

Trinity Church Picnic Worship

July 30, 2023

Gettysburg Recreation Park

Gathering Music: Flute Flock

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**“We light this candle to remind us that Christ is with us always
and that church can happen anywhere!”**

Song: “We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed”

Question of the Week

At this point in your faith journey, what is waiting to burst forth
and grow?

Scripture

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Let’s talk about that text!

Poem:

Song: “What a Covenant”

Communal Blessing of the Meal

**Jesus of the wedding feast, of breakfast on the beach, bless this
food and all gathered here. Be with us now and at all our
meals give us an appetite and a joy in eating together. Amen.**

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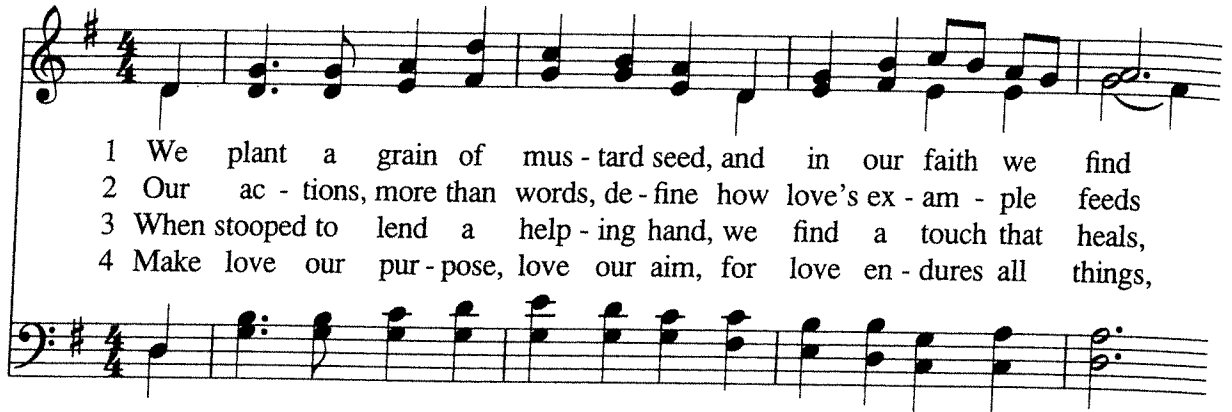
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Special Music/Flute Piece: *Kum Ba Yah*. arr. Brent Olstad, © 2012 Brent Olstad Music. (have permission to live stream)

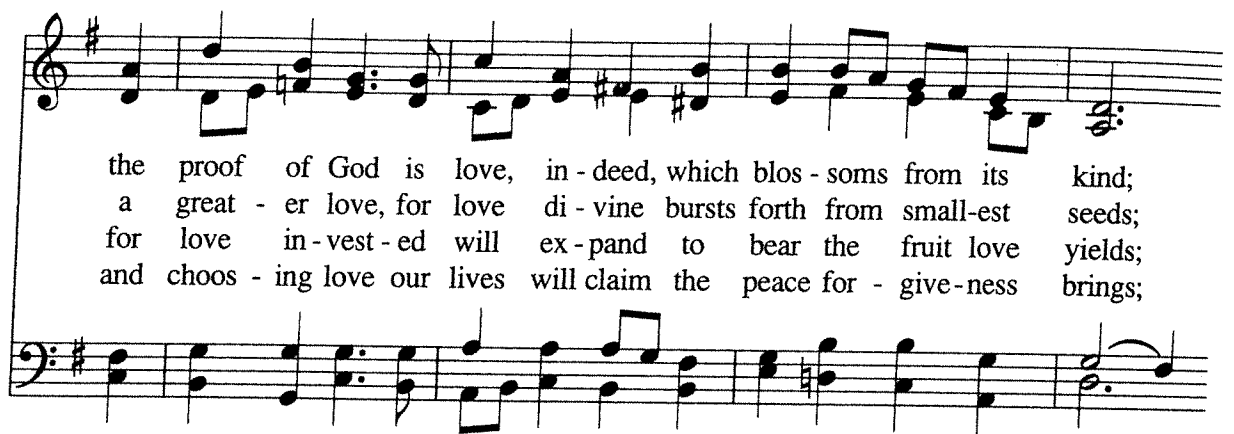
We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed

Matt. 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19;
John 13:34-35; 15:12-17

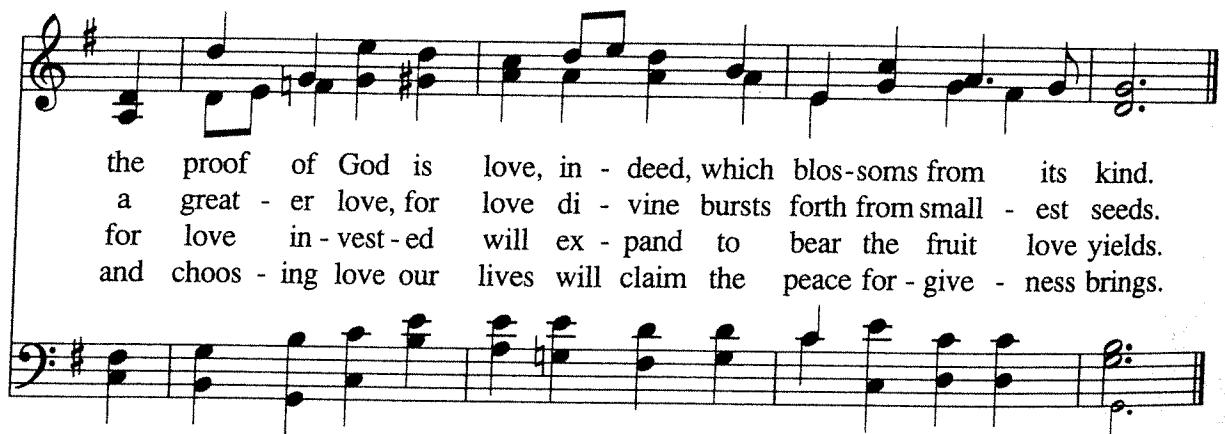
Mary Bryan Matney, 1990



1 We plant a grain of mus - tard seed, and in our faith we find
2 Our ac - tions, more than words, de - fine how love's ex - am - ple feeds
3 When stooped to lend a help - ing hand, we find a touch that heals,
4 Make love our pur - pose, love our aim, for love en - dures all things,



the proof of God is love, in - deed, which blos - soms from its kind;
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5 So may our new be - gin - nings prove,
like liv - ing bread and wine,
that through our com - mon hu - man love
we taste what is di - vine;
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we taste what is di - vine.

6 Our lives will be ful - filled and blessed
if through the seeds we've sown
and by the love that we pro - fess
the love of Christ is known;
and by the love that we pro - fess
the love of Christ is known.

Mary Bryan Matney and Sally Ann Morris wrote this hymn in 1990 for the marriage of friends. In 1992, it won first prize in its category in a hymnwriting competition sponsored by the Charlotte, North Carolina, chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Tune: NEW BEGINNINGS 8.6.8.6.8.6.
Sally Ann Morris, 1990

Deut. 33:27

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.

1 What a *cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing
 last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing

Refrain

on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Or, "fellowship"

In a letter to two grieving friends, A. J. Showalter quoted Deuteronomy 33:27, "... underneath are the everlasting arms." Showalter then wrote this music and the refrain and sent them to E. A. Hoffman to provide the stanzas.

Tune: LEANING 5.5.9.D. with refrain
 Anthony J. Showalter, 1887