

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 16, 2024

*...because the
harvest has come.*

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

Pastorale from Sonata in D Minor

Alexandre Guilmant

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar:

the kingdom of God is growing.

While we sleep and rise, night and day:

the kingdom of God is growing.

The low are brought high; the high are brought low:

the kingdom of God is growing.

Its large branches are home to all kinds of people.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Holy One, creator of us all,

be at work among us, we pray

that we may be renewed

with a spirit of reconciliation.

May our minds listen to your calling,

may our hearts be attuned to your will,

may our feet follow you into the world,

through Jesus, the Word become flesh. 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 263

CORONATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we gather to worship God,

we remember that we are God's people,

but we have often preferred our way instead of God's.

Trusting God's power to make us new persons in Christ.

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

About Hymn 263

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it. TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787; MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
we so often miss your kingdom at work among us.
Captivated by power and prestige,
we overlook the body of Christ.
We fail to notice where and how you are at work.
Forgive us when we work against your
plans and purposes –
fostering divisions when you have called us
to a ministry of reconciliation.
We do not uphold the poor or the oppressed.
We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless.
We do not sacrifice ourselves
for the needs of our neighbors.
Renew us with the love of Christ
so that we live no longer for ourselves
but for Christ who became the seed
of your righteousness in us.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

Hal H. Hopson

About the Kyrie

(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.**

The Kyrie (Greek “kyrios” [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for grace.

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.”)*

*Call to and 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. 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 in response to the Assurance of Pardon as the last phrase.

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 Hymn 817

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19-29). The shape-note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, PA, adds resolution to the words. TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844; MUSIC: Samuel McFarland, c. 1814; harm. Richard Proulx, 1986.

***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

*(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 15:34 - 16:13

(Old Testament, pages 259-260 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 Trees

DIX

Tree of Promise, keep your vow:
with me then, and with me now.
Springtime blossoms, winter tears,
mark the seasons of my years.
Fashion me, O Lord, to be
always changing as a tree.

Like a forest all around,
so the gifts of grace abound:
flowing waters, fertile sod,
sunlit dawn, the Word of God.
Fashion me, O Lord, to be
living, giving as a tree.

Mark 4:26-34

(New Testament, pages 38-39 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"Picking Good News!"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

***HYMN 817**

Walk by Faith and Not by Sight DUNLAP'S CREEK

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation
is made manifest in the church
as the community of believers
who have been reconciled with God
and with one another;**

**That unity is, therefore,
both a gift and an obligation for the
church of Jesus Christ;
that through the working of God's Spirit
it is a binding force,
yet simultaneously a reality
which must be earnestly pursued and sought:
one which the people of God
must continually be built up to attain.**

(Confession of Belhar)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Anthem

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Jody W. Lindh

If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the Rock that naught can move.

Only be still and wait God's leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy keeper's pleasure
And all discerning love hath sent;
No doubt our inmost wants are clear.
To one who holds us always dear.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways
but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace;
so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need.
The soul secured by trust indeed.

Affirmation of Faith

Responding to the word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

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!

About Hymn 774

At the center of this text stands a reference to the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), and the fourth stanza forms an effective bridge between that gospel story and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The first and last stanzas draw on 2 Corinthians 5:17. TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009; MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715, alt.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship.

***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.

**How grateful we are, O God,
that you call us to serve with the Holy Spirit
who fills us with patience and generosity
and genuine love.
We pray that all we return to you
will be used faithfully
in the ministry of the world.
In the name of Christ, we ask it. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Singing together*)

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

SENDING

***HYMN 774** There Is Now a New Creation STUTTGART

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in A Minor
Johann Jakob Froberger

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

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 Stephanie Boaz, Parish Associate, 615.292.5526 or sboaz@nashvillewpc.org.

Today @ Westminster

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake
Pastor and Head of Staff

Liturgist

Sophie Maness
Executive Director of Family Ministries

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Fran Linley
11:00 AM Ann Neely

Music

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

Dr. John Semingson
Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell
Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries

FLOWER DEDICATION

*The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Hayes Noel Springer
on what would have been his 16th birthday,
June 16, 2024
by his grandmother, Roberta Rodgers.*

PARLOR FLOWERS - RESERVE YOUR DATE NOW!

