

Third Sunday of Lent  
March 12, 2023

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PRESBYTERIAN

# GATHERING

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

## 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.

## PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, BWV 558 J.S. Bach

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in love.**  
Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit,  
**God's love is poured into our hearts.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**Enduring Presence, goal and guide,  
you go before and await our coming.  
Only our thirst compels us  
beyond complaint to conversation,  
beyond rejection to relationship.  
Pour your love into our hearts,  
that, refreshed and renewed,  
we may invite others to the living water  
given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

## CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin,  
**we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.**

But if we confess our sins,  
**God, who is faithful and just,  
will forgive us our sins and cleanse us  
from all unrighteousness.**

*(1 John 1:8-9)*

In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

## About Hymn 81

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages. TEXT: John Newton, 1775; MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, the fount of every blessing,  
your streams of mercy never cease to flow.  
Why do we, at the first sign of trouble, begin to doubt you?  
We harden our hearts,  
insisting you solve the problems we put to you.  
We quarrel amongst ourselves,  
and hoard what we fear we might lose.  
We abandon hope,  
though you shower us with your love and power.  
Do not be angry with us, Lord.  
Forgive our faithless hearts and make them more like yours –  
steadfast and full of love. Amen.

*(Silent confession)*

### Kyrie

James MacMillan

*(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)*

Choir: Lord, have mer - cy. Congregation: Lord, have  
mer - cy. Choir: Christ, have mer - cy. Congregation: Christ,  
have mer - cy. Choir: Lord, have  
mer - cy. Congregation and Choir: Lord, have mer - cy.

## 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.

### *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.

*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.

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Pad, 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.**

#### **Exodus 17:1-7**

*(Old Testament, page 64 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 95 (All sing)** Timothy Dudley-Smith/DARWALL'S 148TH

Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim,  
his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name.

Lift high your songs

before his throne to whom alone all praise belongs.

Our God of matchless worth, our King beyond compare,  
the deepest bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care.

He all decrees,

who by his hand prepared the land and formed the seas.

In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess;  
the great Creator, he, the Lord of Righteousness.

He reigns unseen:

his flock he feeds and gently leads in pastures green.

Come, hear his voice today, receive what love imparts;  
his holy will obey and harden not your hearts.

His ways are best

and lead at last, all troubles past, to perfect rest.

#### **John 4:5-11**

*(New Testament, pages 94-95 in your pew Bible)*

### SERMON

"Eternal Instant"

Donovan Drake

*(A moment for meditation)*



**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

With the whole Church let us profess our faith:

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves  
and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries  
of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ  
as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom,  
and peace. Amen.**

*(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 Lord, I Want To Be A Christian Victor Johnson

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus, Lord,  
Lord, I want to be more loving,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

To GIVE, please scan  
the QR code below:



*Doxology*

A short hymn of praise to the triune God (God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit).

*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.

*About the Postlude*

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. This Offertoire explores the contrasts of the "grands jeux" registration, which is the full chorus of reeds. Larger and smaller choruses contrast in dialogue as well as bass and treble solos taking turns on the larger Trompette ranks.

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**\*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.**

**Almighty and merciful God,  
from whom comes all good, and every perfect gift,  
we praise you for your mercies,  
for your goodness that has created us,  
your grace that has sustained us,  
your discipline that has corrected us,  
your patience that has borne with us,  
and your love that has redeemed us.  
Help us to love you,  
and to be thankful for all your gifts,  
by serving you and delighting to do your will,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(Praying together; see page 35 of your hymnal for words.)*

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN 65** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

**\*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** Offertoire sur les grands jeux François Couperin

*\*(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)*

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## TODAY@ WESTMINSTER

### Worship Leaders

#### Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake  
*Pastor*

#### Liturgist

T.J. Piccolo  
*Associate Director of Youth*

#### Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Mark Beveridge  
11:00 AM Bob Hines

#### Music

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

Dr. John Semington  
*Director of Music Ministries*

Dale Nickell  
*Organist and Associate Director of  
Music Ministries*

### Easter Lilies: Deadline March 26

Lilies will grace our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. If you would like to purchase a lily (\$10) in memory or in honor of a friend or family member, place your order online at [www.nashvillewpc.church](http://www.nashvillewpc.church) or email Terri Eckert at [teckert@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:teckert@nashvillewpc.org).

