**Hymns for**

**January 21, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

**These are the hymns that will be sung during the service.**

 Hymn 175: *Seek Ye First* (all verses)

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

**You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!**

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 Hymn 401: *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)* (verses 1, 3)

**Here in this place the new light is streaming;**

**Now is the darkness vanished away;**

**See in this space our fears and our dreamings**

**Brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;**

**Gather us in, the blind and the lame;**

**Call to us now, and we shall awaken;**

**We shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water;**

**Here we will take the bread of new birth;**

**Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,**

**Call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion;**

**Give us to eat the bread that is you;**

**Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion**

**Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

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 Hymn 171:  *A Sower Came from Ancient Hills* (all 4 verses)

**A Sower came from ancient hills**

**And cast good seed abroad;**

**His field, ten thousand human hearts;**

**His seed, the word of God.**

**And some who listened would not hear.**

**And some who heard forgot.**

**But some received in fertile soil**

**The truth the Sower taught.**

**A Sower walked throughout the land**

**And, everywhere he trod,**

**He sowed his life because he was**

**Himself the Seed of God.**

**But then, atop a barren hill,**

**Beneath a darkening sky,**

**They threw God’s Seed on stony ground**

**And left it there to die.**

**The Seed was buried deep in death**

**Beneath a blood-red sky,**

**And deeper still was buried hope**

**For those who watched him die.**

**But then, in Joseph’s garden fair,**

**As dawn broke o’er the land,**

**The Seed, from three days’ silent sleep,**

**Awoke at God’s command!**

**O Christ, you come among us still,**

**The Sower and the Seed.**

**As once you sowed the truth of God**

**In glowing word and deed,**

**Implant your Word in waiting hearts,**

**And let it there take hold,**

**Until it bears in fruitful lives**

**A harvest hundredfold.**

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 Hymn:  *Bring Forth the Kingdom* pg. 6, gold worship supplement

Verse 1

**You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!**

Chorus

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

Verse 2

**You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!**

Chorus

Verse 3

**You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!**

Chorus

Verse 4

**We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God!**

Chorus

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 Hymn 247:  *Now the Green Blade Rises* (all 4 verses)

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,**

**Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;**

**Love lives again, that with the dead has been;**

**Love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,**

**Thinking that he would never wake again,**

**Laid in the earth, like grain that sleeps unseen,**

**Love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,**

**He that for three days in the grave had lain;**

**Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;**

**Love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,**

**Your touch can call us back to life again;**

**Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:**

**Love is come again like wheat arising green.**

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