

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 4, 2024



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

Fantasia Chromatica

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Let us live a life worthy of the calling
to which we have been called.

**Let us live with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one another in love,
making every effort to maintain**

the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit,

just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of all,

who is above all and through all and in all.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

God, our loving Father,

we thank you for this beautiful day.

Help us and guide us so that

we may be able to do your holy will today.

Make us joyful for all the countless blessings

you have provided us,

especially the gift of people

who love and surround us.

We ask this through Christ Jesus,

our Lord and Savior. 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 81

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship,
the joy of following in his way.
But sin clings closely,
and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation.
Let us seek God's forgiveness
so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus,
we have seen your glory.
Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ.
We are quick to accuse and slow to confess.
We find faults easily in others
while ignoring our own shortcomings.
We have squandered your gifts.
We have turned from your ways.
We have ignored your Word.
Have mercy on us, compassionate God.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives.
Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace
that day by day we might move closer
to the people you would want us to be.

(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.")*

Call to and Prayer of Confession

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and vowing 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.

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.

Prayer for Illumination

This prayer calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word. This sense of utter reliance on the illumination of the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition.

About Psalm 78, Hymn 632

This paraphrase of the first seven verses of Psalm 78 represents the introduction to a long narrative history, with special emphasis on the mighty acts of God on Israel's behalf. This retelling is also intended to prevent the hearers from repeating their ancestors' mistakes. TEXT and MUSIC: Greg Scheer, 2010.

*ACT OF PRAISE

(Hymn 513) FESTIVAL CANTICLE

This Is the Feast of Victory

(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir.)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Refrain.

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 16:2-4, 9-15

(Old Testament, pages 62-63 in your pew Bible)

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

Psalm 78:23-29


JENNY VAN TSHEGG

(The Choir will sing the Refrain alone after each verse is sung by the congregation.)

Refrain

*What we have heard, what we have known,
let our tongues tell our sons and daughters
the wonders of our living God,
that they may join us in the chorus.*

Cantor	Congregation	Cantor	Congregation
			
<i>Peo - ple</i>	Peo-ple of the Lord,	lis -	ten to my
Tell of	Tell of God's great deeds,	Tell	Teach God's lov - ing
Tell the news	Tell the news till each	gen -	er - a - tion
May we trust	May we trust in God,	rest	in God's strong

Cantor	Congregation	Cantor	Congregation
			
voice.	Hear the an - cient words.	Once a -	gain re - jice!
law	That faith's pre - cious seed	in each	heart may grow.
knows.	They, in turn will teach	those yet	to be born.
hand,	live in God's strong love,	fol -	low God's com - mands.

John 6:24-35

(New Testament, page 98 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

“The Bread of Life”

Stephanie Boaz

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Apostles' Creed)

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem

Ave Verum
(Sung in Latin)

W.A. Mozart

Ave verum Corpus, natum de Maria virgine:
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:
Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit et sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
Who has truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,
Whose side was pierced, whence flowed
water and blood: Be for us a foretaste
(of heaven) during our final examining.*

To GIVE, please scan
the QR code below.



Doxology

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

***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!**

***PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE**

***INVITATION**

***GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...
and even your own Son.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

ALL:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.____
God of pow - er and might.____ Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!____
Bles - sed is he who comes, he who comes in the name of the Lord.____
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est!____

(The congregation may be seated.)

You are holy, O God of majesty...
to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.



Gracious God...
in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Prayed in unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(The people will move to Communion stations as directed by the ushers. The celebrant will give each worshiper the bread. The worshiper dips the bread in the cup and partakes. An appropriate response is "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Please return to the pews, using the side aisles.)

Communion

The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices "open Communion" without regard to denominational affiliation. All who seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Westminster celebrates the "Eucharist," meaning "thanksgiving," on the first Sunday of each month and on the first Sunday of each liturgical season.

Music during Communion

Anthem

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

David Schelat

For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heav'n above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

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

MC KEE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 555

J.S. Bach

**(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.

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 for Congregational Care, 615.292.5526 or sboaz@nashvillewpc.org.

TODAY@ WESTMINSTER

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Stephanie Boaz
Parish Associate for Congregational Care

Liturgist

Ashley Higgins
Called Associate Pastor for Young Families

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Suzie Lane
11:00 AM Fran Linley

Music

Eva Tatum, cantor
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
Nancy and Dick Port and
Barbara and Bill Wylly
from the Wylly family.*

LAY LITURGISTS NEEDED

If you are interested in participating in Sunday worship services as a Lay Liturgist, please call or email Terri Eckert at 615.292.5526 or teckert@nashvillewpc.org for more information.

