

Second Sunday in Lent  
March 16, 2025

## 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.

*In Today's Prelude,* Bach sets the chorale "Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ," which pleads to God for assurance in the face of despair, opposition, and the anticipation of departure from this life.

### *On the cover...*

Yes, there are some breeds of chickens where the hens have combs and waddles.

### PRELUDE

J.S. Bach

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" BWV 610 (Hymn #830)

"I call to thee, Lord Jesus Christ" BWV 639

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**We praise God for the grace that has saved us.**

**Alleluia! We rejoice!**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**All-knowing and all-caring God, we gather this day drained by another week.**

**We are like a parched desert, empty and in need of replenishment.**

**Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit, and bathe us in your streams of living water, that our lives might acknowledge and worship you to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. Amen!**

### \*HYMN 49

LEONI

The God of Abraham Praise

### CALL TO CONFESSION

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



*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.

Children's Time will happen at both services when we do not have communion or baptisms.

**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**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

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

**Psalm 27**

*(Old Testament, page 503 in your pew Bible)*

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 27**

God is My Strong Salvation

Lloyd Pfautsch

God is my strong salvation: What foe have I to fear?  
In darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near;  
Though hosts encamp around me, firm in the fight I stand.  
What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance; My soul, with courage wait;  
His truth be thine affiance, when faint and desolate.

His might thy heart shall strengthen, His love thy joy increase.  
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give thee peace.

**Luke 13:31-35**

*(New Testament, page 77 in your pew Bible)*

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.**

**SERMON** "A Time for Eagles & A Time for Hens"

Ashley Higgins

*(A moment for meditation)*

**\*HYMN 51**

LLANFYLLIN

To Abraham and Sarah

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical version)  
(Please refer to page 17 in the front of your hymnal  
for the text of the creed.)

**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**

*Offering*

The collection of tithes and offerings takes place as a response to the Word. These actions are signs of our gratitude for the grace of God proclaimed in the gospel.

To give, please scan the QR code below:



Anthem

Carol of the Hill

Stephen Paulus

On my ground with a crown of thorn,  
He died for us who for us was born.  
The tree that flowered is cold and bare;  
No songs, no singing anywhere;  
O Bethlehem, Ah Jerusalem.

Second Adam Son of Man,  
Into my earth your life's blood ran.  
Now from this earth new trees will grow  
With fruits, with flowers I swear it so.  
O Bethlehem, Ah Jerusalem.

For you I shall wear a crown of trees,  
And birds will sing from among their leaves,  
For you I shall wear a crown of trees,  
Now sing birds sing, from among your leaves;  
O Jerusalem.

*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!

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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

**God of all times and places,  
as we leave this place of worship,  
help us to know that there is no place we might go  
that will separate us from you.  
With this sure knowledge,  
give us Spirit-inspired courage and imagination  
to discern faithful ways of responding  
to every person we will meet this week  
and to every situation we will encounter.  
May our Lenten vows of faithfulness  
lead us to joyful obedience all week long. Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Singing together)*

*(Please refer to the inside back cover of your hymnal  
for words and music to this hymn.)*

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN 213**

RATHBUN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

**\*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**

J.S. Bach

Allegro from Trio Sonata in C Minor, BWV 526

*About the Postlude*

The Postlude is  
considered the final  
Alleluia of worship.

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\*(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 Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler by email at [hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org) or 615.292.5526 in the church office.

## Today @ Westminster

### Worship Leaders

#### Preaching

Rev. Ashley Higgins  
Associate Pastor for Young Families

#### Liturgist

Hannah Norris  
Interim Associate Director of Senior High Youth and College Ministries

#### Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Fran Linley  
11:00 AM Scott Carey

#### Music

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

Dale Nickell  
Organist and Associate Director of Music Ministries

#### Mask Policy

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional.

#### Hearing Assistance

We offer personal FM Receivers with an earpiece, 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](http://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 152

2s and 3s - 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

...how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings...

Luke 13:34

What might the invitation from Jesus be for us in this season? And does it look similar to or different than the invitation you'd imagine yourself?

Is there someone you can care for this week, the way Jesus longs to care for us like a hen with her chicks?

