

Hymn Lyrics for July 23, 2023

Responsive Reading #594, *Principles and Purposes for All of Us*

We affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

We believe that each and every person is important.

We affirm and promote justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.

We believe that all people should be treated fairly.

We affirm and promote acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth.

We believe that our churches are place where all people are accepted, and where we keep learning together.

We affirm and promote a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

We believe that each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life.

We affirm and promote the right of conscience and the use of democracy.

We believe that all people should have a voice and a vote about the things that concern them.

We affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.

We believe that we should work for a peaceful, fair, and free world.

We affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are all a part.

We believe that we should care for our planet.

Hymn #113, *Where Is Our Holy Church?*

I. Where is our holy church?

Where race and class unite
as equal persons in the search
for beauty, truth and right.

III. Where is our holy One?

A mighty host respond;
the people rise in every land
to break the captive's bond.

V. Where is our paradise?

In aspiration's sight,
wherein we hope to see arise
ten thousand years of right

II. Where is our holy writ?

Wher—e'er a human heart
a sacred torch of truth has lit,
by inspiration taught.

IV. Where is our holy land?

Within the human soul,
wherever free minds truly seek
with character the goal.

Hymn #322, *Thanks be for These (vv. 1-4)*

Thanks be for these, life's holy times, moments of
grief, days of delight.; triumph and failure intertwine,
shaping our vision of the right.

Thanks be for these, ennobling art, images welcome
to our sight; music caressing ear and heart,
inviting us to loftier height.

Thanks be for these, for birth and death;
life in between with meaning full; holy becomes the
quickenened breath; we celebrate life's interval.

Thanks be for these, who question why; who noble
motives do obey; those who know how to live and
die; comrades who share this holy way.

Hymn #414, *As We Leave This Friendly Place (2x)*

As we leave this friendly place, love give light to ev'ry face;
may the kindness which we learn light our hearts till we return.