

# For the Beauty of the Earth

*UMH 92*

For the beauty of the Earth for the glory of the skies  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. (Refrain)

Refrain:

Lord of all to Thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night  
hill and vale and tree and flowersun and moon and stars of light.  
(Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye for the heart and mind's delight  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight. (Refrain)

For the joy of human love brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild  
(Refrain)

For thy church that ever more lifteth holy hands above  
offering upon every shore her pure sacrifice of love. (Refrain)

For thy self best gift divine to the world so freely given  
for that great, great love of thine peace on earth and joy in heaven.  
(Refrain)

## Jeremiah 2:4-13

<sup>4</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD, "What injustice did your fathers find in Me, That they went far from Me And walked after emptiness and became empty? <sup>6</sup> "They did not say, 'Where is the LORD Who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, Who led us through the wilderness, Through a land of deserts and of pits, Through a land of drought and of deep darkness, Through a land that no one crossed And where no man dwelt?' <sup>7</sup> "I brought you into the fruitful land To eat its fruit and its good things. But you came and defiled My land, And My inheritance you made an abomination. <sup>8</sup> "The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' And those who handle the law did not know Me; The rulers also transgressed against Me, And the prophets prophesied by Baal And walked after things that did not profit. <sup>9</sup> "Therefore I will yet contend with you," declares the LORD, "And with your sons' sons I will contend. <sup>10</sup> "For cross to the coastlands of Kittim and see, And send to Kedar and observe closely And see if there has been such a thing as this! <sup>11</sup> "Has a nation changed gods When they were not gods? But My people have changed their glory For that which does not profit. <sup>12</sup> "Be appalled, O heavens, at this, And shudder, be very desolate," declares the LORD. <sup>13</sup> "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, The fountain of living waters, To hew for themselves cisterns, Broken cisterns That can hold no water.

## Hebrews 13:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Let love of the brethren continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

<sup>3</sup> Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body. <sup>4</sup> Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. <sup>5</sup> Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," <sup>6</sup> so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?" <sup>7</sup> Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

## **Luke 14:1, 7-14**

<sup>1</sup> It happened that when He went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees on the Sabbath to eat bread, they were watching Him closely. <sup>7</sup> And He began speaking a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how they had been picking out the places of honor at the table, saying to them, <sup>8</sup> "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him, <sup>9</sup> and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this man,' and then in disgrace you proceed to occupy the last place. <sup>10</sup> "But when you are invited, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will have honor in the sight of all who are at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." <sup>12</sup> And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you in return and that will be your repayment. <sup>13</sup> "But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

# **Jesus, United by Thy Grace**

*UMH 561*

Jesus, united by thy grace  
and each to each endeared,  
with confidence we seek thy face  
and know our prayer is heard.

Help us to help each other, Lord,  
each other's cross to bear;  
let all their friendly aid afford,  
and feel each other's care.

Up unto thee, our living Head,  
let us in all things grow;  
till thou hast made us free indeed  
and spotless here below.

Touched by the lodestone of thy love,  
let all our hearts agree,  
and ever toward each other move,  
and ever move toward thee.

To thee, inseparably joined,  
let all our spirits cleave;  
O may we all the loving mind  
that was in thee receive.

This is the bond of perfectness,  
thy spotless charity;  
O let us, still we pray, possess  
the mind that was in thee.