

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023

If you want to know who God is,
look at Jesus.
If you want to know what it means to be human,
look at Jesus.
If you want to know what love is,
look at Jesus.
If you want to know what grief is,
look at Jesus.
And go on looking until you're not just a spectator,
but you're actually part of the drama
which has him as the central character.

- NT Wright

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

Aria (from *St. Matthew Passion*)

J.S. Bach

Adagio (from *Concerto in c*)

Benedetto Marcello

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to our God

with songs of praise!

O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker. *(Ps. 95:1-2, 6-7)*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Everlasting God,

in whom we live and move and have our being,

you have made us for yourself,

so that our hearts are restless

until they rest in you.

Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,

that no selfish passion may hinder us

from knowing your will,

no weakness keep us from doing it;

that in your light we may see light clearly,
and in your service find perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(Silent confession)

About Hymn 744

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people. TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974; MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894.

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.

Kyrie

James MacMillan

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

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

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.

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.")*

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.**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

(Old Testament, pages 259-260 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 23 Shape-note hymn/arr. Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways,
And leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
No more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

John 9:1-41 *(selected verses)*
(New Testament, pages 102-103 in your pew Bible)

SERMON "Blurred Vision" Guy D. Griffith

*"I do not know whether he is a sinner.
One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."* (John 9:25)

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 816** If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

With the whole Church let us profess our faith:

**God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery
which the Scriptures describe in various ways.
It is called the sacrifice of a lamb,
a shepherd's life given for his sheep,
atonement by a priest;**

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.

again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt,
vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty,
and victory over the powers of evil.
These are expressions of a truth
 which remains beyond the reach of all theory
 in the depths of God's love for humankind.
They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement
of God's reconciling work.

The risen Christ is the savior of all people.
Those joined to him by faith are set right with God
 and commissioned to serve as God's reconciling
 community.
Christ is head of this community, the church,
which began with the apostles
 and continues through all generations.

(From *The Confession of 1967*, 9.09-10)

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

Walk in Light

Karen Marolli

And we shall study war no more.
Come, O people, O come and walk in the light of the Lord.
And we shall walk the paths of peace, *Come, O people...*

The night is far spent; the day is at hand.
And we shall study war no more. *Come, O people...*

So let us cast off the works of night
so we may wear a Shield of Day. *Come, O people...*
Evermore and evermore.
And we shall walk in paths of peace. *Come, O people...*

*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.

To GIVE, please scan
the QR code below:



Doxology

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

*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.

We are overwhelmed by your love,
which goes to the cross for us,
endures the grave,
and leads us to new life.
By your Spirit,
strengthen our souls
to be brave and bold in Christ's service.

Take our offerings,
and use them and us for your purposes,
in the name of Jesus Christ,
our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(Singing together; see the inside back cover of your hymnal
for words and music.)*

SENDING

*HYMN 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

*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 Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 555
J.S. Bach

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

About Hymn 377

The author / composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12, Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23. TEXT and MUSIC: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

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

Liturgist

Sophie Maness
Executive Director of Family Ministries

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Ann Neely
11:00 AM Hamilton Proctor

Music

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

Somerlie DePasquale, oboe
Jane Kirchner, flute

Dr. John Semingson
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 or email Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org.

Sanctuary and Parlor Flowers- Dates Available to Reserve

We have several dates available to reserve Sanctuary and Parlor flowers in the months of April, May, June, and July. Our talented Flower Guild members would love to create the perfect arrangement to honor your loved ones. Please contact Terri Eckert in the church office at 615.292.5526 or by email at teckert@nashvillewpc.org if you would like to reserve a date.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Living Out the WORD

"I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."
John 9:25

- 1). How do you answer the question "Why?" concerning the pain and suffering in our lives? What do you learn from how Jesus answers that question as he heals the man who had been blind from birth?
- 2). Why do you think Jesus healed the man as he did?
- 3). What physical or emotional challenge in your life has turned into an opportunity for you to understand more deeply who God is?

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 begin 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

Youth Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School

6:05 PM • Youth Group

Children's Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School

Children & Youth Choirs

4:00 PM • Alleluia, Gloria, and Jubilate
choirs will rehearse today.

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

LENT

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

These services will also be LIVE streamed.

Lenten devotionals are now available in
the Parlor.

JOIN US



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.