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



LIVING
OUT THE
WORD

LOVE
RECONCILE
SHINE
TRANSFORM

*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
John 6:35*

Jesus gave the people bread to eat when they needed it. Is food what they were looking for when they follow him across the sea?

Jesus says, "I am the Bread of Life." What does this metaphor mean to you?

At Westminster, we gather faithfully and often at the Lord's Table for Communion. We do it because Jesus has promised to meet us at this table. Each of us receives a piece of bread and a bit of juice. What else do we receive?



Please welcome Ashley Higgins

Ashley is the new Associate Pastor for Young Families. In this role, she will provide leadership and support for the church's program and mission with the specific population of young families. This will include interaction with the Westminster School of Young Children. You will also see Ashley on Sunday mornings helping with worship and helping coordinate the Young Families Sunday School class.

Ashley grew up in Small Town, North Carolina, as a pastor's kid, and the only girl of four siblings.

She and Jake, her husband, met at The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where she studied Anthropology and he studied Business and Music.

Jake and Ashley have two girls, Molly, age 6 and Mia, age 8.5, soon to be first and third graders.

Ashley will be preaching at the Presbytery meeting on August 8th at Second Presbyterian Church. Worship begins at 9:10 AM. She will be examined at 11:00 AM. Registration will be available at the door for those who would like to support her.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

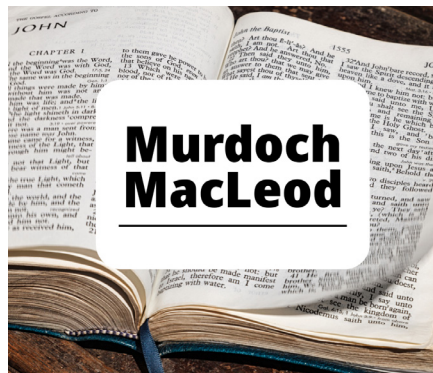


The Earth Care Task Force will continue our discussion "Faith and Climate Change: Our Ongoing Discussion".

Curtis Baysinger will summarize what we have discussed in our previous four sessions and examine what other faith-based groups say concerning climate change.



Faith & Fellowship • 214
Examining Spiritual Gifts
An examination of three key texts (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 1 Peter 4:10-11) will help us see God's design regarding His gifts.



Murdoch MacLeod • Library
We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.
For more info, please contact Paul DeWitt, pdewitt@comcast.net.



Youth • 10:00 AM
Panera Bread
96 White Bridge Rd
Pick up at 10:40 AM
If your youth needs a ride to and/or from Panera, please contact T.J. This is for rising 6th through graduated 12th grade.

Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School will return on August 18. Childcare is available.



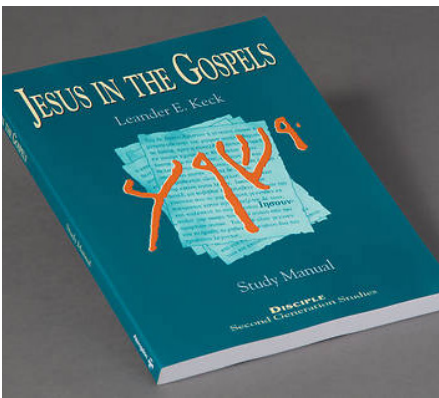
ANNOUNCEMENTS



Westminster Book Group 2024-2025

Westminster Book Group is gearing up for the 2024-2025 season and all are welcome to participate! Books selected for group presentation may be from any literary genre and either fiction or non-fiction.

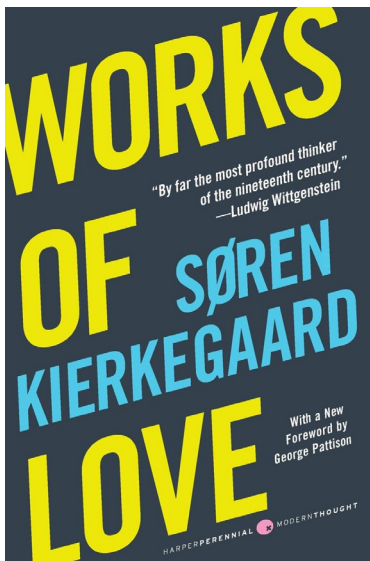
If you would like to be a presenter of a book for discussion this year, please contact Mary Hande (handema@comcast.net or 615-414-9958).