Pick a date - any date!

Multiple Sundays are available to reserve Parlor flowers for only \$75.

Celebrate a friendship! Remember a dearly departed friend or family member! Spread the love with Parlor flowers designed and arranged by our gifted Flower Guild members.

Email or call Terri Eckert at teckert@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526 to reserve your date TODAY!

Mask Policy

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

Hearing Assistance

We offer personal FM Receivers with an ear-piece, located in the Narthex and in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser. Instructions can be found at each location.

Large Print Hymns

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found in the Narthex at the Sanctuary entrance or in the Parlor on the Welsh dresser.

Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service at a later time, go to www.nashvillewpc.church and scroll down to the Worship Service Archive. Click on the service you would like to view.

Dial-a-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon. The sermon will be available all week.

Childcare

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

Nursery - Room 146

Toddlers - Room 151

Copyright Information

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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



LOVE
RECONCILE
SHINE
TRANSFORM

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow..."
Mark 4:26-27

When did the last good news you've seen or heard get planted?

What goes into the decision to live out Good News?

Do you spend more time listening to the news or living the Good News? Why?



Ushers Needed

Looking for a way to contribute to our wonderful worship services? Meet more people? As a parent or grandparent, are you looking for a way to keep your child or grandchild engaged during services? Please consider serving as an usher. At least four ushers are needed for each service, and you are welcome to join the team this summer or start in the fall. Duties include handing out bulletins, taking up offering, and other responsibilities as you become more comfortable with the role. Interested? Email Virginia, reynolds.virginia@gmail.com, to find out more.

Celebrating 100 years



Ray Lundell and Frosty Worley will be 100 years old this year, and we would love to shower them with birthday cards. Ray will be 100 on June 20 and Frosty's birthday is June 24. Please drop a card in the mail and help celebrate their special day.

Please contact the office if you need a mailing address.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM



June 16 & 23

Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall

Led by Will Wellman

The Rise and Reign of David: I & II Samuel in Three Acts

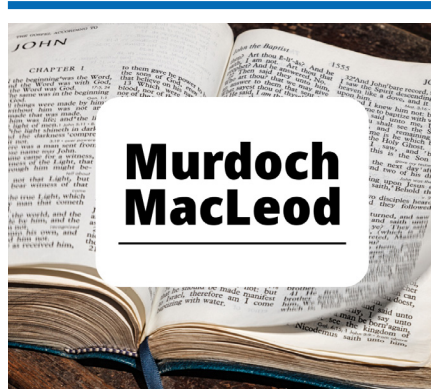
This summer the Old Testament lectionary will include readings from the books of I & II Samuel. This class will offer an introduction to these books and cover the beginnings of the kingdom of Israel alongside the stories of the prophet Samuel, King Saul, and King David. We'll walk through the books in

three acts roughly corresponding to the rise, reign, and fall of King David. Additionally, we'll explore what I & II Samuel have to teach us about the continuing presence and love of God amidst the brokenness and hurt of humanity.



Faith & Fellowship

No class today.



Murdoch MacLeod • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

For more info, please contact Paul DeWitt, pdewitt@comcast.net.



Fellowship Sunday.

Please enjoy time with your family.

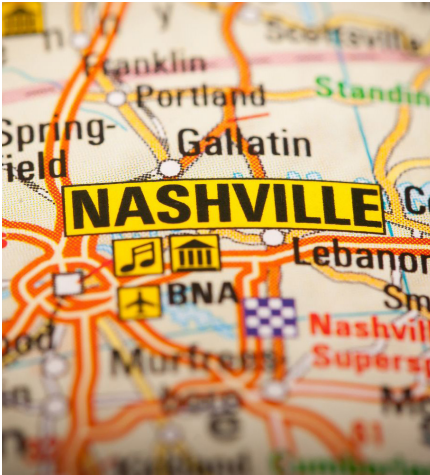
Children's Ministry

195 • Rising 1st - 5th in movies and conversation

161 • Preschool - 2, 3, 4, and 5s together in one class



ANNOUNCEMENTS



June 20 - 23

Senior High Hometown Experience

For youth who have completed 8th - 12th grade

This year our summer "trip" is traveling around our great city of Nashville! Our experience will have plenty of service (St. Luke's, for example) and will have a focus on engaging with interfaith opportunities (West End Synagogue and the Islamic Center).



