

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 2023



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.

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 360

This hymn by a 19th-century Scottish pastor is specifically based on Revelation 1:7 and 22:20, with allusions to several other New Testament passages. Unlike medieval hymns that focused on judgment, this text understands the Second Coming as an occasion of triumph and joy. TEXT: John Ross Macduff, 1853; MUSIC: Joachim Neander, 1680.

PRELUDE

Cantilene

Malcolm Archer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

We are in the city of the living God!

God is here!

This is a place from which the Lord
will not be budged nor shaken.

Let us give thanks with reverence and awe.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Tests, temptations, and trials happen to us all.

We honor you.

We trust in your unfailing love.

We honor you.

Our hearts rejoice in your salvation.

We honor you.

We sing to you, Lord,

for you have been good to us. 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 360

UNSER HERRSCHER

Christ Is Coming!

CALL TO CONFESSION

All too often, we hide the ragged edges of our shattered lives - our guilt, our shame, our failures.

But the Bible reminds us:

“If your heart is broken, you’ll find God right there.”

We bring our brokenness to God as we confess now.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A scribe said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus responded bluntly: "Following me isn't easy."

**We want to follow you, Jesus.
But we, like your disciples,
struggle with doubt and fear.
Our doubt and fear take over,
often clouding our understanding
of your miraculous love.**

You asked them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?"

You ask us the same thing today.

**We confess our fear of the unknown.
We confess our need to be in control.
We confess our inability to trust you completely.
Forgive us. Encourage us.
Teach us to follow
even when we don't think we can anymore.**

Even though faith often is not easy,
replace our doubts with faithfulness,
our fears with courage, and our apathy with love.
All in the pursuit of Christ our Lord. Amen.

(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.")*

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.

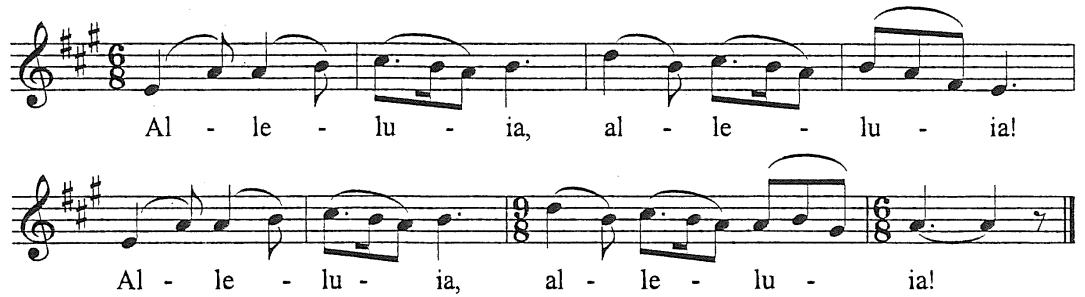
Act of Praise

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

***ACT OF PRAISE**

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll/Walker



(The congregation sings with the choir.)

**The Word of the Lord lasts forever.
What is the Word that is living?
It is Jesus Christ, who is risen from the dead.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship pad,
which is located at the center aisle end of each pew.)*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Genesis 28:10-19a

(Old Testament, page 25 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 139 Lord, You Have Searched Me

Allen Pote

*Lord, you have searched me and known me,
You know ev'rything I do.
When I rise up; When I lie down,
you are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue,
you know what I will say,
your presence follows me day by day.*

Where can I flee from your spirit?
Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell,
you are there, you are there, you are there.
Lord, you have searched...

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.

Search me, O God, and know me,
Try me and know my heart.
See if there be any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Luke 4:14-30

(New Testament, pages 61-62 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

T.J. Piccolo

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 378**

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

MERLE'S TUNE

About Hymn 378

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Jesus said to Martha,
“I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?”**

**Do I believe this?
Do you believe this?
Do we believe this?**

**She responded,
“Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,
the Son of God,
the one coming into the world.”**

**We respond with the same faithfulness
and assurance of Martha:
“Yes, Lord, I believe!”**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

This text paraphrases Isaiah 11:6-9 in the first stanza, then reflects on that passage in widening frames of reference from self to all creation and identifies its “little child” with one born at Bethlehem. The tune is named for the composer’s sister, his first piano teacher. TEXT: Kathleen R. Moore, 2010; MUSIC: Hal. H. Hopson, 1983.

