Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 21, 2022

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Westminster Presbyterian Church

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. This movement presents a solo melody in the right hand with a flowing accompaniment and pedal bass notes. The right hand is then answered by a melody in the left, and the two melodies are finally combined as a closing duet.

Worship on the Lord's Day

Worship begins as the people gather greeting one another, praying in silence, or offering music to the glory of God. The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world.

About Hymn 35

This very strong 17th -century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune. TEXT: Joachim Neander, 1680; MUSIC: Straslund Ernewerten Gesangbuch, 1665.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Allegretto from Sonata 4

Felix Mendelssohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

God is our rock and our refuge, a strong and mighty fortress. Beloved, people of light, come; the Lord is our hope.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by your Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and made holy.
Hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called us,
we may serve you in holiness and truth;
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

(The Cross and Bible lead the procession, symbolic of the centrality in worship of Jesus Christ - the Living Word, and the Bible - the written Word.)

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 35**

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

In faith and in hope, turning to the rock of our salvation, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of mercy, we confess that we live self-centered lives. We tolerate injustice and cruelty, complacent in our corner of the world. We neglect the needs of others. In your righteousness, deliver us and rescue us. Turn us to your way and lead us in your light, that we might serve you and care for all of creation.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

Hal H. Hopson

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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.")

*ACT OF PRAISE

GLORIA PATRI

(Singing together Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer of Confession

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the errant state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence, Still, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition.

Assurance of Pardon

A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name. The liturgist pours water into the font, which reminds us of the grace and cleansing of our Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.

Act of Praise

The Act of Praise brings together the choir and congregation to sing God's praise.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Jeremiah 1:4-10

(Old Testament, page 698 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 103:1-8

Bless the Lord, O my Soul

Mikhail Ippolitof-Ivanhoff

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits: Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness. He will not always be chiding, nor keepeth He, His wrath forever. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name.

Hebrews 12:18-29 (New Testament, page 227 in your pew Bible)

SERMON "Where are we and why are we here?"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 691** Lord, When I Came into This Life LAND OF REST

About Psalm 103:1-8

Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov (1859-1935) was a Russian composer of orchestral works, operas, and this lovely Psalm taken from his extended setting of the Divine Liturgy of St. John of *Chrysostom*. This is the most celebrated divine liturgy in the Byzantine Říte. It is named after its core part, the anaphora attributed to St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople in the 5th century. Ivanov was a student of Rimsky-Korsakov, became Professor of Music at the Moscow Conservatory in 1893, and then served as its Director, 1905-24.

About Hymn 691

Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places. TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1976; MUSIC: American folk melody; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe:

- that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.
- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; and
- that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity, and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

(Confession of Belhar)

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 (8:30 a.m.)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say R.V. Williams/arr. Busarow

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; Lay down, O weary one, lay down Your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give The living water, thirsty one; Stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; Look unto me, your morn shall rise, And all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found In him my star, my sun; And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav'ling days are done. To GIVE, please scan QR code below:



Horatius Bonar (1808-89), Scottish pastor and writer, was a great lover of children and was concerned about how little the children understood of the metrical Psalms that were sung in the Scottish church of his day. "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (based on Matthew 11:28) was one of the over-600 hymns he wrote to address the needs of the churches he served. The music for this hymn pre-dates the text and was composed by English Renaissance church musician and composer, Thomas Tallis (1505-1585).

During Ordinary time in the Christian year, we focus on the life, teaching, and minis-try of Jesus. "I Danced in the Morn-ing" or "Lord of the Dance" (1963), a popular folk hymn by Sydney Carter (1915-2004), offers a modern récounting of events in Jesus' life. Born in London, Carter was considered a leader in the English folksong revival of the 1950s and '60s. He read his poetry and performed his songs alongside folk musicians such as Pete Seeger and Judy Collins. It is in this milieu that Carter wrote his most popular hymn and paired it with the American Shaker tune, *Simple Gifts*. The Shakers were well-known for their spiritual discipline of dancing. Carter stated, "I see Christ as the incarnation of that piper who is calling us. He dances that shape and pattern which is at the heart of our reality. I sing of the dancing pattern in the life and words of Jesus. Whether Jesus ever leaped in Galilee to the rhythm of a pipe or drum, I do not know. We are told that David danced (and as an act of worship, too), so it is not impossible. The fact that some Christians have regarded dance as a bit ungodly (in church, at any rate) does not mean that Jesus did."

