

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 16, 2022

Best Place
on **Earth**



**Westminster
Presbyterian
Church**

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Suite du Deuxième Ton

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

- i. Récit de Nazard
- ii. Caprice sur les grands jeux

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Oh, how we love your law!

It is our meditation all day long.

Blessed are you, O Lord,
teach us your statutes.

(Psalm 119:12)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**God of grace and steadfast love,
in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray-
stubbornly, relentlessly, faithfully-
crying out for justice night and day.
Hear our prayers for the world you made. 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 645

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Word of God, Jesus Christ,
leads the way to salvation through faith.
In turning to the Lord with humility,
and trusting in his love,
we confess our sin and the sin of the world.

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. Some of the smaller organs that Clérambault knew had "split stops" that could be drawn to play only in the treble or only in the bass, allowing for the use of two registers on the same keyboard. He specifically composed pieces like the Récit de Nazard where the solo and accompaniment parts do not cross the middle of the keyboard to work with the use of split stops.

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 645

This regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs. TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You have given us gifts to use in the world.
Originally intended to be used
to spread your word and share your message,
we've used those gifts for our own gain.
Instead of spreading your word,
we speak of our needs.
Instead of sharing your message,
we focus on our wants.
Forgive us, Lord,
for we know not what we do.
And so, in this time and space,
may we remember that you call us
to turn from our own needs,
as we begin to walk in your way.**

(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.

Scripture

The scriptures bear witness to the word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who "became flesh and lived among us." (John 1:14) Where the word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the word are central to Christian worship and essential to the Service for the Lord's Day.

About Psalm 71:97-104 (Hymn 64)

Although this phrase is based on only a small part of Psalm 119, it incorporates many of the synonyms that weave through this extended acrostic psalm celebrating God's Law: commandments, judgments, words, teachings, wisdom, statutes, laws, precepts, understandings, ways. TEXT: Jean Janzen, 1991; MUSIC: Heinrich Schütz, 1661.

About Hymn 373

This text on peace was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The first stanza depicts *pax*, a mode of peace focused on ending conflict, and the second (based on Isaiah 11:6-9) describes *shalom*, the condition of living in harmony and mutual good will. TEXT: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982; MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Jeremiah 31:27-34

(Old Testament, page 735 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 119:97-104 (all sing Hymn 64)

WOHL DENEN, DIE DA WANDELN

Luke 18:1-8

(New Testament, page 81 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"Best Place on Earth"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

*HYMN 373

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

(from A Brief Statement 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

Spiritual, arr. Appling

We shall walk through the valley of the shadow of Death,
We shall walk through the valley in peace!
*And if Jesus himself shall be our leader,
We shall walk through the valley in peace!*

There will be no sorrowing there,
There will be no sorrowing there.
And if Jesus himself shall be our leader...

*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! 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.

**God of all goodness,
give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you. Amen.**

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

(See page 35 of your hymnal for the words.)

SENDING

*HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM (Schutte)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F Major, BWV 556 J.S. Bach

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

To GIVE, please scan the QR code.



About Hymn 69

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain. TEXT and MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. From the collection of "Eight Little Preludes and Fugues," the Fugue in F Major has a trill figuration that is well suited for statements in the pedals with alternating pedal technique.

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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

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith
*Associate Pastor for Adult Education and
Spiritual Nurture*

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Jennie Renwick
11:00 AM Virginia Reynolds

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir
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
Barbara Anne Felch
by the Felch family.*

Red Roses

The red roses in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter, Chavah Lily, on October 7, 2022, to Becca and Neal Halper (Moe and Jess Hill are very happy grandparents!); and for the birth of a daughter, Lillian Medora, on October 7, 2022, to Sara and Andy Frederick (Grandparents Janis and John Reynolds and Aunt Virginia Reynolds are thrilled!).

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.

Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service later in the day or the week, go to nashvillewpc.church and scroll down to the *Worship Service Archive*. 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.

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.

Mask Policy

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

Spotlight on Missions

Join us in the Parlor this morning, as we spotlight a few of our missions and educational opportunities at WPC. We want to make sure everyone can *GETconnected!*

Be sure to stop by and sign up for an activity at one of these tables:

Joy in Learning

Childcare

Classroom 146 - Babies
Classroom 152 - Toddlers
Classroom 151 - 2s & 3s
Classroom 160 - 4s, 5s, & Kindergarten

Childcare is available from 8:15 AM to 12:00 PM.

