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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

COMMUNION

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.
For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Tranquil Twilight

by Combs

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: To take the clay of our lives, and shape disciples:

P: God calls us to the Potter's House.

L: To receive and mend those who are broken from life experiences:

P: God calls us to the Potter's House.

L: To love and heal those who are wounded from war:

P: God calls us to the Potter's House.

L: To shelter all who are outcast and heavily burdened:

P: God calls us to the Potter's House.

L: Let us enter this place of transformation:

P: And worship our God!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 451** (black hymnal) *Be Now My Vision*

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, Great Artist of Creation, we confess that we have insisted on our own way and have resisted Your work in us. We have pulled away when You pushed us in; we have fallen down when You pulled us up. The wheel of life is turning and we are the clay. Help us to become a new creation and to trust in Your working in us, as You fashion and mold us into something new, so that the world cannot crack and break us. You are the Potter and we are the clay, and we are in Your hands. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 423 (black hymnal, v. 1 & 3) *Great Is Your Faithfulness*

ALL SING: Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator, with you no shadow of turning we see. You do not change, your compassions they fail not; all of your goodness forever will be. *Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed your hand has provided, Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring, your own dear presence to cheer and to guide. Strength today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. *Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed your hand has provided, Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!*

(10:30 AM) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 18: 1-11

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 382 (UM Hymnal, see insert) *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC (sung by Cora Beyer)

Breathe

by Barnett

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O God, You Search Me

by Farrell

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 562 (black hymnal, v. 3)

Take My Gifts

ALL SING: Take whatever I can offer – gifts that I have yet to find, skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind, things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be: take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

L: The Spirit of God be with you all.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts;

P: We lift them to God.

L: Give thanks to our God!

P: All our thanks, all our praise!

COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Loving God, Source of all, we thank and praise you with our lips and our lives, that, having created us and all things through your Word, you welcome our prayer and praise...With all that is, seen and unseen, and with all the faithful of every time and place, we join in praise and thanksgiving:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy God, power of life and love! Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna through the ages! Blessed is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!

REMEMBERING JESUS AT THE TABLE

L: Let us remember together the vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at the table:

P: he shared food with followers and friends,

L: with saints and sinners,

P: with crowds of thousands on the hillside,

L: and a few friends in an upper room.

ALL: On the night before he died, he had supper with his companions.

L: He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

ALL: "Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."

One: Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them, saying:

ALL: "Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me."

One: Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

ALL: In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE
SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

(The outer ring of cups contain grape juice, the inner rings contain wine.)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here, may put its mark on us, that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, and that ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ's name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 278 (black hymnal) *Creator God, Creating Still*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *All Offertorio* by Zipoli

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary. One vase of altar flowers has been placed in memory of Nance Huber by Richard Huber. One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of our grandson Ryan Neal's birthday by Nanny and Pappy.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in celebration of Denny Daugherty's birthday. The bulletins are presented in honor of Bob & Kathy Ensminger's 40th wedding anniversary by Kathy Ensminger.

Thank you to Cora Beyer for performing today's special music.

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Sound Tech: Ivy Leach

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Welcome Team & Communion Servers: Kathy & Robert Ensminger, Tim Snyder, Don Strine

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Red Arnold, George & Lisa DeMers, Matt Grimes, Anne Henry

10:30 AM Nursery: Jess Crowell

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Melissa Shindler & Kathy Sweeney

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.
Traditional Irish melody
Harm. David Evans, 1927

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.



1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,



with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.



You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

Refrain


Great is your faith - ful - ness! Great is your faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

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HYMN NO. 423 GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS continued

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your
hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

*originally "my Father"

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.

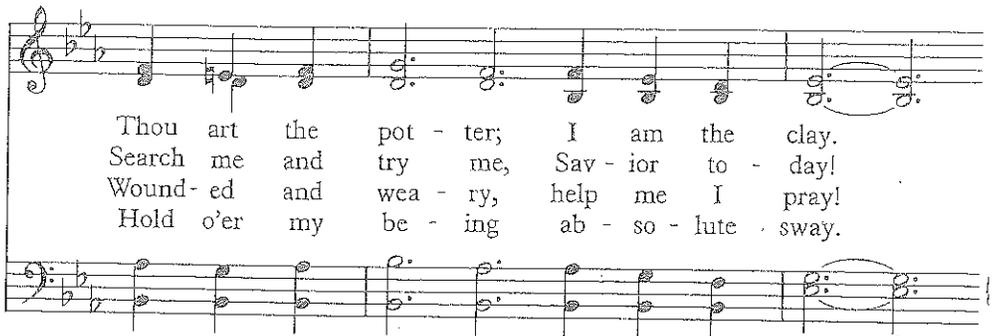
Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. with refrain
William M. Runyan, 1923