Starting in September Jesus in the Gospels Wednesdays • 9:30 AM

Study the name, the place, and the people, and encounter the Jesus who is both hard to ignore and hard to control--a commanding, morally compelling figure as portrayed in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. This is a 30-week study. The overarching aim is to deepen discipleship through better understanding of the biblical texts and their message. The study helps group members

understand that Jesus is rooted in Judaism and the Scriptures of Judaism and that Christianity and the New Testament are rooted in the Scriptures of Judaism—our Old Testament. Daily reading and weekly preparation will be required for this class. If you would like to join this class, please contact Sharon Warfield, smwarfield@gmail.com.



Starting in September Thursday Morning Theology Group 9:30 AM

This fall, we will be studying Soren Kierkegaard's classic text, *Works of Love*. Soren Kierkegaard was a 19th-century theologian and philosopher and is considered the Father of Existentialism. *Works of Love* is one of Kierkegaard's most widely read books and seeks to clarify what Scripture means by "love" as well as what Scripture calls us to do in regards to "love." All are welcome to join us as we tackle this challenging but worthwhile text together! Questions, please reach out to Will at wwellman@nashvillewpc.org.



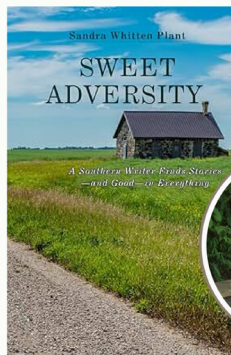
CAFÉ ACTIVITIES



Tuesday - Friday
8:00 AM - Noon

Be our guest! Park in the north entrance parking lot by the blue outdoor umbrella. Enjoy specialized coffees, various teas, and cold drinks along with homemade yummys. We have new high chairs for our littlest guests!

Authors Roundtable *featuring Sandra Plant*



Wednesday, August 21
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Westminster Café
Westminster Presbyterian Church | 3900 West End Ave.

Park near the North Entrance, behind the church.
Look for the blue umbrella.

Billy Humphrey will also read "What's in a Name," a short story that will appear in a new book currently in the works.

Sandra's book can be found on Amazon and Bookshop.org.

Registration to attend is required.

Register with the QR code, via westminsterjoy.org, or by calling the church office at 615-292-5526.





MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



Environmental Footprint

Reduce Your Environmental Footprint

Members of the Earth Care Task Force have been approached about ways to reduce one's greenhouse gas and environmental footprint. Scan the QR code to connect to our list of things you can do around your household. The last few are organizations you might consider joining if you want to connect with others in this effort.



Help A First Grader

First-Grade Tutors Needed

First-grade reading tutors are needed at our partner school, Cockrill Elementary, starting in September. Tutoring is once per week from 2:10-2:55 PM. Training is provided. Background check is required. Please contact Jennifer Anderson, andersonjl2001@yahoo.com, for more info.



H.E.R.O. Program

Last Sunday, we introduced Shelia Decker from the H. E. R. O. program. The Homeless Education Resource Office (H.E.R.O.) provides necessary resources, supports and referrals to help homeless children and youth succeed in school and have a positive school experience. Many have asked how you can help or donate. Please scan the QR code to connect to Unicycle, a partner program of H.E.R.O.



SUNDAY MORNINGS TEAM



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THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, August 4

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 12:00 PM Communion@Home Luncheon

Monday, August 5

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

Tuesday, August 6

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

Wednesday, August 7

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 9:30 AM Westminster Bells
Ladies Bridge
- 10:00 AM Tai Chi
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball

Thursday, August 8

- 8:00 AM Westminster Café
- 10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting
- 7:00 PM Session

Friday, August 9

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

Saturday, August 10

- 11:30 AM AA

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



Scan the QR code for more info and to register.