April 15, 16 ALL Church NaCoMe Weekend

Join us for a fun-filled weekend that includes a duck race, good food, dancing, a campfire, and s'mores. Jump in the creek, talk to new and old friends, and join us for worship on Sunday.

NaCoMe Camp is a Presbyterian Camp just west of Nashville about an hour and a half. We go on Saturday and come back Sunday.

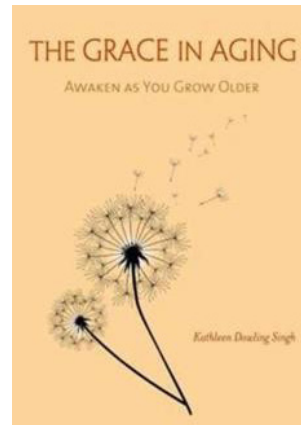
Sign up for the day or spend the night. In the cabins, families have a room with several beds and their own bathroom. It is a great way to get to know other families in the church. **We have a blast.**

Sign up now by scanning the QR code below.



March 28 Westminster Book Group 9:30 AM • Fellowship 10:00 AM • Presentation Room 10

Led by Richard Warren



The Grace in Aging: Awaken as You Grow Older by Kathleen Dowling Singh

Encouraging, inspiring, and practical, *The Grace in Aging* invites all those who have ever experienced spiritual longing to awaken in their twilight

years. Since aging, in and of itself, does not lead to spiritual maturity, *The Grace in Aging* suggests and explores causes and conditions that we can create in our lives, just as we are living them, to allow awakening to unfold -- transforming the predictable sufferings of aging into profound opportunities for growth in clarity, love, compassion, and peace.
- Publisher description

Order from Parnassus, Amazon, Abe Books, Thrift Books, or other sources. A Kindle version is available.

JOIN US



Tuesdays through Fridays
Westminster Café

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

Thursdays
Live Music
10:00 AM

Come and enjoy some live acoustic guitar music in the Café compliments of Kimberly Dillard and Debra Griner.

Just sit back and relax over a cup of coffee or tea and a homemade pastry, by yourself or with a friend!

This is not a concert, so conversations are welcome.

Fridays - Starting March 24
Memories with Howard & Janice
9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Do you have a piece of something old that you would like to make into something new? A broken tea cup, a piece of lace, one earring, an old photo, and so much more can be transformed with the help of Janice Mann.

As Janice likes to remind us, "The smallest pieces of memorabilia and some of the unthinkable can be turned into some most interesting pieces." If you are interested in joining Janice or to see some of her masterpieces, let us know or drop on by!



Every day
Puzzles

Do you love doing puzzles with new and old friends? Come by the Café any day (Tuesday through Friday) and join the fun and conversations!

Also available: various board games and indoor table games.

For more information on any of these programs and more of what is available, please visit westminsterjoy.org.

LIVING OUT THE WORD



Westminster Home Connection Decluttering Service

A newly organized living space can be as life changing as a ramp. Could you volunteer with Westminster Home Connection to declutter the home of an older adult? We have declutter jobs ranging from a couple of hours to leading a volunteer declutter team. You can sign up to be notified for volunteer declutter jobs and then opt-in based on your interest and availability.

If you would like to know more, please contact info@westminsterhomeconnection.org or 615-693-2153.

EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**APRIL 2 – PASSION/PALM SUNDAY
PROCESSION OF PALMS
CHIMING CHILDREN
ALLELUIA, GLORIA, AND JUBILATE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS
WESTMINSTER CHOIR**

**APRIL 6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:00 P.M. SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION IN THE SANCTUARY
STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL
LAUDATE YOUTH CHOIR**

**APRIL 7 - GOOD FRIDAY
7:00 P.M. CHORAL SERVICE OF DARKNESS IN THE SANCTUARY
JULIUS TABERY, CANTOR
WESTMINSTER CHOIR**

**APRIL 9 - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
SERVICES: 7:30 A.M., 9:15 A.M., AND 11:00 A.M.
WITH BRASS QUINTET
LAUDATE YOUTH CHOIR
WESTMINSTER CHOIR
(HOLY COMMUNION AT THE 7:30 A.M. SERVICE ONLY)**

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, March 19

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsals
- 5:00 PM Journey with Jesus
Chiming Children Rehearsal
Laudate Choir Rehearsal
- 6:05 PM Youth Group

Monday, March 20

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

Tuesday, March 21

- 7:00 AM Daybreak Believers
- 7:30 AM Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:00 AM Harvard Handbells
- 7:00 PM Organ Recital

Wednesday, March 22

- 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
- 11:45 AM Midweek Lenten Service
- 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 23

- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 8:15 AM Yoga
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting
Women's Bible study
- 7:00 PM Session

Friday, March 24

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

Saturday, March 25

- 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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On the cover:

Healing of the Man Born Blind

Duccio di Buoninsegna is thought to be one of the greatest Italian painters of the Middle Ages. He is one of the first painters to study space and depth, placing his subjects in architectural settings. His use of color and ability to make his subjects seem heavenly make his paintings breathtaking.