With all the new activities and classes opening up at the church again, it is hard to keep up with all the dates and times. Please feel free to take your bulletin home. Otherwise, please recycle your bulletin by placing your copy in the baskets located on the Parlor table or in the Narthex.

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education

Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Black Presbyterians and Faith Roots of Civil Rights Movement

Led by Dennis C. Dickerson, Ph.D.
James M. Lawson, Jr. Professor of History
Vanderbilt University

Faith & Fellowship • 214

"Do you send God to Voicemail?"

We ask God to hear us, but do we listen for God?

Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's Gospel lesson.

Young Families • Overlook Room

Fellowship Sunday

Youth Ministry

No Sunday School

6:05 PM • Youth Group at Edley's
Sylvan Park location

Children's Ministry

Fall Break

Sunday School Schedule

2-year-olds will stay in childcare

3s, 4s, and 5s will combine in the 4s and 5s room.

Kindergarten - In their regular classroom

1st - 4th - Same plan, a new movie with Sophie

5th and 6th - In their regular classroom

Children & Youth Choirs

4:00 PM • Alleluia, Gloria, Julilate and Tintinnabulation will rehearse.

5:00 PM • Laudate and Chiming Children will rehearse.

It's not too late to join Westminster's Children's Choir. If your child is finishing up a fall sport and now has time to join choir, please come join us! We welcome all children in grades K - 6th grades. Hope to see many of you!!

Book Study for Parents

Sunday Afternoons • 4:00 PM

Magnolia Room

Thrivers: The Surprising Reason Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine
by Michele Borba

"To thrive in a technologically driven, fear-based, rapidly changing twenty-first-century world, kids need more than grades, scores, and trophies; they need the strength of heart, mind, and will."
- Michele Borba

Join us as we move through this fabulous book which holds tangible, doable ideas for how we help our children thrive in our world today.

Sophie Maness leads the study and looks forward to seeing you!

JOIN US

Wednesday Night Dinner

October 19 • 5:45 PM

Cheeseburger casserole • Tossed salad
Peas and carrots • Fudge pie

Please scan the QR code below to
make reservations:



Westminster Academy

October 19 • 6:30 PM

Overlook Room

Join us for a discussion with Sue Trout
teaching Sherwood Anderson's novel,
Winesburg, Ohio.

Join Our Special Guests at Wednesday Night Dinner

One of Westminster's Mission Partners,
Heart for Africa, is making the trip to
Nashville on October 19! Five 10-year-
old children from Eswatini will be joining
us for dinner: Ben, Esther, Miriam,
Emmanuel, and Joshua.

To learn more about them and where
they live, please scan the QR code
below. If you have any questions, please
contact Kristen Johns or Lindsay Ballew,
both of whom traveled to Eswatini over
the summer (with their families) -- and
are so excited for these friends to meet
Westminster friends!

This is their first time visiting the United
States. Join us to welcome them warmly!!



JOIN US



Tuesdays through Fridays
Westminster Café
8:00 AM - Noon

Interested to help in the cafe or on Second Sunday Fellowship time? As this ministry continues to grow, we are looking for more servers and baking volunteers!

Next cafe training: Wednesdays, Oct. 19 and 26 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM and 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Contact Beth Drake at beth@westminsterjoy.org.

Where you find that 2 or 3 are gathered... "I'm there!"
Matthew 18:19-20

October 28
The Printed Word is the Topic of the Fourth Authors Roundtable
10:00 AM • Westminster Café

Jody Dyer, the owner of Crippled Beagle Publishing Company, highlights Joy in Learning's fourth Authors Roundtable. Jody's lively presentation is sure to interest both book lovers and writers alike as she walks us through the four primary components of the publishing process, writing, editing, publishing, and marketing.

During her presentation, Jody will explain how Crippled Beagle came by its unique name. Finally, she will talk about the Write Your Legacy! program that begins in January.

Jody is a gifted, hard-working writer, ghostwriter, editor, publisher, marketer, and entrepreneur.

Register by October 24 using the QR code below.



October 18
Note Caring Ministry
9:00 AM • Westminster Café

Cards and stamps are ready for anyone interested in writing to someone who is on your heart! We also provide names of folks who might appreciate a note in the mail. Do you need help getting started? We can help you!

Sign up and more info by scanning the QR code below.

