

Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022

"...cut it down! Why
should it be wasting
the soil?" Luke 13:7



Westminster
Presbyterian
Church

On the cover:

Photo by Donovan Drake

About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God. Settings abound of this familiar hymn by Georg Neumark. Bach's setting has been described as majestically joyful, utilizing a full sound as thirty-second notes enliven his treatment of the tune. Phillips' setting is introspective, with a gentle, melodic treatment of the tune and a more contemporary harmonic vocabulary.

About Hymn 65

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture. TEXT: William Williams, 1762; MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907.

GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

PRELUDE

Two settings of "If You Will Only Let God Guide You"

J.S. Bach

Craig Phillips

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

O God, we seek you, and our souls thirst for you.

Our flesh faints for the Lord, as in a dry and weary land.

O God, your steadfast love is better than life itself!

**Let us bless the Lord as long as we live,
lift up your hands and call on God's name.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into
our troubled world
through the life, death,
and resurrection of your Son.**

**Help us to hear your Word and obey it,
that we may become instruments of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 65** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

When the time comes to repent,
let us not accuse our neighbor,
but face the truth within us,
and not to belittle or shame,
but to seek grace,
that we can turn our lives around with God's help.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
though you lovingly tend us,
we have not put forth the good fruits
of your Spirit.

Our consumption poisons the earth.
Our violence threatens our neighbors.
Our greed exploits the poor.
We must seem a waste of time,
but don't give up on us yet, O God.
In your power to abundantly pardon,
forgive us for the sake of Christ,
and imbue us with love, peace,
goodness, and faithfulness. Amen.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

James MacMillan

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

The musical score for the Kyrie is written in 3/4 time and consists of four staves. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy." The score is divided into sections for the Choir and the Congregation. The first staff is for the Choir, the second for the Congregation, the third for the Choir, and the fourth for both the Congregation and the Choir. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*The Peace

Since God in Christ has forgiven us,
let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(Please exchange the peace with the words,
"The peace of Christ be with you.")*

Prayer of Confession

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

About the Kyrie

The Kyrie (Greek "kyrios" [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for grace.

Our Lenten Journey

On this third Sunday of Lent, we are in mid-journey to the Cross. We continue to make our hearts ready by giving up and taking on. "Giving up" something for Lent has been a traditional direction. In earlier days, some Christians would fast for a certain period, or give up something of value as a sign of commitment and dedication to Christ. "Taking on" something for Lent is asking what God is calling you to do that is a new or different way of expressing your commitment in a fuller way. How can we discover fresh ways for our ministries to be carried out? What is God calling us toward for service? "Taking on" is a prayerful effort to ask God to show us a new direction for our ministries as disciples of Jesus Christ.

About Hymn 435

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody; probably from the 17th century. TEXT: Frederick William Faber, 1854; MUSIC: Dutch melody; arr. Julius Röntgen, c. 1906.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Register, which is located on the center aisle end of each pew.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

Isaiah 55:1-9

(Old Testament, pages 685-686 in your pew Bible)

(Sung responsively after each scripture reading.)

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a right spirit within me.

Renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 63:1-8 (Hymn 696)

GRATUS

Luke 13:1-14

(New Testament, page 76 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"What's in your wallet?"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 435** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We live in tension between God's warnings and promises.

Knowing the righteous judgment of God in Christ,

we urge all people to be reconciled to God,

not exempting ourselves from the warnings.

Constrained by God's love in Christ,

we have good hope for all people,

not exempting the most unlikely from the promises.

Judgment belongs to God and not to us.

We are sure that God's future for every person

will be both merciful and just. Amen.

(From A Declaration of Faith)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem Come to the Water John Foley

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.

Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.

Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
all who labor, without rest.

How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.

Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**God of compassion,
we praise you that you look upon our frail lives
with love and understanding,
and that you desire for us all
new life in Jesus Christ.**

**By your Spirit,
strengthen our souls
to be brave and bold in Christ's service. Amen.**

To GIVE, please scan the
QR code below:



This beautiful prayer not only reminds us of our baptism but gives hope to the hurting, the suffering, the poor, and to those who have nothing. For with God, all things are possible. May God be with the people of Ukraine and bring them peace.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Singing together*)

(Please refer to the inside back cover of your hymnal for the words and music for this hymn.)

SENDING

About Hymn 816

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author / composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery. TEXT and MUSIC: Georg Neumark, 1641.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. "Tocatta" is derived from *toccare* (Italian, "to touch"). Pachelbel moves through a variety of rhythmic ideas over long stretches of sustained pedal notes, called pedal points. He was a baroque composer in south Germany in the generation preceding Bach, a highly celebrated musician whose Canon in D is still beloved today.

***HYMN 816**

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a right spirit within me.
Renew a right spirit within me.

POSTLUDE

Tocatta in C Major

Johan Pachelbel

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

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OUR MISSION

*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light
found in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.”

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

TODAY@ WESTMINSTER

Worship Leaders

Preaching

The Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor

Liturgist

T.J. Piccolo
Associate Director of Youth

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM John Douglass
11:00 AM Scott Carey

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir
11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

The Rev. Dr. Carol Tate
Interim Organist

Red Rose

The red rose in the chancel is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of a son, Crofford Storey, born March 9, 2022 to Mattie and Jed Crumbo. Big sister Margaret is thrilled!

Childcare Room Locations

Classroom 146 - babies
Classroom 152 - toddlers
Classroom 151 - 2s and 3s
Classroom 160 - 4s, 5s and kindergarten

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

WORSHIP

Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact:
Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, 615.292.5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org

Worship Services

To watch a service later in the day or the week, go to nashvillewpc.church and look for a Past Services box, go to Worship Service Archive and click on the service you would like to watch.

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found on the Welsh dresser in the Parlor and by the window in the Narthex.

Mask Policy

An update from Session: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional.

The balcony will remain masks required. The Session will continue to reassess as conditions warrant.



Dial-A-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon. The sermon is available all week.

Easter Lilies

Deadline: April 3

Lilies will grace our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022. If you would like to purchase a lily (\$10) in memory or in honor of a friend or family member, please place your order by scanning the QR code below or by email to Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org.



Lenten Devotionals Now Available

Making the Road, Walking through Lent is now available in the Parlor.

Holy Week Schedule

April 10 • Palm Sunday

April 14 • 7:00 PM
Maundy Thursday
Service

April 15 • 7:00 PM
Good Friday
Choral Service of
Darkness

April 17 • Easter
7:30 AM: Communion
9:15 AM
11:00 AM



MINISTRIES

ADULT EDUCATION Classes begin at 9:45 AM

Today's Classes:

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Kem Hinton, FAIA, continues his discussion this Sunday. Kem is an architect, urban designer, author, historian, graphic designer, photographer, lecturer, LEED accredited professional, and visual artist.

He will explore the question, "Where did they bury my Lord?" In this presentation, Kem will look at the debates about where Jesus was crucified and afterwards, where was he buried?

Faith & Fellowship

Why are there 4 Gospels?
What makes them different?
For whom were they written?

Leading up to Easter, we will explore the similarities and differences that make up the wonderful Gospels that give us the stories of the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

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Murdoch MacLeods • Library

The CALLING • Goodpasture Hall

Not meeting this Sunday. Please join Covenant Class.

Young Families • Overlook Room

Westminster Book Group Tuesday, March 22 10:00 AM • 193 and Zoom Presented by Carol Brewer

The Awakening, originally titled *A Solitary Soul*, is a novel by Kate Chopin, first published in 1899. Set in New Orleans and on the Louisiana Gulf coast at the end of the 19th century, the plot centers on Edna Pontellier and her struggle to reconcile her increasingly unorthodox views on femininity and motherhood with the prevailing social attitudes of the turn-of-the-century American South. It is one of the earliest American novels that focuses on women's issues without condescension. It is also widely seen as a landmark work of early feminism, generating a mixed reaction from contemporary readers and critics.