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

God's grace elicits our heartfelt gratitude. We respond to the good news of forgiveness with joyful acclamations of praise!

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

O God, Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst/arr. Proulx

O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we will triumph through our sorrows and rise to praise you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*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.

**Creator God,
we cannot thank you enough.
You have made us new.
You have met our deepest needs.
You have filled us with your love.
You have brought us to this place for a purpose.
May your Spirit give us courage
to love, to serve, and to hope,
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

*(See the inside back cover of your hymnal
for the words and music to this prayer.)*

SENDING

***HYMN 317** In Christ There Is No East or West MC KEE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Richard Proulx

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

About Hymn 317

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African-American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal. TEXT: John Oxenham, 1908; MUSIC: African American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940.

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

T.J. Piccolo

Associate Director of Youth

Liturgist

Rev. Claire Berry

*Ukirk Nashville, Campus Minister and
Executive Director, Affiliate Presbyterian
PC (U.S.A.) Chaplain at Vanderbilt and
Belmont Universities*

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM John Douglass

11:00 AM Bill Christie

Music

8:30 AM Chamber Choir

11:00 AM Summer Choir

Dr. John Semingson

Director of Music Ministries

Elizabeth Smith

Guest Organist

Flowers

*The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Richard Lee Wright
by his family.*

Parlor Flowers

Let's fill our Parlor with beautiful flowers!

Honor or celebrate your loved ones with beautiful arrangements by our talented Flower Guild members. The Parlor is available on multiple dates. (\$75)

Email Terri Eckert to reserve your date!
teckert@nashvillewpc.org

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.

On the Cover

Swanson, John August. *Dream of Jacob*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. Original source: Estate of John August Swanson, <https://www.johnaugustswanson.com/>.

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.

Living Out
the **WORD**

Psalm 139 and Genesis 28:16 emphasize that God is ever-present. When has the presence of God surprised you?

In Luke 4:24, Jesus says that no prophets are accepted in their hometown. Is there anything about his statement that inspires, intrigues, or challenges you?

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education

Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Please see page 11 for details on this class.

Faith & Fellowship • 214

We will be reading and discussing Amy-Jill Levine's book, *The Difficult Words of Jesus*.

Please order your copy through Amazon by scanning the QR code below.



Murdoch MacLeods • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

Intergenerational Handbell Choir Opportunity

Bells for All!

The Tintinnabulation Handbell Choir is becoming an Intergenerational choir beginning this fall! If you are in the 7th grade and older and are interested in playing bells with a group of fun folks and teenagers, this choir is for you.

If you are interested in joining us, please reach out to Keith Cole at keithc@wittetravel.com or call/text at 615.513.2976.

Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 to 4:50 PM and will begin after Labor Day.

Childcare

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

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

Youth Ministry

9:45 AM • Donuts and scripture with Eleanor.

Children's Ministry

Preschool Summer Sunday School will meet in room 161 in the preschool hall. This will include 2, 3, 4, and 5-year-olds. We will cover a Bible story, have a simple craft, a snack, and some playtime.

Elementary Summer Sunday School will meet in room 195 on the Wilson Wing. We will not gather in the Chapel first. This is for rising Kindergarten through rising 6th grades.

JOIN US



July 23 and August 6, 2023
Sunday School Opportunities
from the WPC Earth Care Task Force
9:45 AM • Fellowship Hall

Concerned about Climate Change?

Want to know more about the science, what our faith says, how to engage in discussions with others, and what we as individuals and as a group can do?

Then, please come participate in the two remaining presentations/discussions.

Each session will begin with 15 – 20 minute video presentations by Katharine Hayhoe, Trisha Tull, or members of the Presbyterians for Earth Care Committee and will preface our group discussion following the videos.

Questions? Email Curtis Baysinger at cbaysinger2@gmail.com.

JOIN US



July
Summer Hours
8:00 AM
Westminster Café

The Café will be open Tuesdays through Thursdays, 8:00 AM to Noon and closed on Fridays. We will open back up on Fridays in August!