Scan the QR code to register.



June 24 - 27

Children's Ministry Hometown Experience

For kids who are rising 4th - 6th grade

Kids can join in the fun for one day, multiple days, or all four days, whatever fits your schedule. The cost for all four days is \$150. The price per day is \$45.



Scan the QR code to register and to see a list of adventures.



Children's Ministry is looking for teachers for our 2024-2025 school year

We build teams to accommodate schedules and provide material. We hope to build a team of members who are not parents of this age. We would love to give them a break. The commitment is late August of 2024 through May of 2025. We also need shepherds for first - third grades.

If interested, please contact Sophie Maness at smaness@nashvillewpc.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Tuesday, July 9
Songwriters in the Round
6:30 PM - Café opens
7:00-8:30 PM - Show
Westminster Café

This event will feature guitarists W.T. Davidson, Jim Moran and Debra Griner, and Ed Branding on the piano.

Tickets are \$20 each. Coffee, tea, and pastries are available from 6:30-7:00 PM.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Oasis Center. Oasis Center is a nationally recognized organization on a mission to help young people in Middle Tennessee move into a happy, healthy, and productive adulthood.



Scan the QR code to register.

Thursdays • 9:30 AM
Summer Book Study
Goodpasture Hall

Join our study of *Jesus and the Powers: Christian Political Witness in an Age of Totalitarian Terror and Dysfunctional Democracies* by N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird.

For additional information or questions, please contact Guy, ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org,

Stephanie Boaz,
sboaz@nashvillewpc.org, or

Will Wellman,
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Tuesday - Friday
Westminster Café
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Come on down and hang out with a friend over a game of checkers, UNO, scrabble or chess! Or work on your computer.

July 14
Rise Against Hunger
3:00 PM
Koinonia Youth Café

Mark your calendars for our annual event where we pack 10,000 meals.

July 26-Aug. 16
Christmas Pottery
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
\$40.00 for all days
Limit: 6 participants

Create some unique, hand-crafted gifts. Scan the QR code to register.



THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, June 16

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

Monday, June 17

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

Tuesday, June 18

7:30 AM Bible Study
8:00 AM Westminster Café

Wednesday, June 19

- campus closed -

Thursday, June 20

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

Friday, June 21

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
8:00 AM Westminster Café
10:00 AM Tai Chi
5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, June 22

11:30 AM AA



The office will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, for Juneteenth National Independence Day.

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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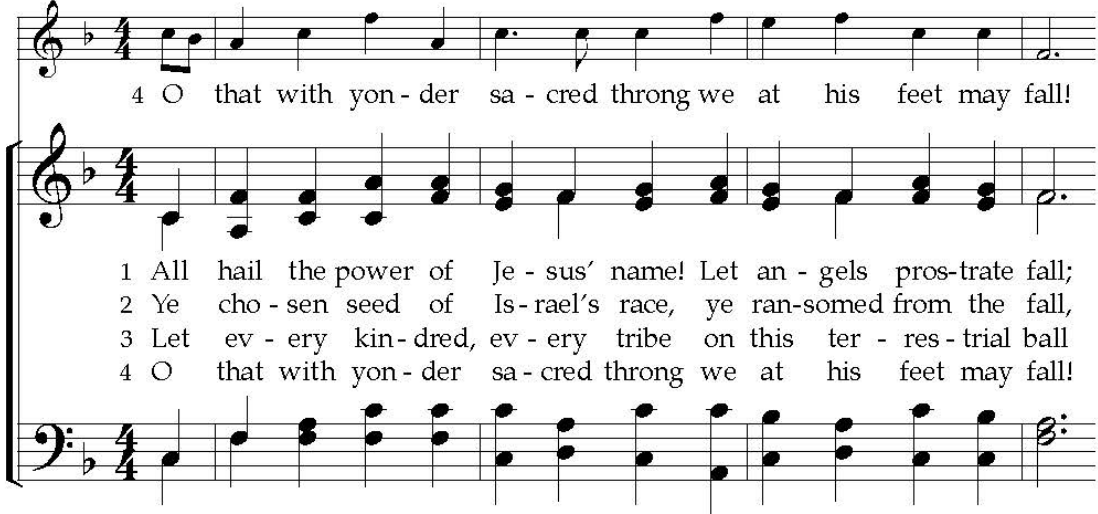