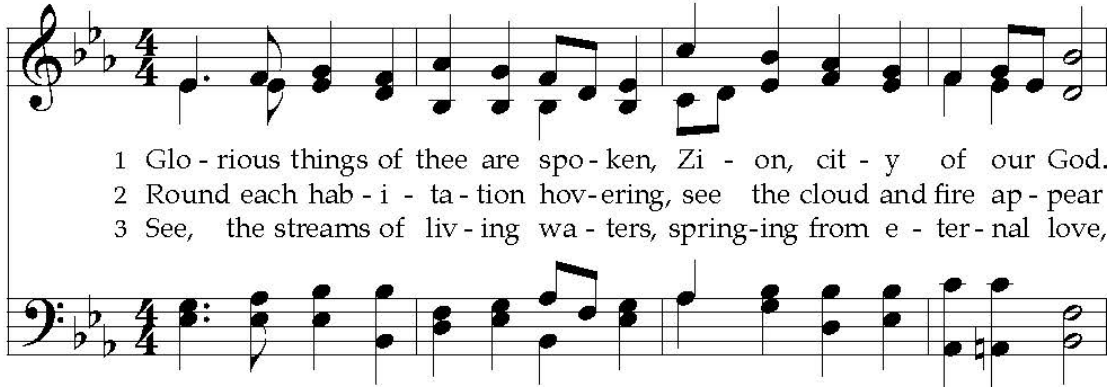
Contact T.J. Piccolo,
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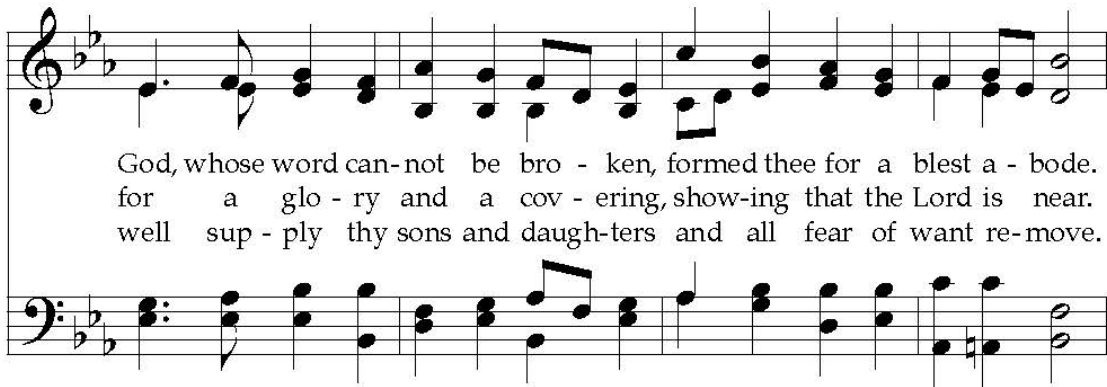
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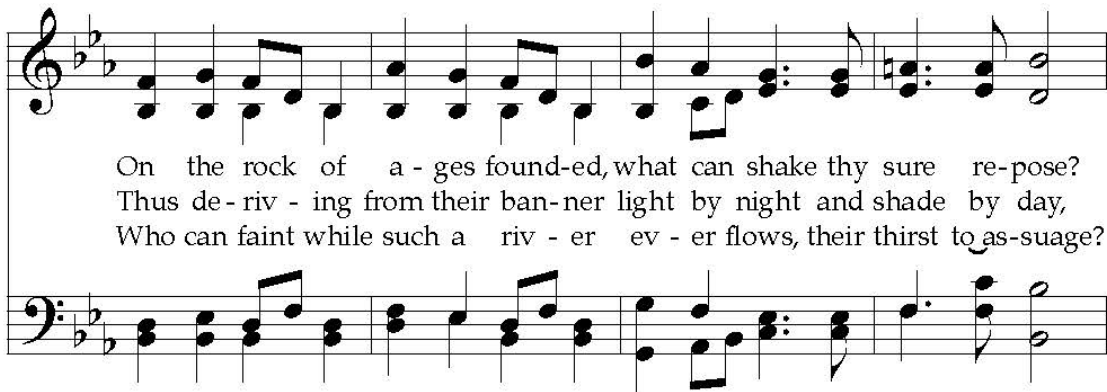
81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



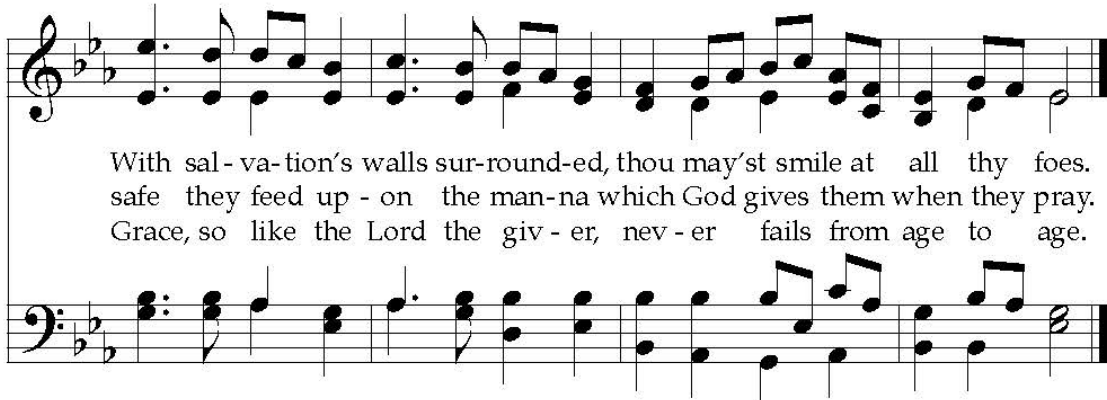
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



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.

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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.