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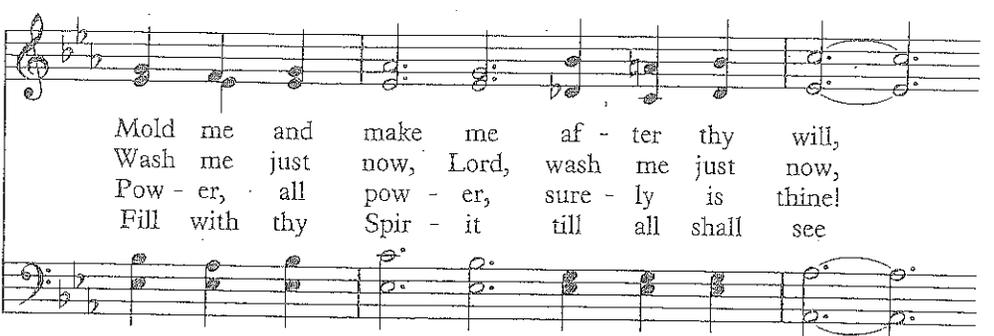
Have Thine Own Way, Lord



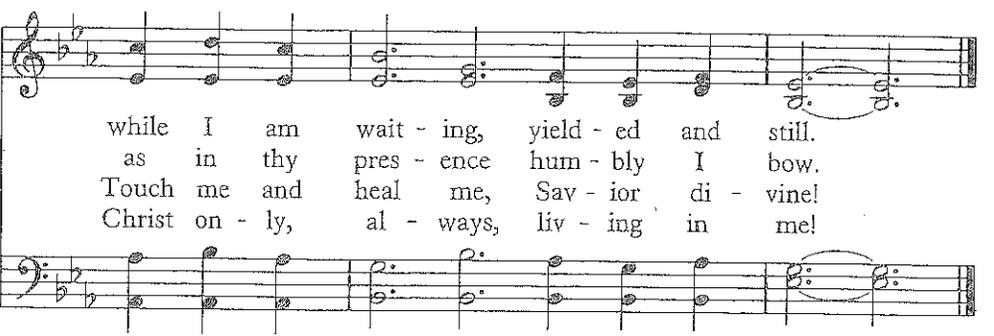
1. - 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!



Thou art the pot-ter; I am the clay.
 Search me and try me, Sav-ior to-day!
 Wound-ed and wea-ry, help me I pray!
 Hold o'er my be-ing ab-so-lute sway.



Mold me and make me af-ter thy will,
 Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
 Pow-er, all pow-er, sure-ly is thine!
 Fill with thy Spir-it till all shall see



while I am wait-ing, yield-ed and still.
 as in thy pres-ence hum-bly I bow.
 Touch me and heal me, Sav-ior di-vine!
 Christ on-ly, al-ways, liv-ing in me!