#### On the cover:

*The Word Made Flesh, God Poured Out*  
By Mike Moyers, [mikemoyersfineart.com](http://mikemoyersfineart.com)

This painting conceptualizes the beautiful mystery of God blending with creation. It is an abstract mixing of power and humility, order and chaos, light and dark.

For me, The Word Made Flesh could also be described as God Poured Out. In Jesus, the grace of God poured into creation like a waterfall of sacrificial love. Let the mystery pour over you. Allow grace to mix with your life. May the unpredictable Word overflow in your heart. - MM

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# 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](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org).



### 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.

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### Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service later in the day or the week, go to [nashvillewpc.church](http://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.

### Mask Policy

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

### Childcare

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

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

### Second Sunday Fellowship Time!

*Now every month in the Parlor*

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

- specialized coffee and treats
- meet new friends, greet old ones

Living Out  
*the* WORD

"Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep..."

John 4:11

What are the things that get in the way of you being open to others and God?

How does being in love with someone distort reality?

What does it mean to be loved by God?



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# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

**Adult Education**  
Classes start at 9:45 AM

## Adult Education



**Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall**  
Choon-leong Seow,  
Vanderbilt, Buffington,  
Cupples Chair in Divinity  
Distinguished Professor  
of Hebrew Bible, THE  
WHIRLWIND DISCOURSES  
IN THE BOOK OF JOB

The book of Job, widely regarded as a classic in world literature, reaches its climax in chapters 38-41, where God finally responds to Job. Yet, these are also among the most controversial and difficult portions to understand. This series of lectures will consider the theological meaning of these divine speeches as God answer to Job's problem, as well as Job's responses to the divine revelation.

**Faith & Fellowship • 214**  
We continue our study on Luke.

**Murdoch MacLeods • Library**  
We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.



**Parents of Youth & Young Adults  
Coffee & Conversation  
Room 10**

Spring Break  
Join us on March 26 as we learn more about the organization Cul2vate.

**Young Families • Overlook Room**  
Fellowship Sunday

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## Youth Ministry

Spring Break  
Join us next Sunday for Sunday School and Youth Group

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## Children's Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School

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## Children & Youth Choirs

Spring Break  
Join us next Sunday for choir rehearsal.

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# LENT

**March 15, 22 & 29**  
**Midweek Worship Services**  
**11:45 AM to 12:15 PM**  
**Sanctuary**

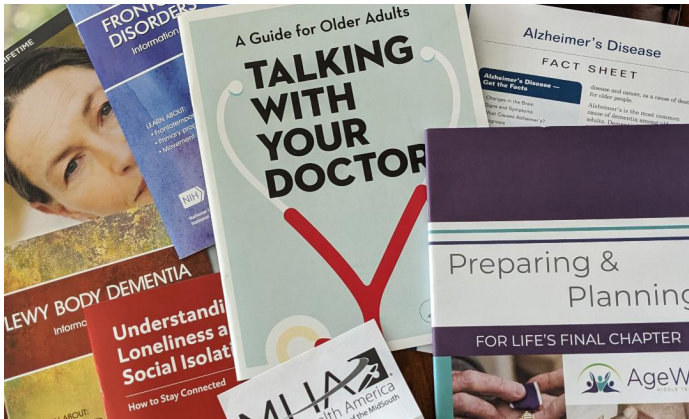
These services will also be LIVE streamed.

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**Lenten devotionals** are now available in the Parlor.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Thanks to all who attended** Joining the Journey of Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiving sessions, led by Lynn Wood, MSW, of Mental Health America Mid South. Lynn has provided Congregational Care the materials referenced during her talks, for those who registered for the class. The free materials will be available in the parlor during services Sunday, March 12th. If you are unable to pick up your copies this week, please contact Sylvia Leins, srleins@yahoo.com, and she will set them aside for you or mail them to you at your request. If you or someone you know was unable to attend Lynn's series, but would like to know more about resources for caregivers of those experiencing memory loss, we can request additional copies of almost all materials free of charge!

