First Congregational Church of Ithaca Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (September 13, 2020)

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Prelude Sinfonia in G Minor J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 103)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits!

God forgives!

God heals!

God redeems!

God works justice for all the oppressed!

*Hymn O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer (insert, #439)

*Opening Prayer

Gracious God, our tradition calls you the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. May our hearts become more loving because of forgiveness, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

(Adapted from ELCA Collect for Proper 19A)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Sung Response Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Scripture Lessons Psalm 103:1-13

Romans 14:1-6 Matthew 18:21-22

Anthem I Love to Tell the Story Catherine Hankey, Wm. Fisher

Sermon "Community, Forgiveness, the Majors, and A.I."

*Hymn There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (insert, #435)

Morning Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Litany Prayer

Leader: We pray to God **People: Hear us, O God**

Sung Response *Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (twice).*

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Sharing our Gifts Deep River African American spiritual

*Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High (insert, #618)

*Benediction

Postlude Allegro in D Major, for four hands W. A. Mozart

^{*} Congregation stands (live-streamers, feel free to lift your hearts!)

Participating Today

The Rev. Dr. David A. Kaden, Senior Minister Susan Fast, Director of Caring Ministries Dr. William Cowdery, Director of Music David J. Kaden, Tech Support H. Donald Hinman, bass soloist Siu-ling Wong Chaloemtiarana, piano

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer 439

(Psalm 103)



- 1 O my soul, bless your Re-deem-er; all with-in me bless God's name;
- 2 God for-gives all your trans-gres-sions, all dis-eas-es gent-ly
- as east from west is dis - tant, God has put a - way our sin:
- was with-out be-gin-ning, so it lasts with-out end:



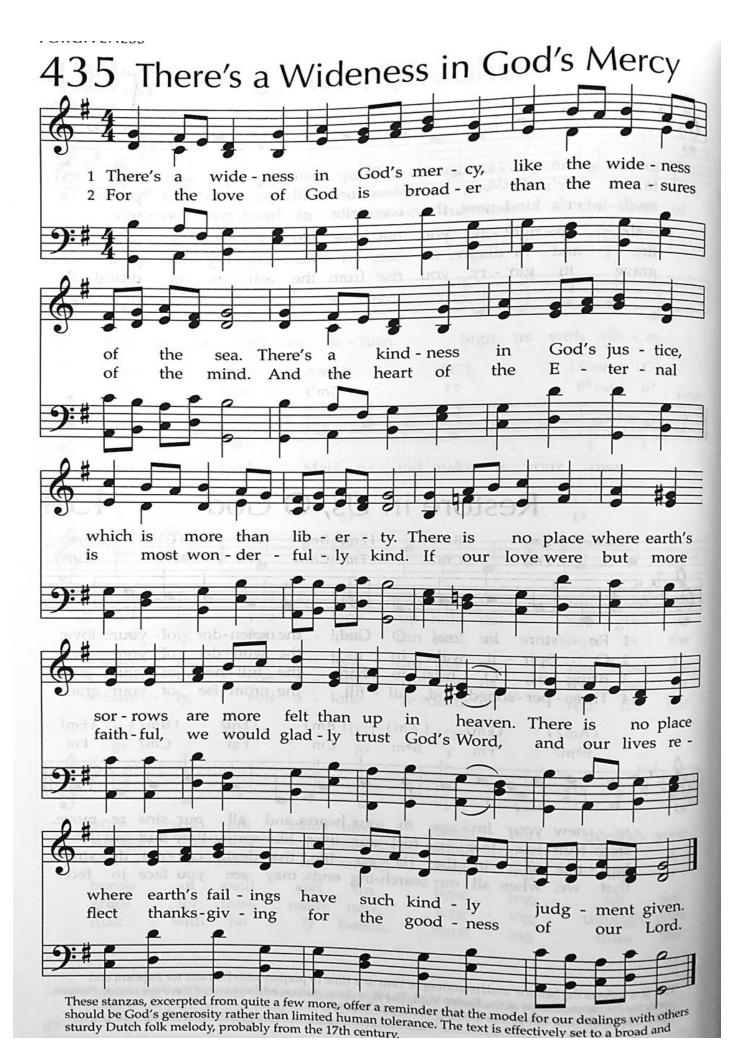


bless the Sav - ior, and for - get not all God's mer - cies pro-claim. God re-deems you from de-struc-tion, and with you so kind-ly deals. like the pit - y fa - ther has the Lord's com - pas-sion been. a their chil-dren's chil-dren ev - er shall God's righ-teous-ness ex - tend:



- 5 Unto such as keep God's cov'nant and are steadfast in God's way; unto those who still remember the commandments and obey.
- 6 Bless your Maker, all you creatures, ever under God's control, all throughout God's vast dominion; bless the Lord of all, my soul!

These stanzas are selected from sixteen that originally made up this paraphrase of Psalm 103, the second of two versions in the volume where they were first published. The tune used here was probably created as a German psalm tune but later came to be used with hymn texts.



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O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