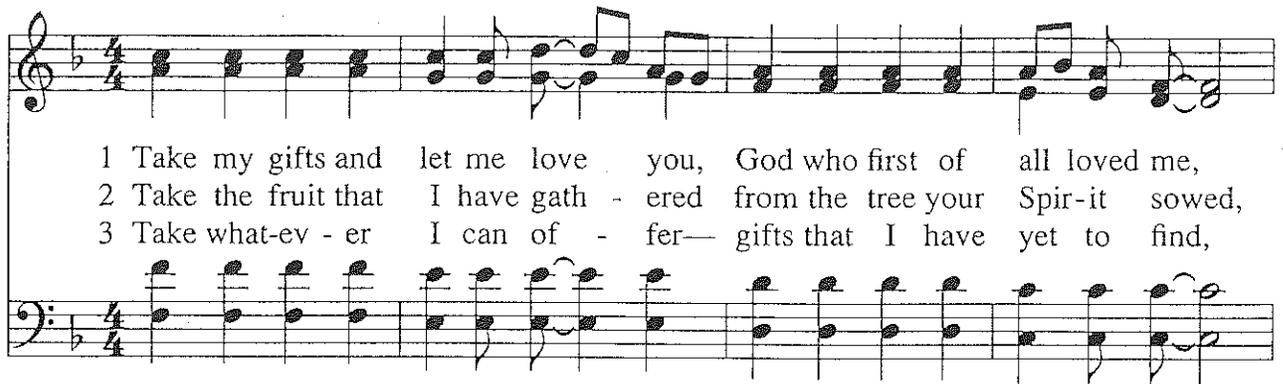
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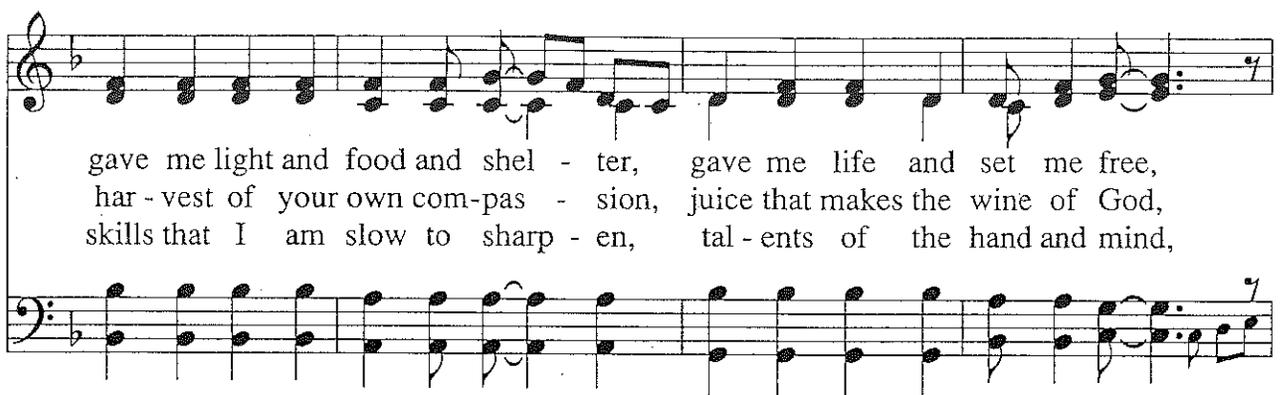
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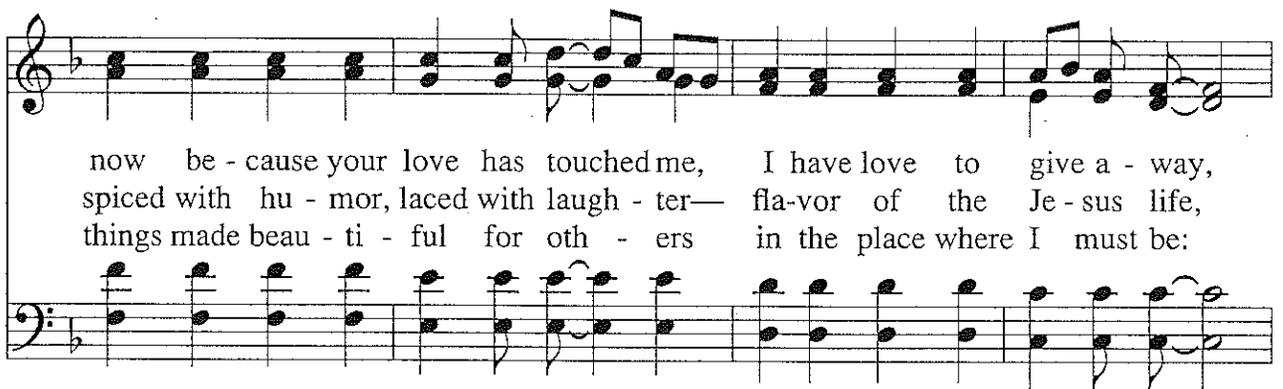
Shirley Erena Murray, 1991



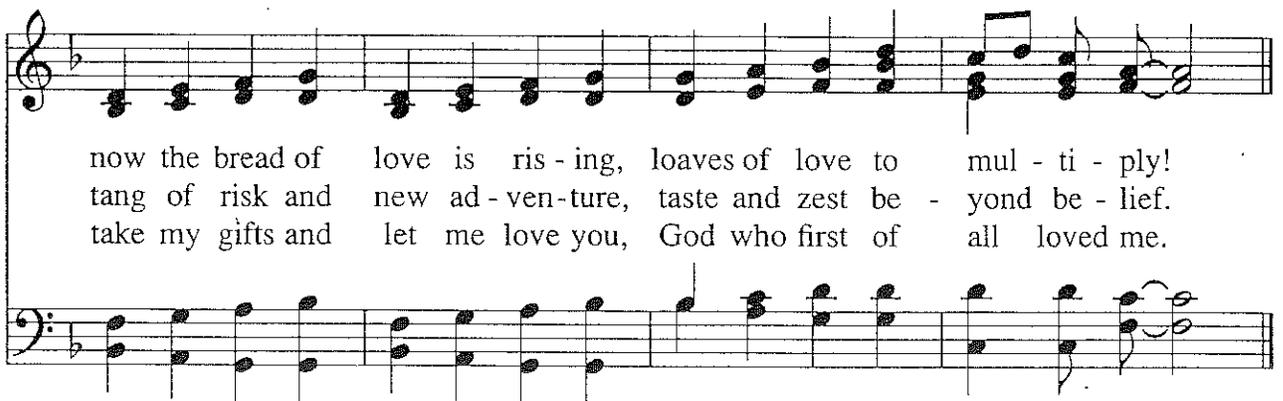
1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
 2 Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
 3 Take what-ever I can offer— gifts that I have yet to find,



gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,
 harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
 skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,



now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
 spiced with humor, laced with laughter— flavor of the Jesus life,
 things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be:



now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!
 tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.
 take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

Shirley Erena Murray recounted that Colin Gibson composed this tune for her stewardship text "almost instantaneously."
 Gibson has served as professor at the University of Otago, as well as organist and choir director in nearby Dunedin, New Zealand.