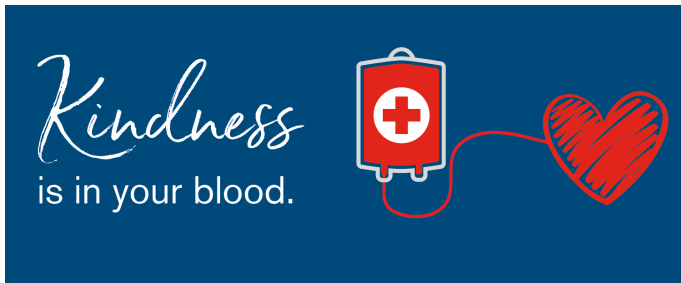


October 20
Men's Coffee
10:00 AM • Westminster Café

Open to men of all ages! Come for good coffee, delicious goodies and great fellowship. No reservations are required to join.

Discussion topic:
Important Moments in Sports

EVERY MEMBER HAS A MISSION



Help save a life.

Schedule your blood donation appointment today.



November 2 Westminster Blood Drive 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. You can help save lives by joining WPC for a blood drive on November 2 from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

New appointment times are available!

Make a difference in our community and beyond and help ensure blood is on the shelves before it is needed for trauma victims, transplant recipients, and those being treated for cancer and sickle cell disease.

To make an appointment, please scan the QR code below.



October 19 & 20 Waverly Work Date

There have certainly been plenty of disasters, floods, and fires in the last few months. These events are too far away for Westminster. However, a great deal of flood relief work remains in Waverly.

Progress is slowly being made but recovery will take a long time. Please consider joining a Westminster work team that will go to Waverly, on October 19 & 20. We will work to restore the home of a local flood-impacted citizen.

Need more info? Please email Joe Gaines, joegaines12@gmail.com, if you wish to participate or have questions.

Starting in November Room In The Inn

There is a distinct feel of fall in the air, and very cold weather is around the corner. We are excited and solemn about the Room In The Inn fall/winter feeding and sheltering program at Westminster.

Room In The Inn resumes at Westminster November 9 with many opportunities for engagement for singles, families, or small groups Wednesday nights through March 2023.

Please scan the QR code below to read more about the opportunities and to sign up for one or more.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centering Prayer brings strength and power to many. "Be still and know that I am God," says the Psalmist. Come and be still, 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM, Monday mornings in the Chapel.

We gather in sacred space by candlelight and cross, in the presence of God and one another. The half hour begins with a brief passage of scripture or uplifting word from ancient and contemporary spiritual guides, followed by twenty minutes in silence.

Please contact Elizabeth Trabue,
elizabethtrabue@gmail.com

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler,
hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org for
more information.

Hospitalizations

Because of federal health care/ confidentiality mandates, area hospitals are less able to release by phone to church staff the names of our members who may be patients in their facilities. Please contact the church office (615.292.5526) or one of the members of our church staff when you know about someone in the hospital who needs care from the church.

Prayer Requests

It is the privilege of our pastors and the Congregational Care Prayer Team to pray by name for those who need our care. Please indicate on one of the prayer request forms, found in the pew literature racks, the name of the person and the nature of your request. Then place the request form in the offering plate or give it to one of our pastors.



Coaching with Sophie Maness

Busy people can feel pulled in many directions and lose track of what is important to them.

Coaching helps individuals get clear about their priorities and goals, develop strategies to meet those goals, and celebrate when they do.

As a coach, Sophie does not solve problems for others. She helps them understand where or how they are stuck, and finds ways to get unstuck together.

For church members there is no cost, this is a new ministry for Sophie at Westminster.

If you are interested in setting up a time for some coaching or have additional questions, please contact Sophie Maness, smaness@nashvillewpc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy in Learning Children's Opportunities in the Winter!

Get your Calendars Out!

We are so excited to have 25-30 refugee children from Nations Ministry combine with our own Westminster children and friends for the four Tuesdays in October!

We are currently full, but we will be signing up children K-4th grade soon for a new session on Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31 from 3:30—5:15 p.m.

Needed: volunteers who will lead and help along with snack providers.
For questions and to help, contact Beth Drake at beth@westminsterjoy.org.



LOOKING AHEAD

October 25

**Westminster Book Group
Room 10**

9:30 to 10:00 AM for socializing

10:00 to 11:00 AM for program

Leader: Carole Bucy

The Tall Woman
by Wilma Dykeman

Although this book is out of print, used copies can be found online at Amazon or at Abe Books. Carole suggests choosing an alternative title from any of Wilma Dykeman's other books, fiction or nonfiction. Choices could include a variety of titles including *Family of the Earth: A Southern Mountain Childhood*.

