At a conference of the Methodist Music Society of Great Britain, the author of this hymn, Fred Pratt Green (1900-1996), was given a suggestion to write a harvest-themed hymn for a particular existing tune. The result was “Harvest Hymn.” Written in 1970, by 1982 the hymn was already in fourteen hymnals. Pratt Green skillfully employs the motif of thanksgiving for God’s bounteous gifts in this social gospel hymn, advocating adequate compensation to the laborer and chiding the Western world as ungrateful for God’s gifts of food and unable and unwilling to share these gifts with the rest of God’s family.

HYMN NOTES: “For the Fruit of All Creation” (36)

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
November 16, 2014

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace
that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Ministers: All Members of the Church
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
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Order for the Public Worship of God
November 16, 2014
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER
(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Fanfare and Reflection” Jason W. Krug
Westminster Handbell Choir
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*HYMN #35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” LOBE DEN HERREN

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Almighty and loving God, in the providence of your love you have created human beings in your image. You have blessed us with gifts and abilities to live lives full of joy and meaning. You call us to live out our God-given gifts not just for ourselves, but also to use them to be a blessing for our neighbors and for your church. Forgive us dear Lord when we live as if the gifts and talents you give are all about us, or when we are negligent in cultivating and employing them in the doing of your will. By your grace we may always be open to your Spirit working in us and through us for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 GLORIA PATRI
“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”

ANTHEM “Let There Be Peace on Earth” arr. Craig Courtney
Solo: Barbara Jordan
Quartet: Barbara Jordan, Cindy Huffman, Robert Wood, Roy Jackson
(anthem text on front cover)

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (Children age 3 (by 9/14) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER
“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.”

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

WE AT THE OFFERING “Be Still, Jordan” Jay Althouse
Westminster Youth Choir
Carissa Johnston and Sarah Flaherty, Soloists

Be still, Jordan.
Oh, Satan is a-coming; he’s a followin’ me. A cold, dark river is all I see.
I look over yonder at the other shore. That’s heaven waiting for evermore.

Oh, I want to go to heaven when I die. Cross the river Jordan bye and bye.
Lord, guide my passage this I pray. Help me cross that river one heavenly day.

Oh the river runs deep and the river runs wide
but I’m gonna make it over to the other side.
O the River Jordan is chilly and cold. Yes, my Lord.
It chills the body but not the soul. Yes, my Lord.
Be still Jordan.

*Doxology #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Worship service at 9:30 that delivers the

We gather the congregation for worship. We add the Sanctuary, and are greeted by the minister and ushers. We sing a hymn, and the choir offers a song. The minister gives the homily, and we respond with a prayer.

*HYMN #36 “For the Fruit of All Creation” AR HYD Y NOS

SERMON “Taking Seriously the Gifts and Talents God Gives”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN “O God, We Yearn for Safety” AURELIA

O God, we yearn for safety; we long to be secure. Yet faithful, loving service is what you value more.
You give us what is needed; you love, forgive and save.
Then, sending us to serve you, you call us to be brave.
You give your church the gospel— good news for us to share.
You give us skills to serve you and loving work to do.
You give your church the gospel— good news for us to share.
You give us great compassion for neighbors everywhere.
You give us what is needed; you love, forgive and save.
We’re blest to be a blessing, and called to risk for you.
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When we are brave to share them your blessings will abound.
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* Benediction

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Paul Manz
(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.