Thursday Morning, July 27
Special Teen Activities in the Café
10:00 AM - Noon
Westminster Café

If you are between the ages of 10 and 15, you are welcome to get together and have fun with us in the Café. We'll play in the gym and hang out in the Westminster Café on Thursday, July 27.

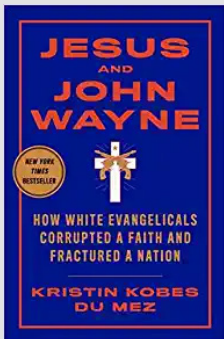
For more information, please contact Kimberly Dillard, kwdillard@gmail.com.

An Update from the Discernment Task Force

Although it may feel like we are currently in a "quiet phase", your Discernment Task Force has been quite busy this summer! In addition to the Congregational Visioning meetings held on the three Sundays of April 30, May 7 and May 14, we have also listened to peer groups of young adults, parents of youth, and parents of young children, in multiple sessions, to hear how you feel Westminster is being called to serve God now and in the future.

Hundreds of you have now participated in Westminster's visioning process, and we are grateful for the time and input you have shared with us. We have compiled data from all the note cards, group meetings, and individual conversations, where you shared your deepest longings and hope for our future as Easter people. Last week, we held an extended task force meeting to continue to discern what is emerging as our God-sized dreams, and this work will continue. Donovan will report on our Task Force's progress at the August 20 kick-off in Fellowship Hall. Hope to see everyone there!

In the meantime, if you feel you have not had an opportunity to share your God-sized dreams for Westminster, please reach out to any member below. We want to hear from you.



Thursdays
Summer Book Study
9:30 AM • Goodpasture
Led by Guy Griffith

Jesus and John Wayne is a sweeping account of the last seventy-five years of white evangelicalism, showing how American evangelicals have worked for decades to replace the Jesus of the Gospels.

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JOIN US



Since 1997, Westminster has been building Habitat for Humanity homes to provide safe housing for Nashville families. In this video, Carson Salyer and John Bailey talk about how our church started working with Habitat and the impact our work and prayers and dollars have had - on the families, the community - and our own lives.

Scan the QR code below to watch the video.



You can also watch videos or read blogs as part of our 150th Anniversary on the church's website. Scan the QR code below to connect to the website.



Share your own Westminster Story!

We are providing three dates to choose from -- August 6, 13 and 20 -- if you and your family would like to be videotaped talking about your memories at Westminster. A maximum of five people are allowed to participate in a single video. The videos will be edited to five minutes or less and shared on our 150th Anniversary website.

Scan the QR code to schedule a time to be recorded.

If you have any questions, please call Susan Hassell at 615.579.3505.



**Do you remember these precious PTM children at Joy in Learning?
Look at them NOW!**



**Come to the Westminster Cafe
Friday, August 4 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Learn about Preston Taylor Ministries
and their new R.I.S.E. program**

**And get ready for a new and different
Joy in Learning partnership
with Preston Taylor Ministries!**



Questions? Contact Janet Kuhn at janetkuhn@mac.com

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, July 23

8:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship

Monday, July 24

10:00 AM Tai Chi
11:45 AM Centering Prayer
5:00 PM Pickleball

Tuesday, July 25

7:00 AM Daybreak Believers
7:30 AM Bible Study
8:00 AM Westminster Café
5:30 PM GET*connected* Comm Meeting

Wednesday, July 26

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
8:00 AM Westminster Café
7:00 PM Men's Basketball

Thursday, July 27

8:00 AM Westminster Café
9:30 AM Summer Book Study
10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

Friday, July 28

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, July 29

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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SEPTEMBER 18

**GAYLORD SPRINGS
GOLF LINKS**

***BENEFITING
WESTMINSTER HOME
CONNECTION***

**3RD ANNUAL
WESTMINSTER GOLF OUTING**

**REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!**



Come join us Monday, September 18th for the Third Annual Westminster Golf Outing at Gaylord Springs Golf Links at 8:00 AM. Cost is \$125 per player and includes the practice tee prior to start and lunch following play.

All proceeds and donations will benefit Westminster Home Connection.

Please contact Mark Lawrence with any questions at 615-477-9319 cell or markwlawrence58@gmail.com. Register by scanning the QR code.