November 9

**Changing Gears
Goodpasture Hall**

11:00 AM - Fellowship

11:30 AM - Program

12:15 PM - Lunch

Ken Garrison presents *In the footsteps of Paul: Travels to Greece and Turkey*.

We hope you can join us.

Choral Evensong for All Saints' Sunday, November 6 • 7:00 PM

**Logan Chaput & Emily Harrison, soloists | Chamber orchestra
Dale Nickell, organist | Dr. John Semington, conductor**

This beautiful candlelight service of remembrance will feature evening canticles by Carson Cooman, and Gabriel Faure's much-loved *Requiem*.

All are welcome! Please bring a friend and join us for this meaningful annual service.



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, October 16

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Thrivers Book study
Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Journey with Jesus

Monday, October 17

- 11:45 AM Centering Prayer
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, October 18

- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:00 AM Harvard Handbells
- 5:30 PM Yoga

Wednesday, October 19

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 8:15 AM Photine's Well - St. Teresa study
- 9:30 AM Changing Gears handbells
- 10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible study
- 5:30 PM Finance Committee Mtg
- 5:45 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:30 PM Westminster Academy
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball
Westminster Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 20

- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting
Women's Bible study
Men's Coffee

Friday, October 21

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, October 22

- 11:30 AM AA

Contacts:

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

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

Hymn #1


645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud



cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song



the God of our sal - va - tion. With
God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be



heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,



mur - mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

Psalm 119:97-104 (Hymn 65)

64 I Long for Your Commandments

(Psalm 119)

1 I long for your com - mand - ments; your judg - ments all are
2 With - out your lamp to guide me I wan - der from the
3 O God, I love your knowl - edge, more pre - cious than pure

just. With - in your words is wis - dom, your teach - ings
way. With - out your laws and pre - cepts I stum - ble
gold. It sat - is - fies like hon - ey, a sweet - ness

un - der - stood are com - fort to my spir - it's need and
in the dark. Your un - der - stand - ings are my hope that
on my tongue. It leads me to sal - va - tion's door where

in the night my so - lace. Your stat - utes are my song.
I may run in free - dom. Your ways are my re - lease.
you have spread your ta - ble. O, lead me to your home.

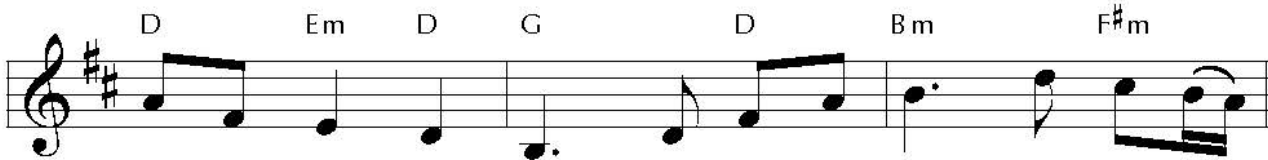
Hymn #2

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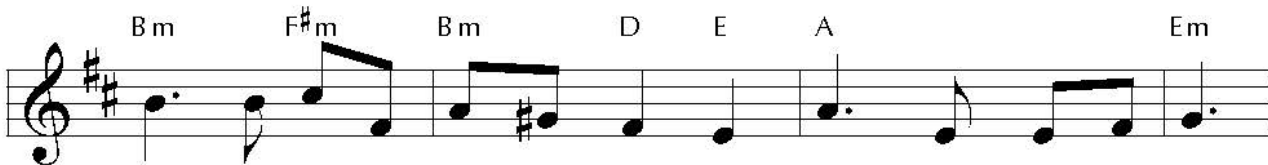
O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



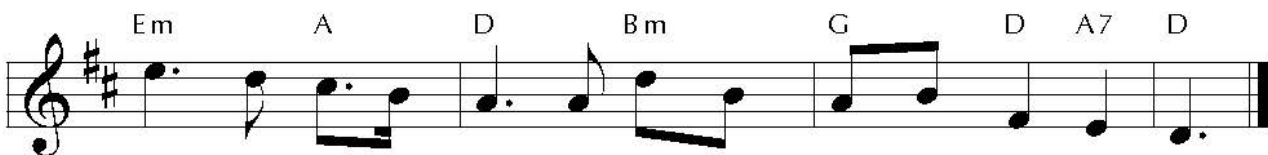
hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly



love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re-lease, till by God's
shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord; the hope of



grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Hymn #3

69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.



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