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## Financials

Each month, the Finance Committee provides a summary of the church operating income and expenses.

If any members wish to have more information about church finances, please contact:

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### February 2025

	Month	Year to Date
Income:	\$248,270	\$ 1,441,883
Expense:	<u>\$277,717</u>	<u>\$ 660,375</u>
Net Income (loss):	\$(29,447)	\$ 481,508



## Time to Order Lilies

Lilies will grace our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025. If you would like to purchase a lily (\$10) in memory or in honor of a friend or family member, please scan the QR code.





# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

## Covenant Class • Fellowship Hall



### Keeping Sacred Time: An Exploration of Life's Rhythms.

What rhythms are driving your life? This Covenant Class series is an invitation to look closely at this question and explore the sacred rhythms woven into the world today. The Lenten season offers a unique opportunity to examine one's practices, habits, and daily routines, and to shift focus toward deeper alignment with God. Together, we'll examine how these rhythms—both individual and collective—can guide us toward deeper connection with God and towards lives of deeper compassion

for ourselves and others.

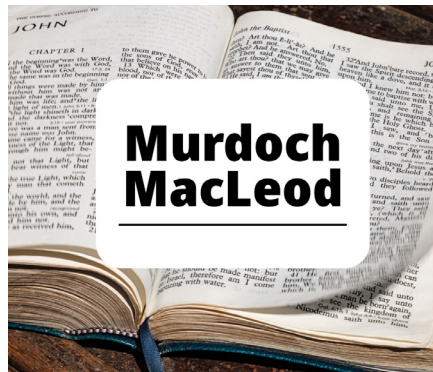
**Today**, we'll explore how the seasons of the year and the hours of the day can be a framework for experiencing the presence of God. We'll also ponder what invitations already exist in the rhythms of our lives. Led by Dr. Judy Skeen, Professor of Religion, Biblical Studies & Spiritual Formation at Belmont University.



### Faith & Fellowship • 214

The History of Popes: Church of Man or Church of God?

For more info, please contact Donna Schwaber, [dkschwaber@gmail.com](mailto:dkschwaber@gmail.com).



### Murdoch MacLeod • Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

For more info, please contact Paul DeWitt, [pdewitt@comcast.net](mailto:pdewitt@comcast.net).



### Young Families

Not meeting due to spring break. Class will resume on March 23 in the Overlook Room.



# TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



## Spring Break Week!

No Youth Sunday School or Youth Group for 6th - 12th grades.



## Looking Ahead...

### Practicing Together

March 23 - April 13 • Koinonia Youth Café

Wondering what to do this Lent? Tired of just giving up chocolate? Wonder no more. Join us this Lent for an intergenerational Sunday School class exploring spiritual formation. This class will learn about a variety of spiritual practices across four Sundays, including Lectio Divina, Sabbath, Anam Cara, the Examen, and Visual Prayer. Not

only will we be introduced to these disciplines and practice them in class, but we'll also discuss how they can help us meaningfully engage in Holy Week and prepare us for the world-changing good news of Easter. This class is intentionally intergenerational, and all ages youth group and up are welcome! Don't just give up chocolate this year, add our intergenerational spiritual formation class as your Lenten practice this year. Invite an (intergenerational) friend to join you! Led by Adam DeVries and Will Wellman.



## Children & Youth Choirs

4:00 PM Rehearsals

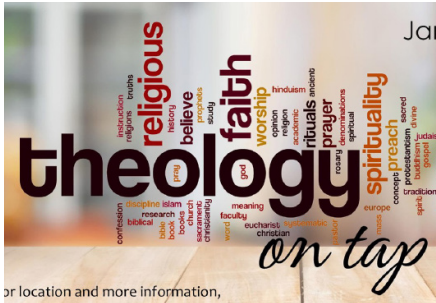
Gloria  
Alleluia  
Jubilate  
Tintinnabulation

5:00 PM Rehearsals

Laudate Choir  
Chiming Children



# YOUNG ADULTS



**March 18**  
**Theology on Tap**  
**7:00 PM • Location TBD**

For more info, please contact:  
Michael Drake, drakerduck@gmail.com  
Lane Russell, lrussell7942@yahoo.com



**March 23**  
**Luncheon**  
**12:15 PM • Location TBD**

We will go out to one of the local Nashville restaurants.  
We hope you can join us.



