
still You give Yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God

There's no shadow You won't light up,
mountain You won't climb up,
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down,
lie You won't tear down,
Coming after me

There's no shadow You won't light up,
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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.

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Now Thank We All Our God

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Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;

who, from our mother's arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;

and keep us in his grace
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,

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the one eternal God
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