Materials include:  
 Preparing & Planning Guide For Life's Final Chapter

A Guide for Older Adults; Talking With Your Doctor,

2023-2024 Middle Tennessee Directory of Services

And much more!

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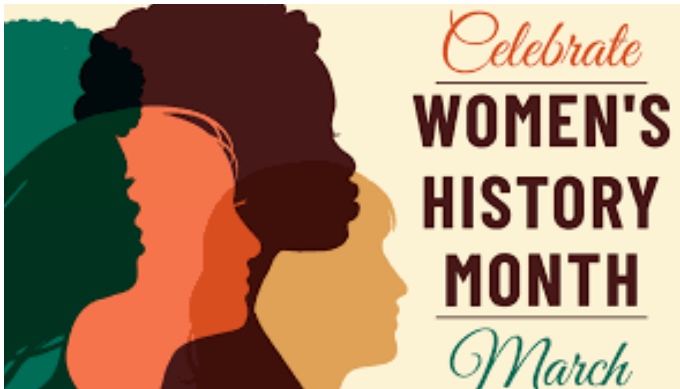
Jo Ann McFarlin, Administrator  
 jmcfarlin@nashvillewpc.org or  
 615.292.5526 x231.

February 28, 2023		
	Month	Year to Date
Income:	\$262,284	\$926,429
Expense:	<u>\$252,793</u>	<u>\$519,554</u>
Net Income (loss):	\$9,491	\$406,875

Your generous response to the 2023 campaign has been remarkable. Our mission as the Body of Christ is to be the steward of God's beauty, glory, justice, and love. We give to Westminster because our story, no matter how many twists and turns there are in it, is drawn into God's story. THANK YOU... for ensuring that the story of God's deep love for all, and yearning for true reconciliation gets told to a world that desperately needs to hear it. "You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14

Kelly Christie, Generosity Chair

# JOIN US



**March 13**  
**Women's Covenant Group**  
**11:30 AM - 12:00 PM BYO Lunch**  
**(drinks provided)**  
**12:00 - 1:00 PM program**  
**Goodpasture Hall**

March is Women's History Month, and we are so fortunate to have Carole Bucy lead us in a discussion about the women's movement of the 1960s and the impact of Title IX on the lives of American women. *Please join us!*

For more info, please contact:  
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**Please note the date change for the recital below:**



**March 21**  
**Organ Recital**  
**7:00 PM**

Please join us for an Organ Recital featuring our Organist & Associate Director of Music Ministries, Dale Nickell. The program is free and open to the public and will include

works by Rheinberger, Vierne, Lemare, Bach, Guilman, and Messiaen.

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**April 2**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Children's Choir Opportunity**

Would your child like to sing on Palm Sunday?

We are welcoming ALL children in grades K - 6th grades to join the Children's Choir for a brief stint of rehearsals. Beginning Sunday afternoon, February 19, until Palm Sunday, April 2, your child can join rehearsals and sing with the choir on Palm Sunday. What a GREAT way to give choir a try.

We meet at 4:00 PM Sunday afternoons in the choir area upstairs from the Mayfair entrance. We would love to see your child come join us!!

For more information, please contact Dale Nickell, [dnickell@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:dnickell@nashvillewpc.org).

# THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

## Sunday, March 12

8:30 AM Worship  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship  
5:00 PM Journey with Jesus

## Monday, March 13

11:30 AM Women's Covenant Group  
11:45 AM Centering Prayer  
5:00 PM Pickleball

## Tuesday, March 14

7:00 AM Daybreak Believers  
7:30 AM Bible Study  
8:00 AM Westminster Café  
9:00 AM Harvard Handbells

## Wednesday, March 15

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
8:00 AM Westminster Café  
8:15 AM Photine's Well  
9:30 AM Changing Gears Handbells  
10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible Study  
6:00 PM Room In The Inn  
6:30 PM Westminster Academy  
7:00 PM Men's Basketball  
7:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, March 16

8:00 AM Westminster Café  
8:15 AM Yoga  
10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting  
Women's Bible study

## Friday, March 17

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
5:00 PM Pickleball  
6:00 PM Women's Retreat Dinner

## Saturday, March 18

11:30 AM AA

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

## 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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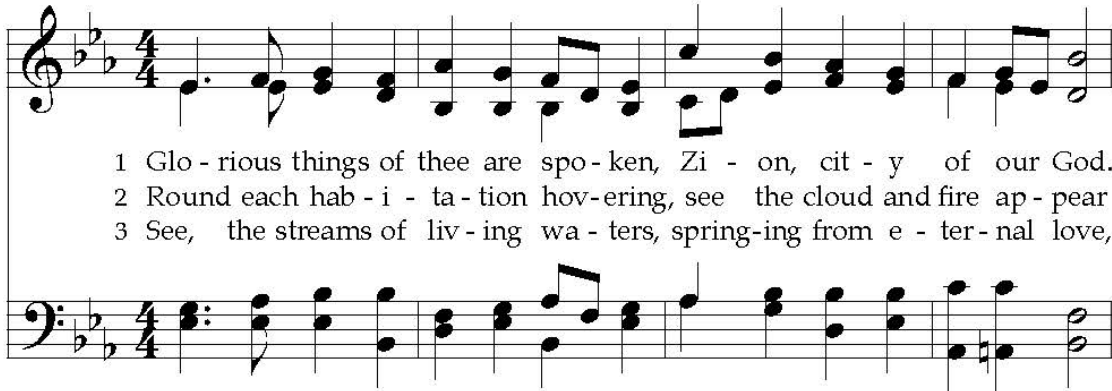
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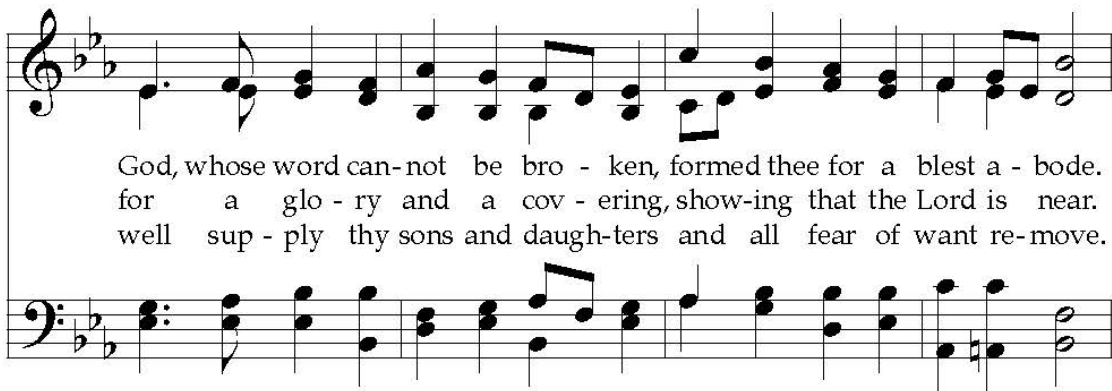