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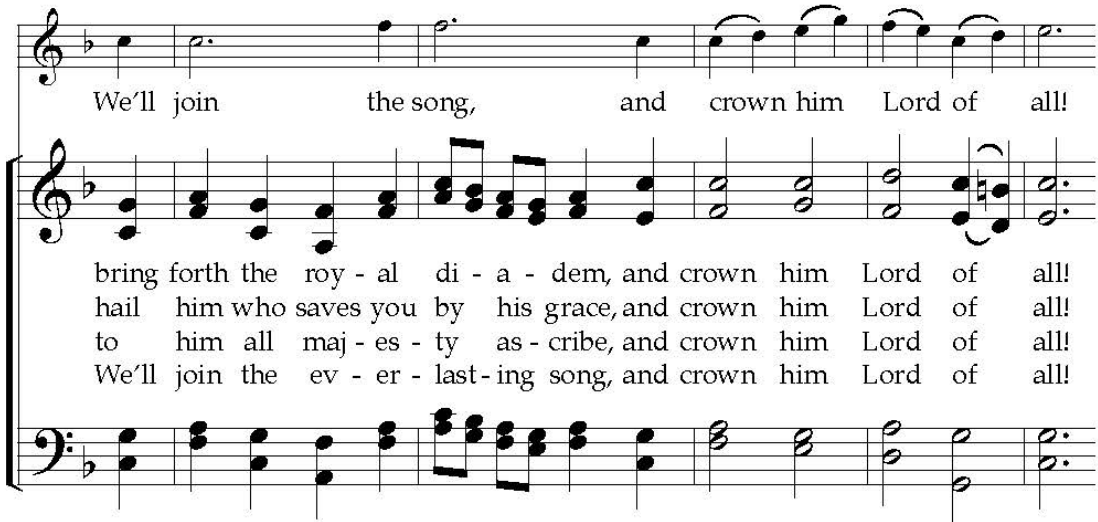
263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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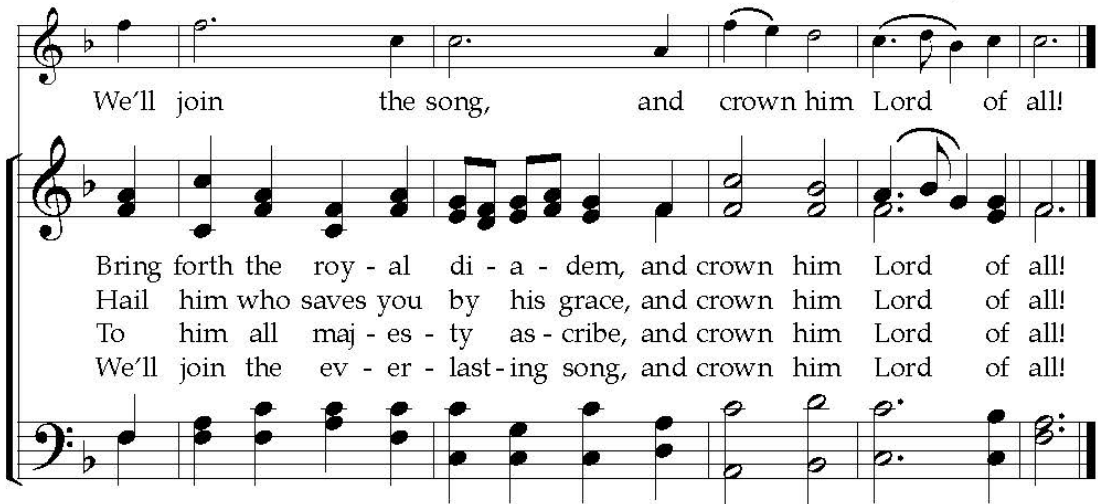
4 O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je-sus' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall;
2 Ye cho-sen seed of Is-rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
3 Let ev-ery kin-dred, ev-ery tribe on this ter-res-trial ball
4 O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!