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Shaker hymn, arr. Pote

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, at Bethlehem I had my birth.

> Dance, then wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all where-ever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me; I danced for the fishermen for James and John; they came with me and the dance went on. Dance, then where-ever...

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black, it's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, But I am the dance and I still can go on. Dance, then where-ever...

> They cut me down and I leapt up high. I am the life that'll never never die, I'll live in you if you'll live in me I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. Dance, then where-ever...

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us, **thanks be to God!**

For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us, **thanks be to God!**

For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us, **thanks be to God!**

Christ has promised to be with us in the world as in our worship; **thanks be to God!**

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (singing together)

(See the inside back cover of your hymnal for text and music.)

SENDING

*HYMN 79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata 4

Felix Mendelssohn

*(Those who are able may stand.)

About Hymn 79

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn let to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms. TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2001; MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 2000.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. The opening and closing chordal sections of this movement bookend a fugue with a virtuosic subject that is introduced by the pedals.

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 and Head of Staff*

Liturgist

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Suzie Lane 11:00 AM Ann Harris

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir; Jane Kirchner, flute 11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semingson Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell Organist & Associate Director of Music Ministries

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tommy Baird and David Baird by their family.

The flowers in the Parlor are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for the Westminster staff and community for nurturing my family over several decades by Carol Ann Graham.

Red Roses

The red roses in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter, Lucy Rose on August 11, 2011 to Claire Harris and Andy Kramer (big sister Kate is delighted!); and for the birth of a daughter, Greer Louise on August 1, 2022 to Haley and Rob Eakin (big brother Harrison and grandparents Lake and John Eakin are thrilled!).

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

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional. The balcony will remain masks required.

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.

The Security Committee advises

members that the Wilson entrance to the building will remain locked on Sunday mornings for the foreseeable future.

Members may continue to enter the building at the Wilson entrance on Sundays by using an existing door code or contacting the church office to obtain one.



WPC Habitat Build September 10 - October 30

If you would like to volunteer for this year's build, please scan the QR code below. For more info or if you have questions, please contact Michael Drake, drakerducks@gmail.com.



minute 4 MISSION

Westminster Children's Choir Program

Research has proven that music helps with the development of the total person! Come be a part!

Eligible ages: School Grades Kindergarten – Sixth grade

Three different choirs:

Alleluia Choir Kindergarten with Susan Ramsay

Gloria Choir First - Third grade with Ally Hard

Jubilate Choir Fourth - Sixth grade with Roberta

Rodgers

All choirs meet at the same time 4:00 to 4:50 pm on Sunday afternoons in the upstairs music area of the Mayfair entrance.

Our Choir Kickoff party is Sunday,

August 28. We would like for an adult to accompany all choir participants for a brief meeting in the Sanctuary at 4:00 PM.

Children in grades fourth - sixth are eligible to also participate in a bell-ringing choir called Chiming Children. This meets right after choir from 5:00 to 5:50 PM with Colby White.

Why join choir?????

1. It is going to be lots of fun with wonderful activities.

2. It is a way for your child to give back to the church.

3. It is a great way to build community in our church among the children. These children attend many different schools. The more friends your children have at church, the more they are going to want to come and be a part.

4. Children will learn a hymn each month as well as choir literature.
5. Children will gain skills in how to follow a musical score and how to follow a hymn in the hymnal.
6. Your voice is the one instrument you take with you everywhere you go. The younger you are in learning how to use it, the more you can enjoy your instrument throughout your life.
7. Even when your body will no longer allow you to do some physical activities, you can still sing!!
8. All sixth grade participants receive

their own hymnal at the end of the year.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who are making this commitment to have their children participate in choir.

Please register your child by scanning the QR code below. Thank you.



KICKOFF SUNDAY

Join us for an all-church picnic featuring food trucks, fun games, and the popular dunk tank. We will be on the north end of the building for all this and more starting at 12:15 PM.

Adult Education Classes begin at 9:45 AM

Today's Classes:

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Join Donovan Drake for a special presentation of Where have we been? Where are we now? Where are we going?

Faith & Fellowship

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for Donovan's presentation.

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's Gospel lesson.

