Service for the Lord's Day

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2020

Westminster Presbyterian Church
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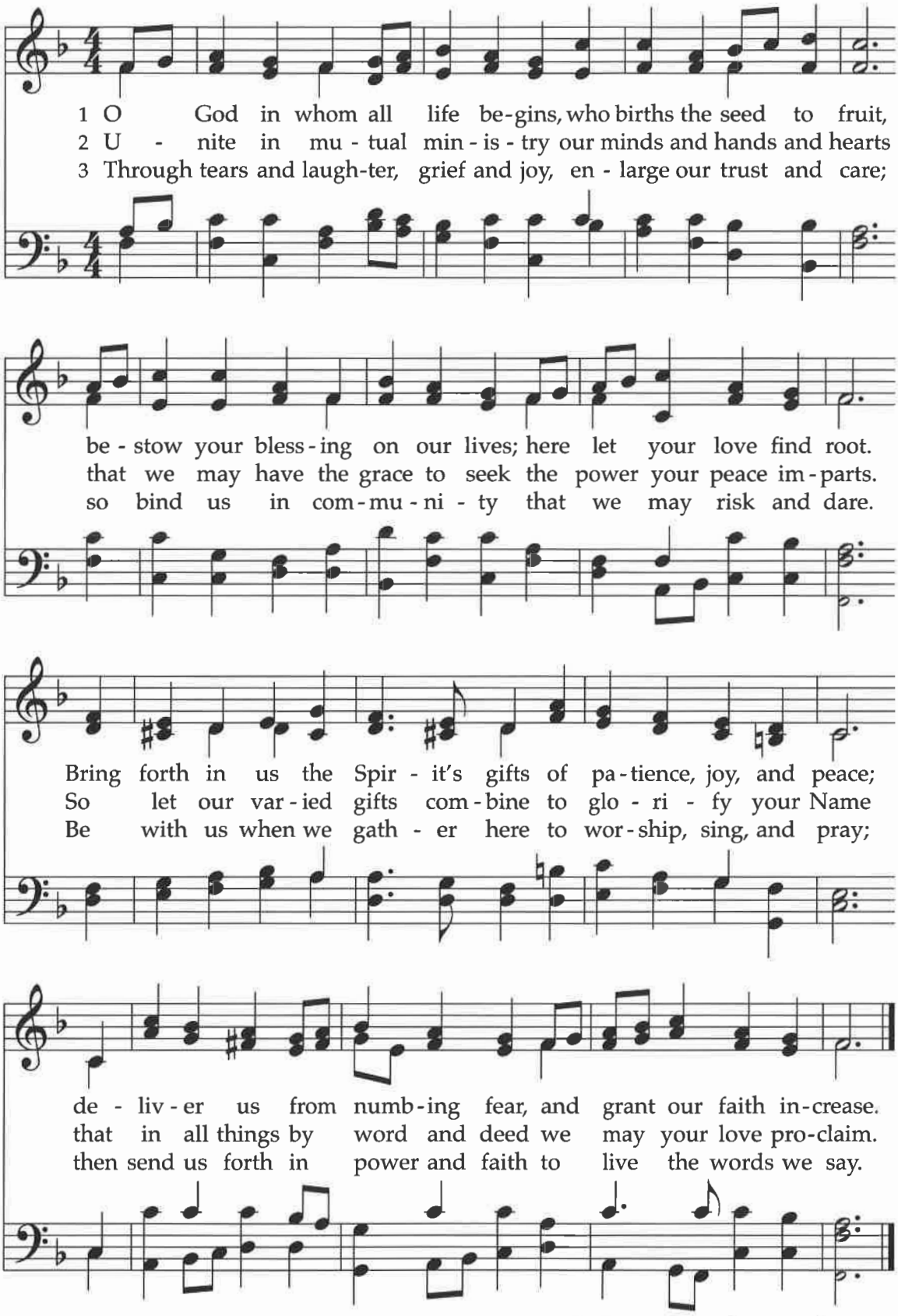
Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude	*Nun ruhen alle Wälder*	Jacques van Oortmerssen
Welcome and Call to Worship		Ken Henry
Introit	*Sing ye a joyful song (Op. 99, No. 10)* Sophie Caplin, soprano	Antonín Dvořák
Opening Prayer		

God's Word to Us

Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 55:10-13	
Gospel	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	
Sermon	Teacher, teach	Lynne Clements
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer		
Hymn	**O God in Whom All Life Begins**	NOEL
Charge and Benediction		
Postlude	*Joy*	Ad Wammes

Hymn **O God in Whom All Life Begins** NOEL



Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshiping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Prayer

Creator and Sustainer of all life,
In gracious love, you made all that there is – mountains and seas, stars and moon. You formed humankind in your own image and we bear your likeness. From the tiny hand of a baby to the forceful winds that blow, we glimpse your tenderness and your awesome power.

Sower of seeds, you plant your abundant word in us. Patiently, you cultivate our hearts with your mercy and tend to our needs with streams of living water and bread from heaven.

May we be fertile soil for your love to take root in us so that we would be bearers of good fruit and become sowers of your word in the world.

Great Teacher, you offer us wisdom with your words and an example with your life. Open our ears to hear your voice, calling us to love and service in your name. Grateful for your patience and grace, help us as we seek to spread the gospel in your name and for your glory. Amen.

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