

SEASON OF CREATION

LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW



September 10, 2023 LYRICS

Ralph Connor Memorial United Church

Worshiping in Canmore

Opening Hymn: More Voices #87 "Water Flowing from the Mountains"

~jim hannah – arr. David Melhorn-Boe~ Permission granted for streaming by OneLicense, A-605504 1. Water flowing from the mountains. Water flowing o'er the earth. Water comes to us, so precious. Living water gives us birth.

Refrain:

Drink deep this source of life.

Drink deep and know.

For living water sings, and living water brings the love that makes our spirit grow.

2. Water rushing down the rivers. Water rushing to the sea. Water comes to us, so precious. Living water makes us free.

Refrain:

Drink deep this source of life.

Drink deep and know.

For living water sings, and living water brings the love that makes our spirit grow.

3. Water springing from the dry place. Water springing in the sun. Water comes to us, so precious. Living water for each one.

Refrain:

Drink deep this source of life.

Drink deep and know.

For living water sings, and living water brings the love that makes our spirit grow. -end-

Heritage Hymn: Voices United #608 "Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind"

~John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872 - Frederick Charles Maker, 1887~ Public Domain 1. Dear God, who loves all humankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up, and follow thee.

3. O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

4. Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire: speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still small voice of calm!

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Communion Hymn: VU #569 "You Call Us Out to Praise You"

~Anna Briggs — Basil Harwood~

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1. You call us out to praise you, the God who gave us birth, to gather in communion and treasure your whole earth; we are your living story, to hear and to be heard; we praise your name, who writes us, the author and the word.

2. For varied hues and textures, new patterns, still you search, to weave your seamless garments, the fabric of your church; our tattered faith you cherish, reclaim from wear and moth; we raise your name, who twines us, the weaver and the cloth.

3. The church that speaks forgiveness, confesses its own need; the church that feels its hunger, finds grace to care and feed; our famished world is crying, its future filled with dread; we praise your name, who fills us, the baker and the bread.

4. The church that offers healing, discerns its wounds and loss; the church that faces dying, shares life beyond the cross; to people torn and broken, your mercy is revealed; we praise your name, who loves us, the healer and the healed.

5. Our feeble voices struggle, to sing your justice clear; the world has sunk in silence, each discord echoes fear; one voice alone is ragged, together we are strong; we praise your name, who breathes us, the singer and the song.

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Recessional Hymn: Voices United #598 "When Pain of the World Surrounds Us" (...we are Called to Follow Jesus)

~Jim Strathdee~

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1. When pain of the world surrounds us with darkness and despair, when searching just confounds us with false hopes everywhere when lives are starved for meaning and destiny is bare, we are called to follow Jesus and let God's healing flow through us.

2. We see with fear and trembling our aching world in need, confessing to each other our wastefulness and greed. May we with steadfast caring the hungry children feed. We are called to follow Jesus and let God's justice flow through us. 3. The church is a holy vessel the living waters fill to nourish all its people, God's purpose to fulfill. May we with humble courage be open to God's will. We are called to follow Jesus and let God's spirit flow through us.

4. We praise you for our journey and your abundant grace, your saving word that guided a struggling human race. O God, with all creation, your future we embrace; we are called to follow Jesus, and let God's changes flow through us.