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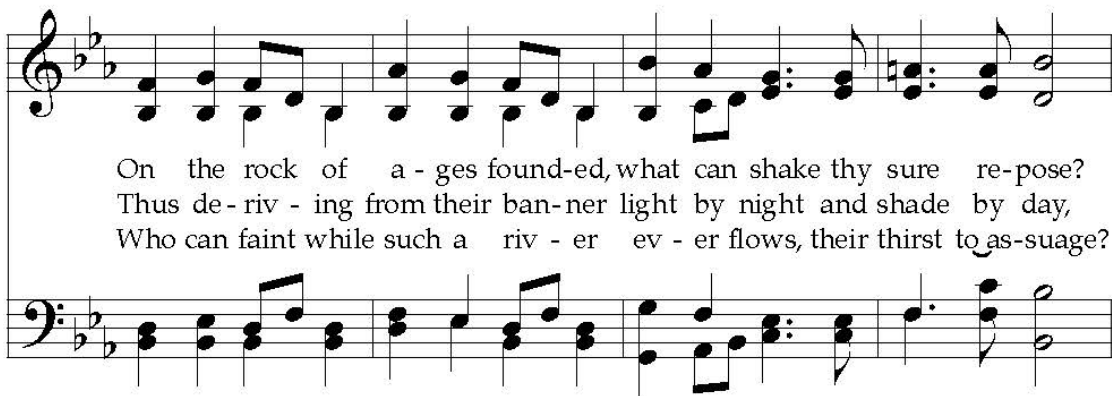
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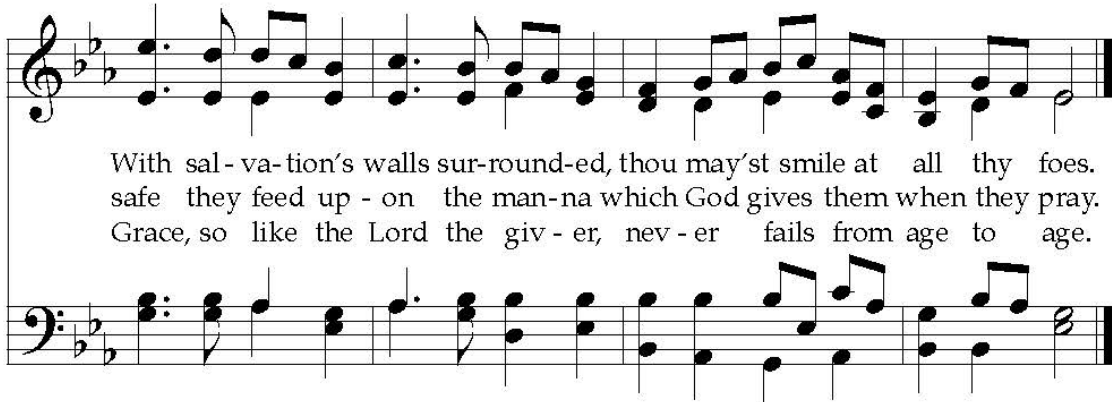
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.  
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



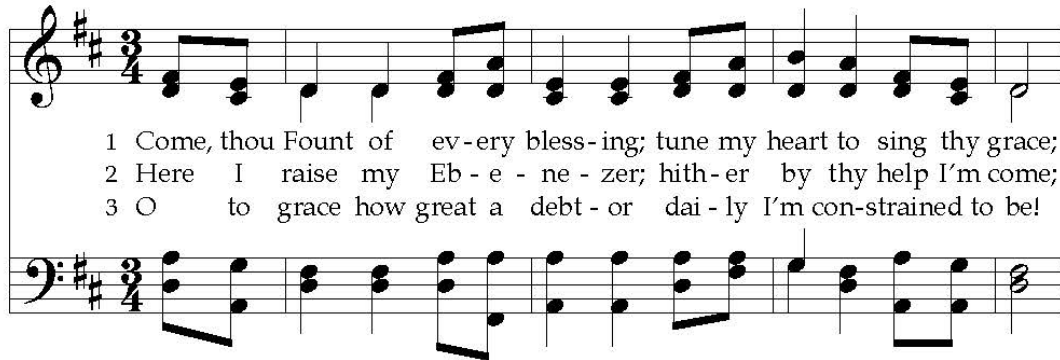
On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