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Christ Is Coming!

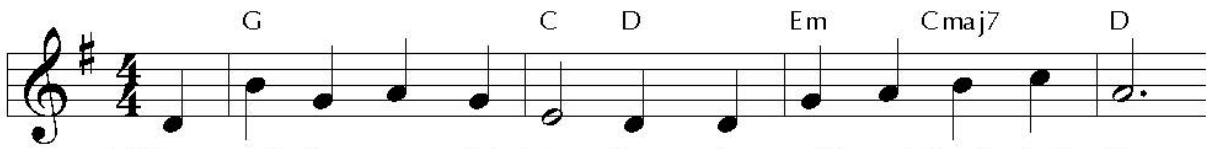
1 Christ is com - ing! Let cre - a - tion from its groans and
 2 Earth can now but tell the sto - ry of your bit - ter
 3 With that bless - ed hope be - fore us, flutes are tuned and
 4 Long your ex - iles have been pin - ing for your prom - ised

la - bor cease; let the glo - rious proc - la - ma - tion
 cross and pain; we shall yet be - hold your glo - ry,
 harps are strung; let the might - y ad - vent cho - rus
 rest and home, but in heav - en - ly glo - ry shin - ing,

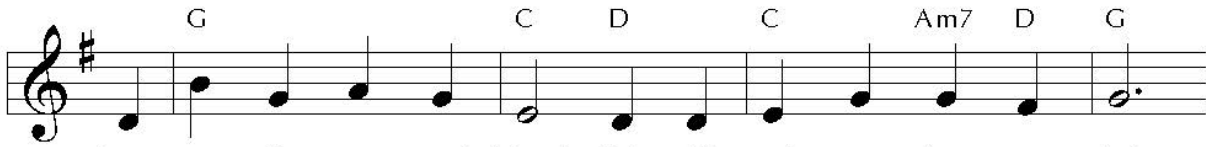
hope re - store and faith in - crease: Christ is com - ing!
 Lord, when you re - turn to reign: Christ is com - ing!
 on - ward roll from tongue to tongue: Christ is com - ing!
 soon the ris - en Christ shall come. Christ is com - ing!

Christ is com - ing! Come, O bless - ed Prince of peace.
 Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the strain.
 Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the song.
 Christ is com - ing! Joy - ful, shout the vic - tory psalm.

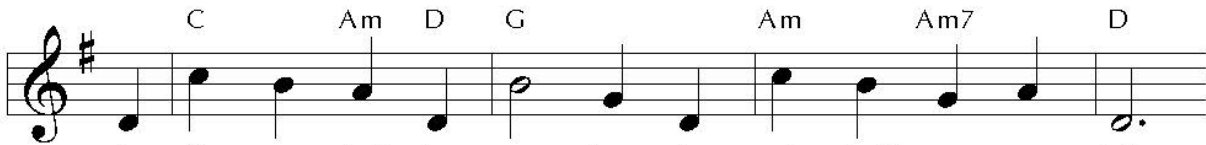
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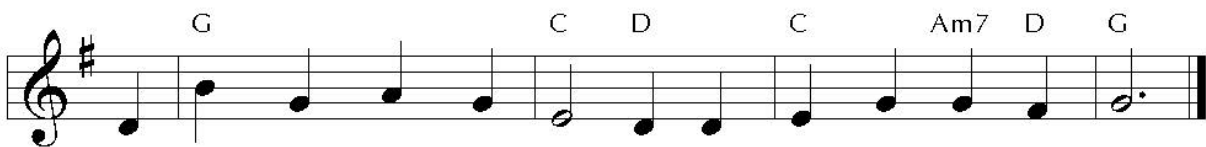
1 We wait the peace-ful king-dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
 2 Where is the peace-ful king-dom? When will this new day start?
 3 When wars of des-o-la-tion and hate come to an end,
 4 That lit-tle child shall lead us to walk the cho-sen way,



in gen-tle-ness and friend-ship with-out a fear or sigh,
 We long for peace and com-fort to reign with-in each heart.
 when na-tion meets with na-tion and calls the oth-er "friend,"
 to share the peace-ful king-dom, to greet God's new-born day.