Lenten Book Study Wednesdays • 7:00 PM

***Witness at the Cross* by A.-J. Levine**

In *Witness at the Cross*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each Evangelist presents a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today.

Discussion led by Guy D. Griffith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Welcome These New Members!

On Sunday, March 13, the Session of Westminster formally received new members with joy into our church family:



Tom Bayersdorfer



**Catherine and Austin Branstetter
& Charlie**

Your Earth Care Task Force has Exciting News!!!

1. Westminster has again been designated an **Earth Care Congregation** for the coming year. This is our 10th year running, and we are intent on doing the things to keep our certification into the future.

2. WPC has joined **Tennessee Interfaith Power and Light**. This ecumenical organization helps faith based groups coordinate discussion about and a platform to coordinate action to care for our environment and combat climate change.

3. Please come by our **Earth Care table** in the Parlor from now through Earth Day. Bring your phone and scan the QR code to sign up for education seminars, obtain copies of our recycling, and composting guides, and download tips to reduce your environmental and greenhouse gas footprint.



4. **Play Westminster Bingo.** Scan the QR code at our table to download it to your phone and then put a leaf on our tree in the Parlor when you have 5 in a row.

5. **Plant a tree for Earth Day, April 23, 2024.** The Task Force has partnered with Green Interchange and WPC will serve as a distribution point for participants.

Purchase your trees by April 10 by scanning the QR code below and pick them up on April 23, north parking lot, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Questions?: Contact Curtis Baysinger at cbaysinger2@gmail.com, 803-603-8221.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



It's time for the annual All-Church Retreat! Join us the weekend of April 2 and 3 at NaCoMe.

Saturday arrive by lunch and be ready for some fun!

This year we also welcome back the leadership of Don Washburn. He runs Camp Lookout just outside of Chattanooga, TN. Don will provide music leadership for the weekend and will bring wonderful gifts of play and fellowship for all ages.

What to bring:

Bible • Flashlights • Camera • Eco-friendly bug spray • Pillows • Soap and Toiletries • Sleeping bags or twin/double size sheets • Towels (bathing/creek) • Creek-walking shoes • Extra shoes and socks • Plastic bags for wet stuff to go home • Swimsuits for children • Clothes to layer for cool nights • Fishing gear (cane poles and worms provided) • Musical instruments • Board games • Money for drinks and snacks at the Canteen

Scan the QR Code to register.



SAVE THE DATE: Plant Swap SO, IT'S DECIDED.....

you're coming to the plant swap hosted by the GETconnected committee! You might be wondering how to prepare the plants you want to bring. There are lots of ways! People can get very creative with their presentation, but a simple package works just as well. Plants brought to the swap will need to be kept in good condition for a few hours; wrapping in wet newspaper is one easy way to do it. Plan to share some information about the plant: its common name, its color if you know it and how to take care of it, particularly how much light it will need. Seeds, bulbs, herbs and cuttings from indoor plants are also welcome.

For more info, please contact Denise Linn, statham_denise@yahoo.com.

See you on the Youth Patio at 9:30 AM on Saturday morning, March 26.

Faith
Works

Please save the date for the 10th annual FaithWorks community service day, **Saturday, April 30 from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM!**

WPC members of all ages and skill levels are welcome and encouraged to join us as we work to make our community a better place through service projects at local nonprofit organizations. It really will be a day of fun, service, fellowship and lunch!

Childcare will be available at the church for children under 5. The FaithWorks registration form will be available on April 1. More details coming soon!

