

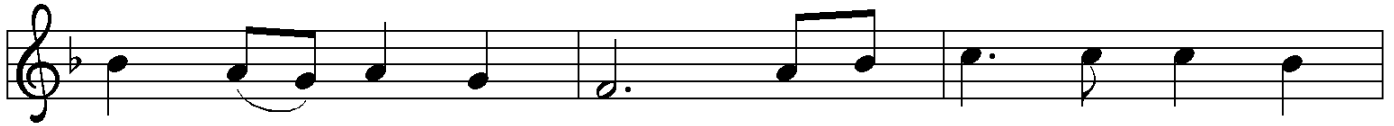


Bless the Build
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Worship | Grow | Go



live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



end to fear and dan - ger: All are wel - come,
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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The assembly is seated.

Reading ■ Michael Zumwalt, Augustana member and Habitat for Humanity volunteer with Holy Hammers

A reading from the Bible book of Matthew:

[An expert in the law asked Jesus,] “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷[Jesus] said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Presenters

Caitlin Trussell, Pastor, Augustana Lutheran Church in Denver

Kory Whitaker, Director of Real Estate, Habitat for Humanity
Metro Denver

Amanda Sawyer, Denver City Councilwoman, District 5

The assembly stands.

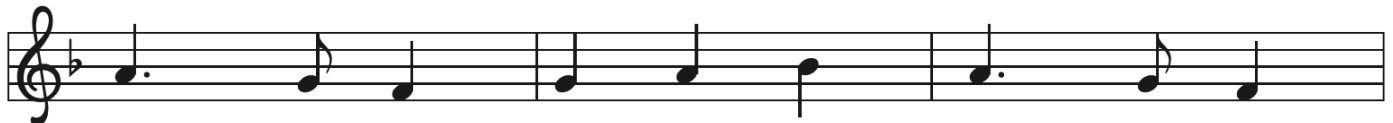
Hymn ■ ACS 1063: God of the Fertile Fields



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,



that all in ev - 'ry land be housed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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The assembly is seated.

Blessing the Seeds ■ Pastor Ann Hultquist, retired

Bless these seeds, O God, that we will scatter in Augustana's Community Park next to the construction site of Augustana Homes.

Seeds that will grow into the blanket of grass on which construction workers will sit and eat lunch.

Seeds that will grow into the blanket of grass on which children who will live in these homes will play and thrive.

Seeds that show us what becomes possible from the smallest beginning, symbolizing the hope born when communities work together so that all may be housed. **Amen.**

Processional

Processional music as we depart for the park.

Stairs and elevator are accessible through the right, front doors of the sanctuary.

In the Park

Gracious God, bless this land, unlock its potential to be a place of mercy, peace and justice for the families who will call it home. Bless the construction workers who will prepare the ground, secure drainage for flowing water, and pour foundations upon which affordable homes will rise. Bless our neighbors directly affected by construction. Bless our hearts as they open to welcome new families into this neighborhood.

Bless the families who will live and thrive in the homes yet to be built. And all of God's people say: **Amen.**

Seed Scattering

Community members will be given an envelope of grass seeds to scatter in Augustana's Community Park.

Sending Blessing

Refreshments and Conversation

Thank you!

Today's service is adapted from the Bless the Build Service by Rev. Dr. Tracy L. Hughes, Mountainview United Church, Denver.

Many, many people and groups within and in partnership with the congregation made Augustana Homes possible— **Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver** (habitatmetrodenver.org), **Interfaith Alliance of Colorado** (interfaithalliamceco.org), **Radian** (nonprofit architecture for social equity; radianinc.org), **The Preservation of Residential South Hilltop Neighborhood Association** (PRSHNA), and the **Denver City Council**. Please ask how your organization's unused land may become a piece of the housing puzzle in Metro Denver.

Welcome

- Large-print copies of the service bulletin are available from Augustana's ushers.
- Hearing assistance headphones are available in the sanctuary. Ask an usher for an easy-to-use device for enhanced listening.
- Restrooms and water stations are located downstairs beneath the west entrance; handicapped accessible restrooms are on the east side of the sanctuary in the hallway behind the chancel.

- An elevator is available at the Fairfax Street entrance.
- Handicapped parking and entrances are available at the Fairfax Street and Elm Street entrances. Additional parking is available on the south side of the building.
- Please silence your cell phones during worship.

Blessing Leaders:

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Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver
Amanda Sawyer, Denver City
Councilwoman, District 5
Gail Mundt, Bridge Pastor, Augustana
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Mission Statement

Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world.

Worship

- Worship in person at 8 a.m. in Christ Chapel or at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- Join Augustana on our Facebook page or YouTube channel for worship livestreamed every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit Augustana's website (augustanadenver.org) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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