Youth

Sunday School • 9:45 AM Koinonia Youth Café

Parent's Party • 6:00 рм

All parents of 7th-12th graders are invited to join us for the Parents Party! Our gracious hosts for the party this year will be Tom & Julie Wilson! We will see old friends and welcome new ones, talk about the upcoming year for Koinonia Youth Ministry and invite parents to help with a few events!

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Katie Gossage, kgossage@nashvillewpc.org.

Sunday, August 28: This day will be a more youth-focused Kickoff! We will have our Confirmation Kickoff (stay tuned for details in upcoming emails)! At 6:05 pm, we will have our Youth Group Kickoff at Elmington Park!

Laudate Choir for seventh - twelfth graders also begins on Sunday, August 28 at 5:00 PM. *All are welcome.* Plan now to join us. Please contact John Semingson, johns@nashvillewpc.org, for more info.

Children's Ministry

All children will move up to their classes!

Pre-School Children go directly to their classrooms in the preschool hall.

Kindergarten Children go to the Godly Play room by the big cross.

First through Fourth Grades come to the Chapel.

Fifth and Sixth Grades go upstairs on the Wilson Wing to their classroom.



Every day we witness the many ways that our church has provided a spiritual home for our congregation. YOUR GENEROSITY helps Westminster with the day-to-day operation of the church including the support of our programs for all ages, our community partners and the maintenance of our campus. These everyday and ongoing costs are subject to continuing increases - and can easily be taken for granted.

We thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration to complete your 2022 pledge should you find yourself in a position to do so. We know from Proverbs that "one gives freely, but grows all the richer." Proverbs 11:24

Kelly Christie Generosity Committee Chair

FINANCIALS

Each month, the Finance Committee provides a summary of the church operating income and expenses.

If any members wish to have more information about church finances, please contact:

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Suzanne McLemore, Treasurer suzannegm58@gmail.com

Jo Ann McFarlin, Administrator jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526 x231.

July 31, 2022

Month	Year to Date	
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Opportunities

New classes are forming. Check out the opportunities below and look to future eBlasts for more classes as we roll out the 2022-23 adult education year.

Guy will be leading a class or two this fall, and Westminster Academy returns in September.

If you are interested in taking a Disciple I class this year, please contact Guy.

Sunday Afternoons • 5:00 PM Starts September 18 Journey with Jesus Led by Suzie Lane

Journey with Jesus Bible study will explore the question, "How do we claim God?" using Brian McLaren's book, "We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation" and some of our church's creeds.

It is not necessary to commit to every Sunday. The first session will be at the church. Most other sessions will take place via Zoom.

Tuesday Mornings • 7:00 AM Starting October 25 Daybreak Believers Led by Bill and Kelly Christie

A study on A.-J. Levine's 'The Difficult Words of Jesus'.

A Study on St. Teresa of Avila Date and time TBD Led by Lena Levendoski and Susan Isaacs

A study on Saint Teresa of Avila, a wellknown mystic from the 1500s who is considered the Doctor of Prayer.

Wednesday Mornings • 9:30 AM Starts August 31 Led by Sharon Warfield

This class will study *Moses* by Adam Hamilton.

Wednesday Mornings • 11:00 AM Starting August 31 Led by Lisa Staggs

A study on *The Beatitudes for Today* by James C. Howell.

If interested in any of the classes listed, please contact Guy or Kris Pardue.

New Member & Inquirer Class to Begin!

September 11 – October 9 our fall New Member & Inquirer Class will be held, 9:45 – 10:45 AM on Sunday mornings. This class is a wonderful way to learn about Westminster and the Presbyterian Church (USA), and to explore all of the opportunities for growth in faith, fellowship, and service at WPC. Those who feel called to join this congregation will be received by the Session on October 9, and in 11:00 am worship that day.

To sign up for this class, please contact: Emily Harrison, eharrision@nashvillewpc.org. Any questions? Please contact Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, hhudnutbeumler@ nashvillewpc.org, or 615-292-5526.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 2 • 12:00 to 6:00 рм Goodpasture Hall Westminster Blood Drive

We have set the date!

If you want to become a blood donor, please click the button below. Friends and family are welcome to participate as well. Children 16 and older may do so with a parent's permission.

Please scan the QR code below to register your interest.

A second blood drive has been set for February 5, 2023.