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, March 20

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School
Youth Sunday School
Covenant Class
Faith & Fellowship
Murdoch MacLeods
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 12:30 PM New Elder Training
- 4:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal
Tintinnabulation Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Laudate Choir Rehearsal
Associate Pastors Nom Com Mtg
- 5:30 PM Journey with Jesus
- 6:06 PM Youth Group

Monday, March 21

- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer

Tuesday, March 22

- 7:00 AM Day Break Believers
- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 9:00 AM Harvard Handbells Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Westminster Book Group
- 5:30 PM Yoga
- 5:00 PM Laudate Choir Rehearsal
- 5:45 PM GETconnected Committee Mtg

Wednesday, March 23

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 AM Changing Gears Handbells
- 10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible study
- 6:00 PM Room In The Inn
- 7:00 PM Basketball
Choir Rehearsal
Lenten Book Study

Thursday, March 24

- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting
- 6:00 PM Session w/dinner

Friday, March 25

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, March 26

- 9:00 AM Plant Swap
- 11:30 AM AA

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If you have questions about a certain event listed on our calendar, please contact a member of our program staff.

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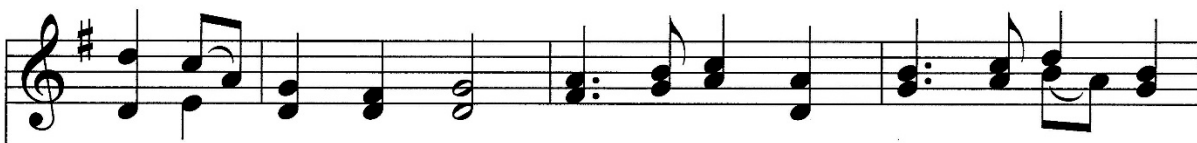
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.



PSALM 63:1-8 (Hymn 696)

696 O God, You Are My God Alone

(Psalm 63)

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)
E^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b

1 O God, you are my God a-lone, whom ea-ger - ly I seek,
2 Your faith-ful love sur-pass-es life, e - vok-ing all my praise.
3 Through-out the night I lie in bed and call you, Lord, to mind;

(D) (F#m) (G) (A) (Em) (A) (D)
E^b Gm A^b B^b Fm B^b E^b

though long-ing fills my soul with thirst and leaves my bod - y weak.
Through ev - ery day, to bless your name, my hands in joy I'll raise.
in dark-est hours I med - i - tate how God, my strength, is kind.

(G) (D) (Em) (A)
A^b E^b Fm B^b

Just as a dry and bar-ren land a-waits a fresh-ening shower,
My deep-est needs you sat - is - fy as with a sump-tuous feast.
Be - neath the shad - ow of your wing, I live and feel se - cure;

(D) (Em) (D) (G) (A7) (D)
E^b Fm E^b A^b B^b7 E^b

I long with-in your house to see your glo - ry and your power.
So, on my lips and in my heart, your praise has nev - er ceased.
and dai - ly as I fol-low close, your right hand keeps me sure.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

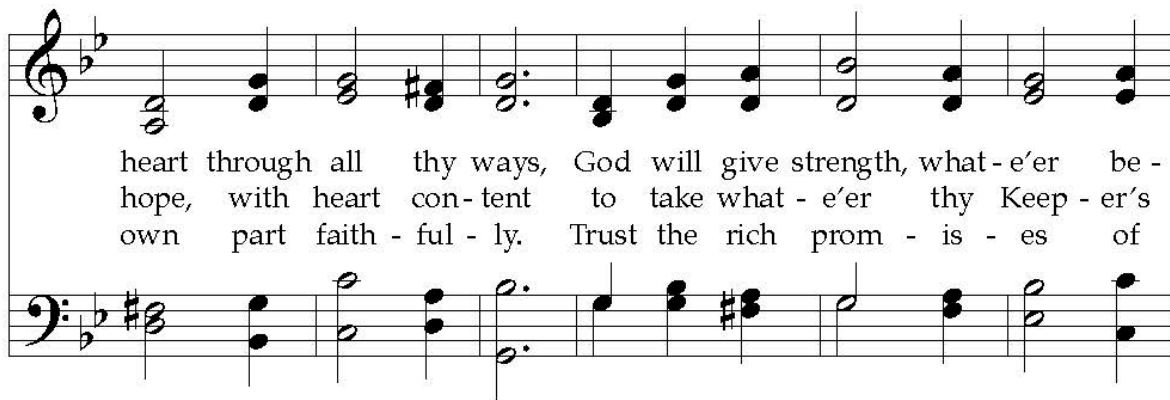
where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef for the voice parts and a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into two systems, each with two staves (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the staves, with the first two lines of lyrics corresponding to the first system and the remaining lines to the second system. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing harmonic support for the vocal melody.

