

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

HYMN #714 (See Copy)

“God of the Fertile Fields”

Harkness, 1955

(Copy of hymn may be found on the back of Rev Michele’s letter to the congregation.)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Loving God, you cause rain to fall on the just and the unjust. Hear our prayers for your church and world:

for the hungry and the overfed,

may we have enough;

for the mourners and the mockers,

may we laugh together;

for the victims and the oppressors,

may we share power wisely;

for the peacemakers and the warmongers,

may clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony;

for the silenced and the propagandists,

may we speak our own words in truth;

for the unemployed and the overworked,

may our mark on this earth be kindly and creative;

for the troubled and the secure,

may we live together as wounded healers;

for the homeless and the pampered,

may our homes be simple, warm, and welcoming;

for the vibrant and the dying,

may we all die to sin and live to love. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER—UNISON

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 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.

— Response —

INVITATION TO OFFERING

At this time in the service, we would usually collect our gifts and offerings. Even though we are worshipping differently, we are still doing the work of the church. We are thankful that you continue to support our church and her ministries with your time, talent and treasure. Thank you!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.

— Sending —

BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the blessing of the Trinity—holy, holy, holy Lord—be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**

HYMN #32 (288)

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Watts, 1715

(Alternate hymn numbers are for the old blue hymnals.)

“Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences”