March 15 - 27, 2023 Tour of Israel & Jordan Led by Donovan Drake Hosted by Keith Cole

If you are interested in taking a trip to Israel, please visit our website to view the complete brochure.

Register online at bookings.wittetravel.com using the booking code 031523DRAK.





Golf Outing

Monday, September 12 8:00 AM Cost: \$100 per person, includes golf, cart, and lunch.

Benefits: Event proceeds benefit Westminster Home Connection.

Scan the QR code below to register for this event.





Westminster Café 8:00 ам - Noon Tuesdays through Fridays* Koinonia Youth Café

Looking for a convenient spot to meet a group of friends? Or a quiet space to work? Somewhere to have a good cup of coffee? Enter through the North Entrance of the church.

Volunteers are needed to greet guests, prepare drinks, serve pastries, and set up or clean up. Interested? Scan the QR Code to sign up. Trainees are paired with an experienced volunteer.



*Café hours are subject to change if a prior event is scheduled.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, August 21			
8:30 am	Worship		
9:45 ам	Sunday School Classes		
11:00 ам	Worship		
12:15 рм	Kickoff Picnic		
6:00 рм	Youth Parent Party - off campus		
Monday, <i>I</i>	August 22		
11:45 ам	Centering Prayer		
Tuesday,	August 23		
7:30 ам	Bible Study		
8:00 am	Westminster Café		
5:30 рм	Yoga		
5:45 рм	GETconnected Committee Mtg		
Wednesday, August 24			
7:00 ам	Men's Bible Study		
8:00 am	Westminster Café		
9:30 ам	Summer handbells		
10:00 am	Tom McDow Bible study		
7:00 рм	Men's Basketball		
	Westminster Choir rehearsal		
	August 25		
	Westminster Café		
	Knitting & Crocheting		
7:00 рм	Session		
Friday, August 26			
	Men's Bible Study		
	Westminster Café		
	Pickleball		
	August 27		
11:30 ам	AA		

For more information on the events listed here, please contact the church office, 615.292.5526.

You may also look at the calendar listed in our Church Life app for more details on all the events at Westminster. To learn more about the Church Life app, please contact Hannah Sims, 615.292.5526; hsims@nashvillewpc.org.

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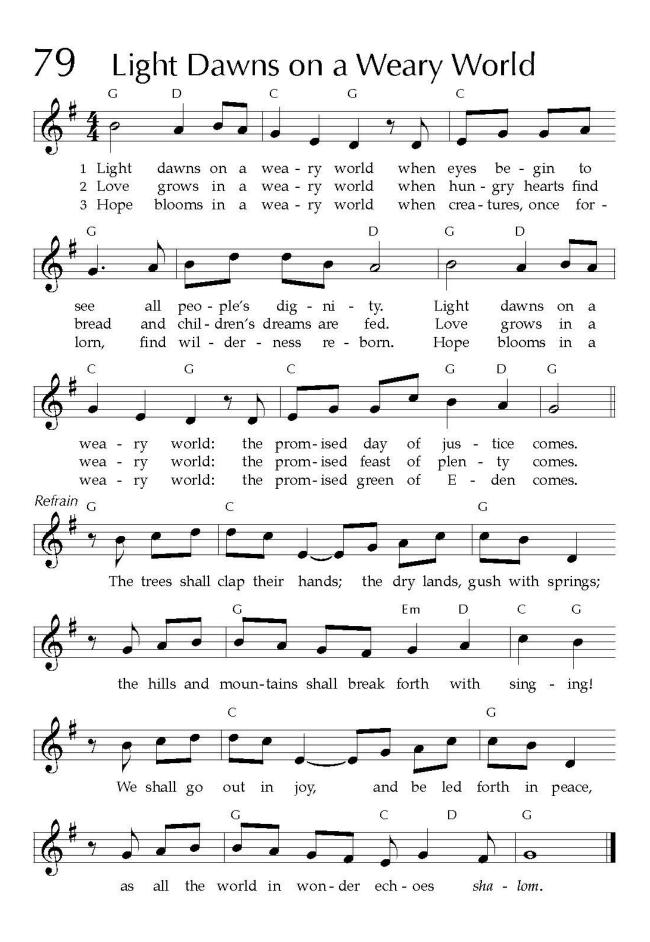
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