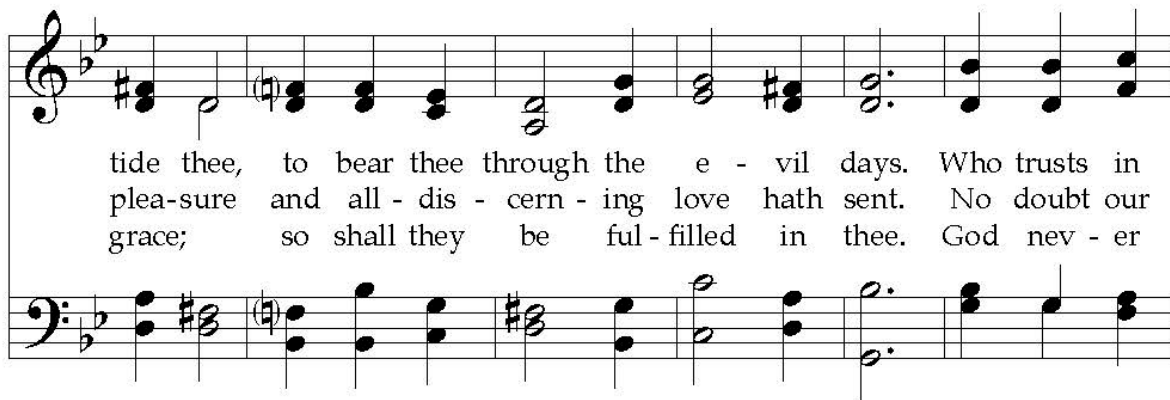
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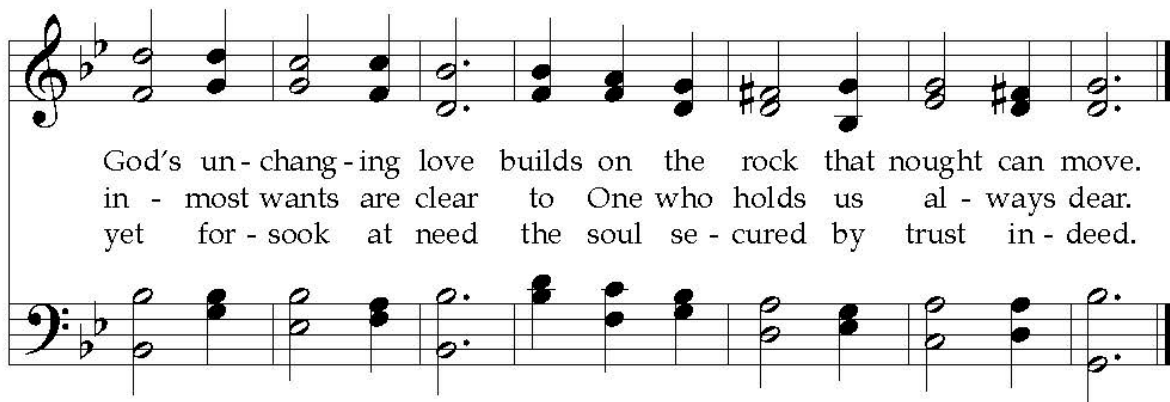
1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful
3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine



heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -
hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's
own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of



tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our
grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er



God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.
in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.
yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.