We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, and crown him Lord of all!
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
to him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the ev-er-last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

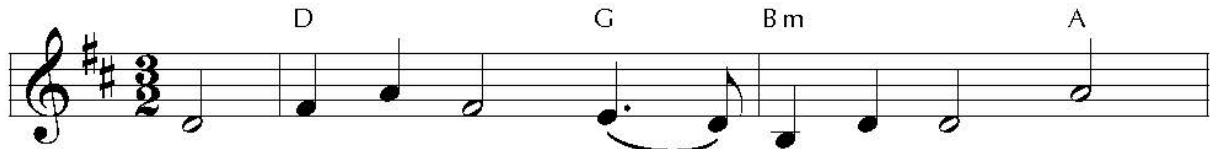


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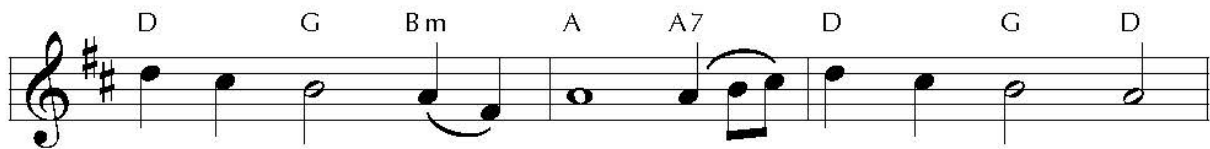
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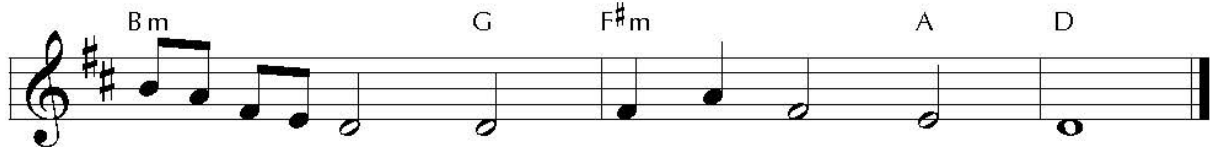
817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 And when our life of faith is done, in



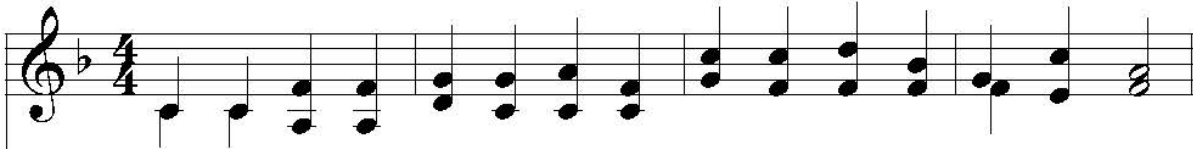
gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



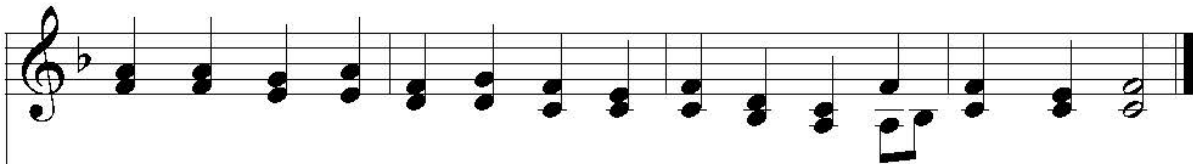
none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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774 There Is Now a New Creation



1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!