when li-on shall be graz-ing, when snake shall nev-er strike;
 Yet not in our lives on-ly, nor sim-ply in our home:
 still peace in all its full-ness will on-ly have be-gun:
 The child born in a sta-ble is sent to break our chains,

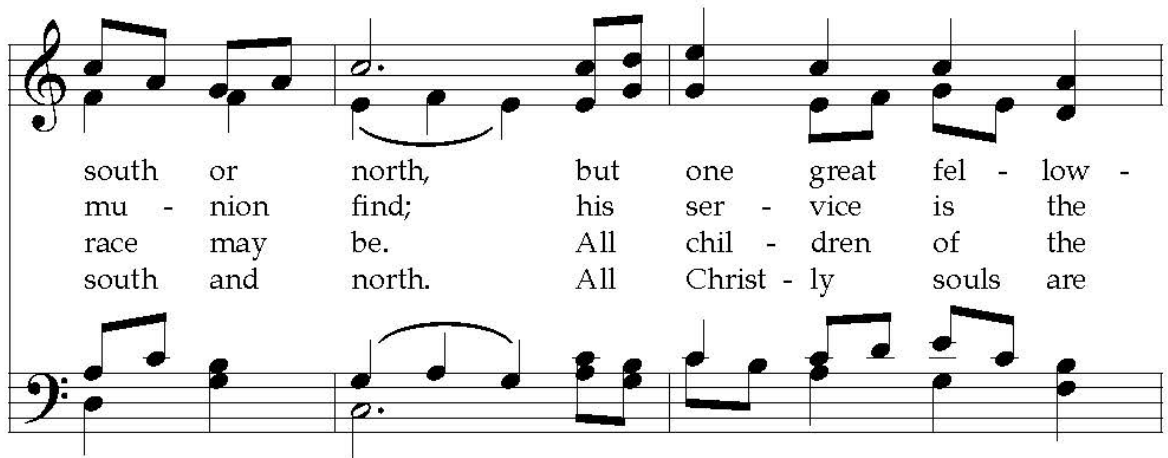


a lit-tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a-like.
 we pray that all cre-a-tion will one day find sha-lom.
sha-lom for all cre-a-tion be-gins with jus-tice done.
 to bring through word and ta-ble the day when jus-tice reigns.

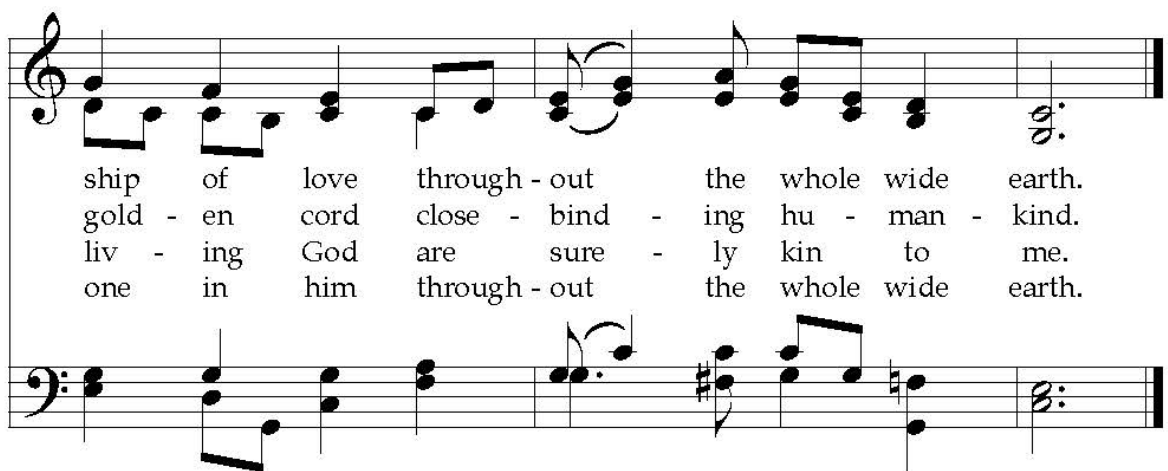
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1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet



south or north, but one great fel - low -
mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
race may be. All chil - dren of the
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