In his work, *Healing of the Man Born Blind*, Jesus is placed center stage, while the blind man is shown twice. The blind man's rod moves the viewer's eyes across the piece to tell the story of his miraculous healing. Jesus first touches the blind man's eyes and our eyes are led to the next scene where the blind man gazes upward with his sight restored as he is dropping his guiding stick. The miracle, as described in John 9, comes alive in Duccio's rendering, inspiring in the viewer a sense of awe and wonder.

Duccio, di Buoninsegna, -1319?. Healing of the Man Born Blind, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56662> [retrieved March 14, 2023].
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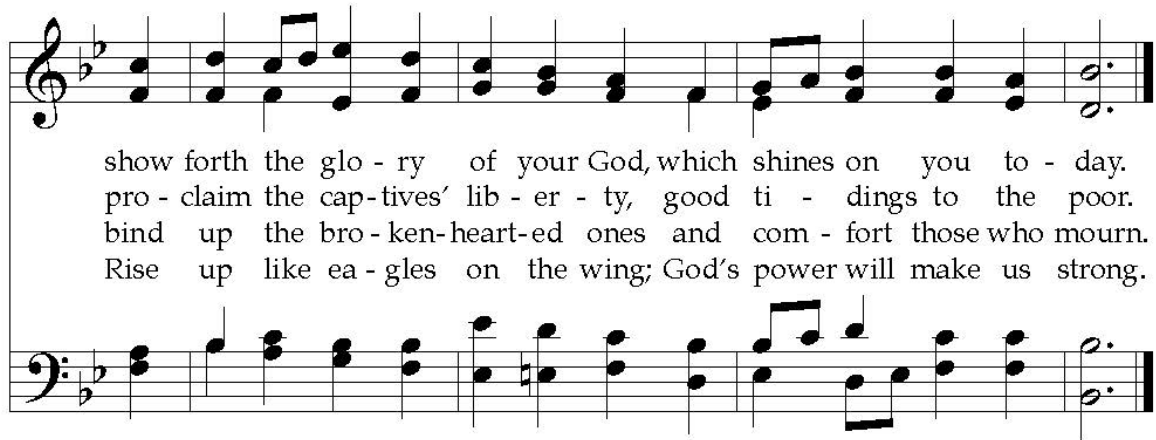


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744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

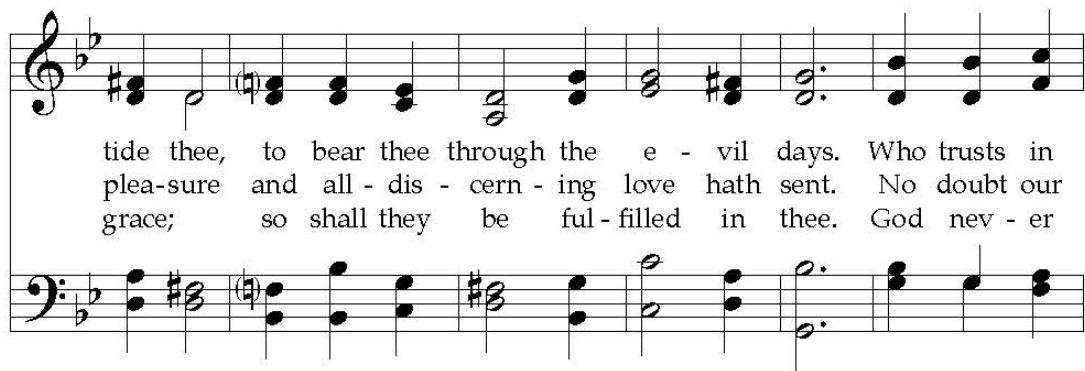
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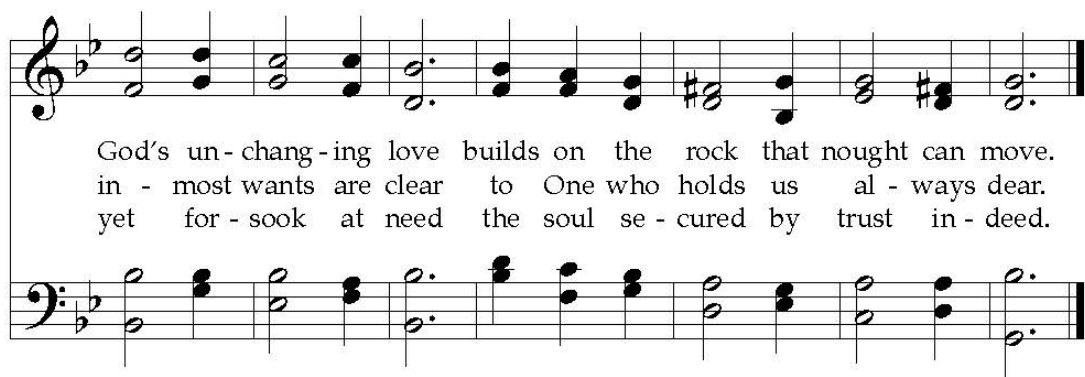
1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope-ful
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer-ful
3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine



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.

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

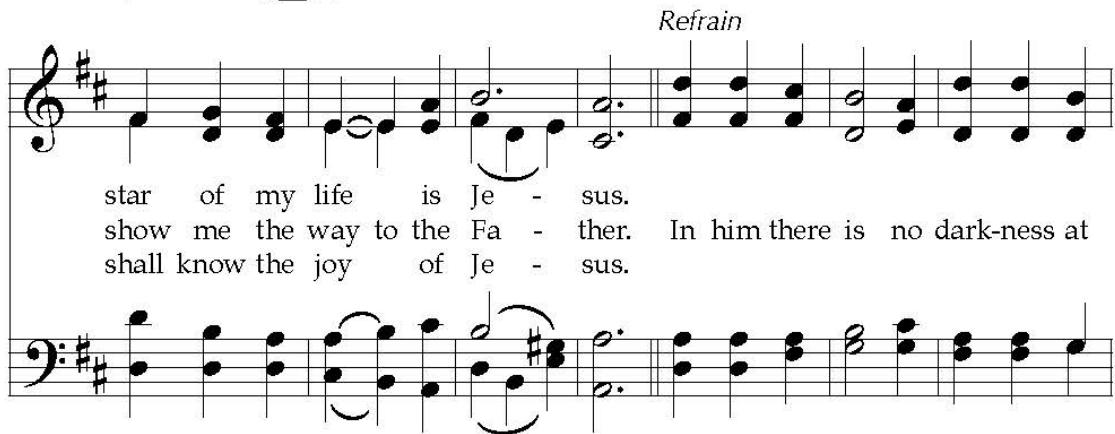


1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

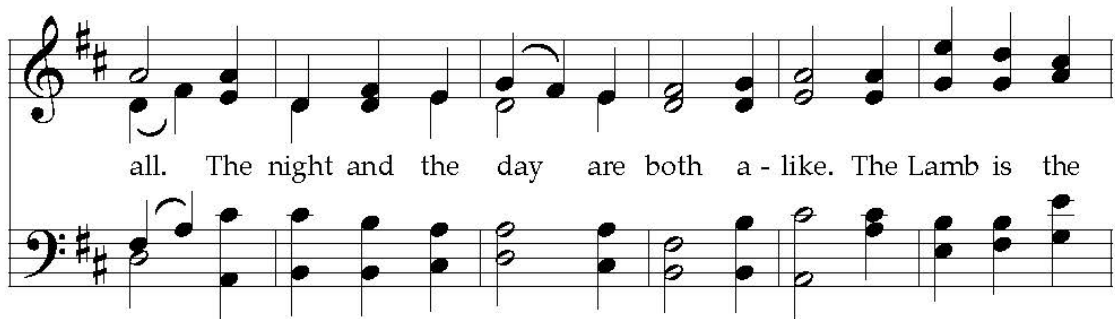


Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain



star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), indicating the key of G major. The time signature is not explicitly shown but appears to be common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady accompaniment in the bass. The lyrics are: "light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus." The score ends with a double bar line.