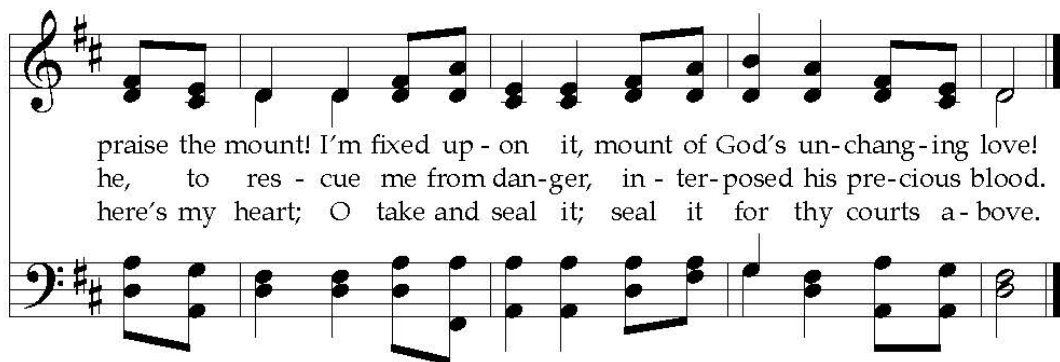
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

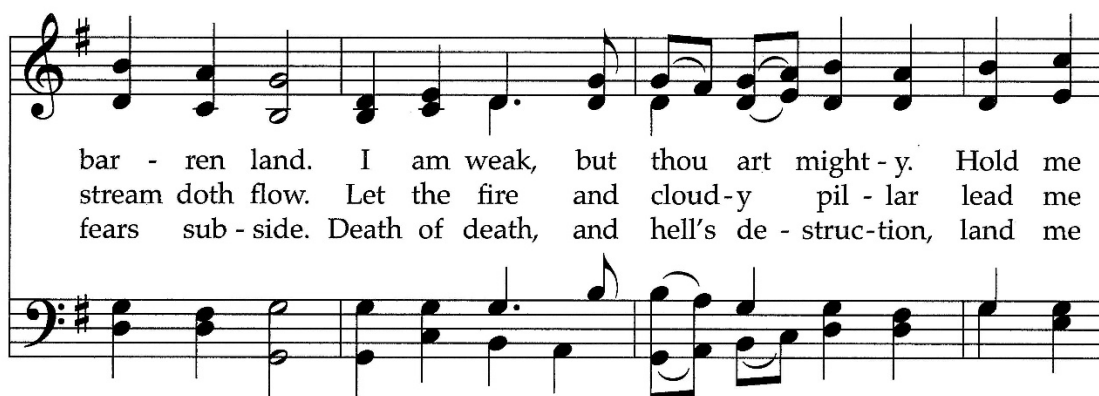


praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

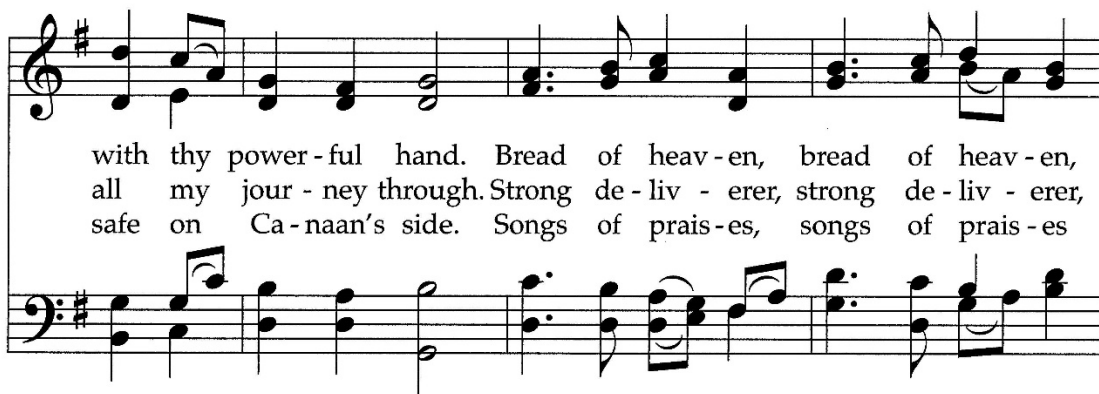
# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



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.