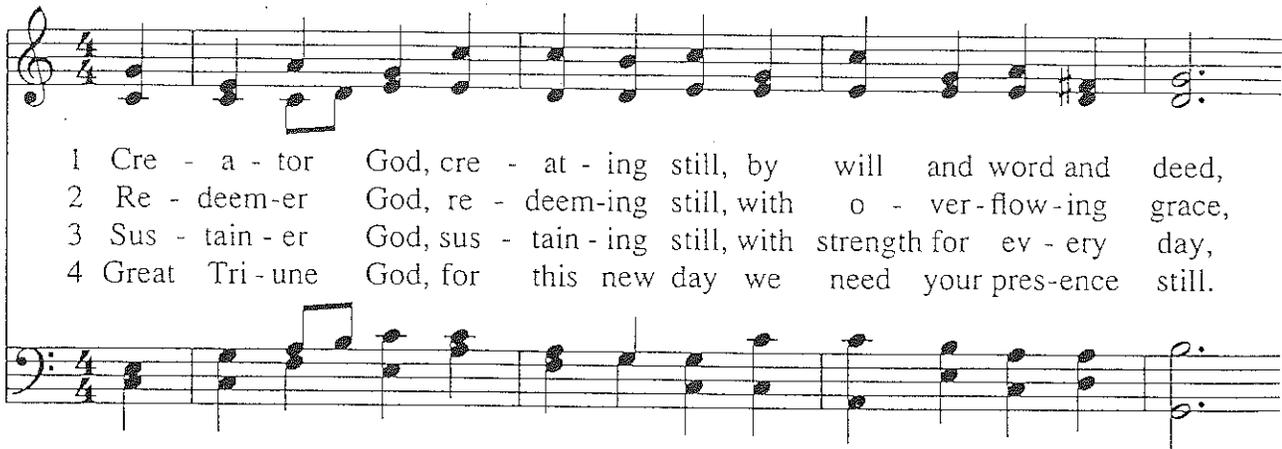
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 Colin Gibson, 1991
 Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

Creator God, Creating Still

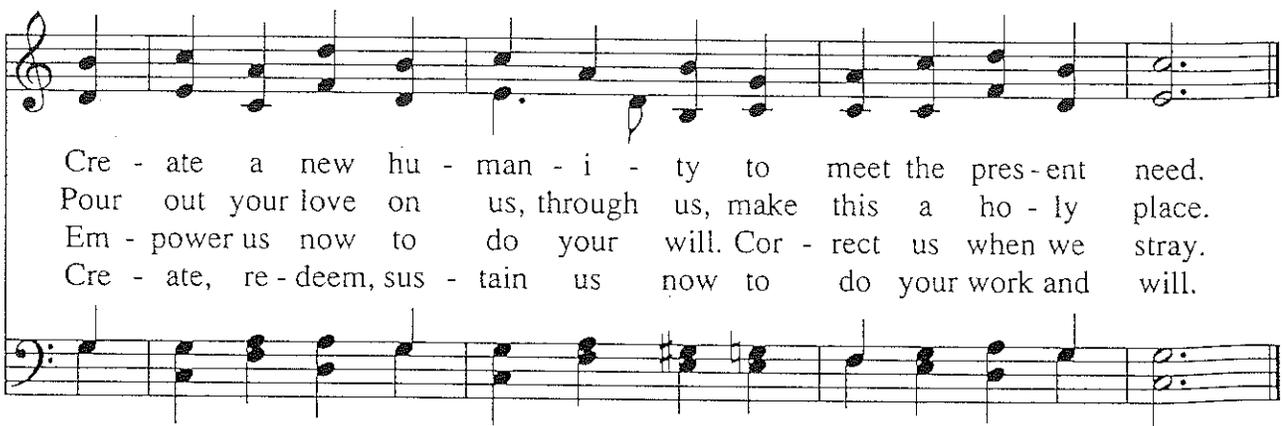
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Jane Parker Huber, 1977; rev. 1993

Rom. 5:1-5



1 Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,
2 Re - deem-er God, re - deem-ing still, with o - ver-flow-ing grace,
3 Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,
4 Great Tri - une God, for this new day we need your pres-ence still.



Cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres - ent need.
Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.
Em - power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.
Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.

Jane Parker Huber's second hymn was written during a time of particular focus on language. By describing the Triune God in terms of function rather than in terms of persons, she hoped to avoid a tendency to think we know God by knowing formulas.

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.
William Croft, 1708