

**IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD!**

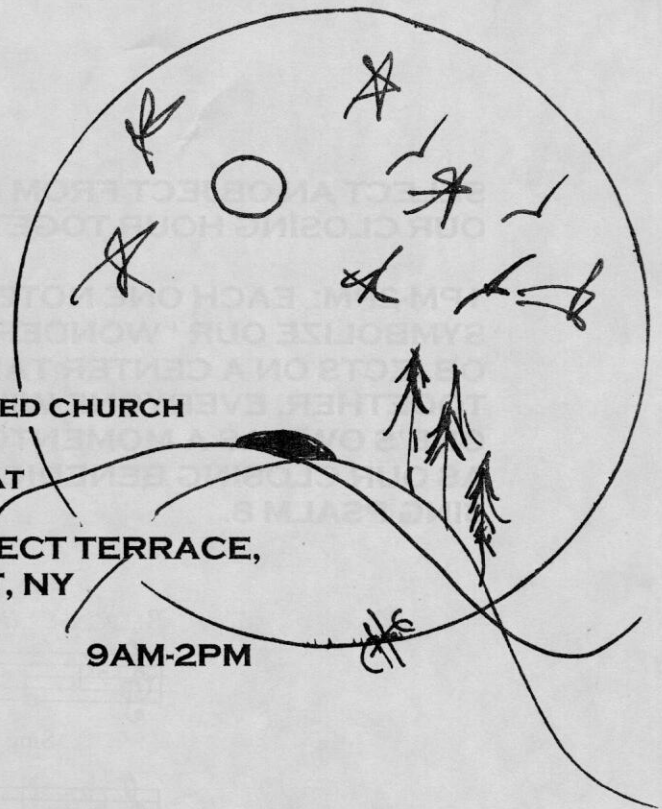
**PSALM 8 AND OUR FAITH JOURNEYS**

**ALTAMONT REFORMED CHURCH  
2006  
CONSISTORY RETREAT**

**AT THE HOWIE'S 149 PROSPECT TERRACE,  
ALTAMONT, NY**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2006**

**9AM-2PM**



**PREPARE AHEAD OF TIME!**

**READ AND REFLECT ON PSALM 8....PERHAPS WRITE  
YOUR OWN PERSONAL PARAPHRASE TO SHARE  
WITH ALL OF US.**

**EXPLORE YOUR OWN STORY OF ENJOYING OUR  
WORLD.**

**COME AND ENJOY!**

**9AM: GATHERING AND OPENING CONVERSATION. EACH  
SHARES BRIEFLY ONE EARLY EXPERIENCE OF OUR FAITH  
JOURNEY.**

**PSALM 8 WITH SUNG RESPONSE**

**10AM-11:30 REFLECTIONS AROUND THE CIRCLE, NOTING A  
WORD OR PHRASE FROM THE PSALM WHICH PARTICULARLY  
CAUGHT OUR ATTENTION. WE'LL EXPLORE THE QUESTIONS:**

**WHAT FEELINGS WERE EXPERIENCED DURING  
THE CHANTING AND SINGING OF THE PSALM?**

**WHAT WISDOM MIGHT THE CHURCH HAVE  
GATHERED OVER THE AGES IN MEDITATING AND PRAYING THE  
PSALMS? WHAT HAVE BEEN OUR OWN PROFOUND  
EXPERIENCES IN WORSHIP OVER THE PAST/IN THE PRESENT?**

**11:30-1PM LUNCH**

**WALKING THE LABRYNITH**

**SOLITARY TIME**

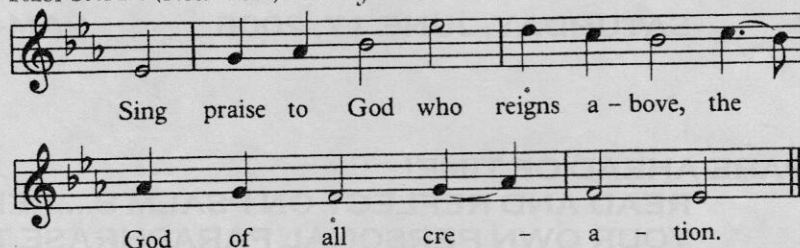
**SELECT AN OBJECT FROM OUTDOORS TO PRESENT DURING OUR CLOSING HOUR TOGETHER.**

**1PM-2PM: EACH ONE NOTES HOW THE SELECTED ITEM MIGHT SYMBOLIZE OUR 'WONDERFUL WORLD'. WE'LL PLACE OUR OBJECTS ON A CENTER TABLE AND UPON LEAVING OUR TIME TOGETHER, EVERYONE WILL SELECT AN ITEM OTHER THAN ONE'S OWN AS A MOMENTO OF THE RETREAT. AS OUR CLOSING BENEDICTION, WE WILL AGAIN CHANT AND SING PSALM 8.**

## Psalm 8

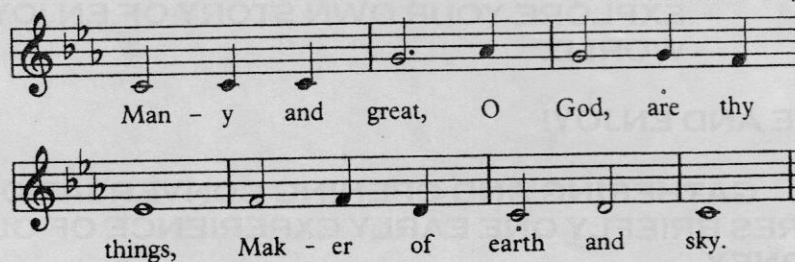
Johann J. Schütz  
trans. by Frances E. Cox  
Bohemian  
Brethren's Kirchengesänge

RESPONSE 1 (*New Year, Trinity & General*)



Joseph R. Renville;  
para. by Philip Frazier  
Native American melody

RESPONSE 2 (*General*)



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- 1 O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
- 2 Your glory is chanted above the heavens  
by the mouth of babes and infants:  
you have set up a defense against your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger. R
- 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars which you have established;
- 4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
and mortals that you care for them?
- 5 Yet you have made them little less than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.
- 6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands  
you have put all things under their feet,
- 7 all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,
- 8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- 9 O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth! R

*Ellen Frazier  
retreat leader*