For info or to RSVP please contact:  
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**April 6**  
**Volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House**  
**3:00 - 6:00 PM**

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**April 4, 2025**  
**Bossa Nova to Bluegrass:**  
**An Evening with Steve Leslie & Special Guests,**  
**Andrea Crisalli and Kyle and Essie Tupper**  
**6:00 - 7:00 PM • Café open for coffee/pastries**  
**7:00 - 8:30 PM • Show**

**\$20 per person • Westminster Café**

***Benefitting Nations Ministry youth summer programs***



Scan the QR code to register.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**8:30 & 11:00 AM • Worship Services**

## Children and Worship

Childcare is available for children who are infants through kindergarten during both services. While childcare is available, children are always welcome in worship. There are quiet toys and worship bags for children. They may be found in baskets in the Parlor and in the back of the Sanctuary. The bags have plain paper, crayons, a pencil and a children's bulletin.

**9:45 AM • Sunday School**

**2s are in room 149**

**3s are in room 161**

**4s are in room 163**

**Godly Play/Kindergarten in 183**

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in room 292**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapel first and then will be picked up in rooms.**



## Word Search

See if you can find these words in the puzzle on the left.

Donovan  
Heidi  
Ashley  
Sherri

Terri  
Will  
Sophie  
Kris

Hannah  
Jo Ann  
Anna

## LIVING OUT THE WORD





# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Starts March 27**  
**Thursday Morning Theology Group**  
*Dogmatics in Outline*

The Thursday Morning Theology Group is starting a new book on March 27th. We will be reading through Karl Barth's *Dogmatics in Outline*. Karl Barth was a Swiss Reformed theologian and one of the most influential theologians of the 20th century. This will be a great class for folks interested in learning more about Christian theology and the Reformed tradition in particular. All are welcome! Contact Will Wellman if you have any questions, [wwellman@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:wwellman@nashvillewpc.org).

**March 25**  
**Westminster Book Group**  
**9:30 AM • Fellowship**  
**10:00 AM • Presentation**  
**Goodpasture Hall**

***Shelterwood* by Lisa Wingate**  
**Presenter: Beth O'Shea**

Shelterwood is a book with two distinctive stories that are separated in time, yet have history and issues in common. In the 1990s, a park ranger in Oklahoma meets a precocious and spirited girl in a foster home where she is too easily overlooked. At the earlier end of the century, a girl runs away from an abusive stepfather, bringing with her a Choctaw girl her father adopted. The stories of these two will intersect showing how some of the problems of the past have not been solved at all.

**April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**  
**Pottery**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**\$50 per person**  
**Limit: 10 participants**  
All skill levels are welcome!  
Scan to register.



**April 5, 6**  
**NaCoMe All-Church Weekend**  
Join us for a fun-filled weekend! Scan to register.



**June 2-8**  
**Music Camp**  
***Auditions on April 27.***  
Scan the QR code to register and for more info.





# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



## Taking Care of Our Planet

Our faith calls us to be caretakers of our planet, but what that means, what scripture says, and how we might put our faith into action is not often clear. The Earth Care Task Force recommends two books: *Inhabiting Eden* by Dr. Patricia Tull, Professor Emeritus at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary and *Saving Us* by Katharine Hayhoe, Professor of Climate Science at Texas Tech University.

## FaithWorks

Save the Date!

May 3, 2025

Join us for our annual day of community service. More info to come.



**Get Your Café Justo Coffee!  
Deadline: Saturday, March 22**  
**Just Coffee. . .  
filled with justice and love, fair for  
everyone – Café Justo**

If you've been missing Café Justo coffee, now's your chance to stock up! If you're just now learning about Café Justo, this is your chance to be part of the solution to the immigration crisis just by buying Café Justo coffee. The Café Justo (Just Coffee)

Cooperative, is a faith-based initiative in Agua Prieta, Sonora. All revenues go to the Cooperative, enabling growers to remain on their ancestral lands rather than migrate to the US. The deadline to order is Saturday, March 22. One pound bags are \$12 each, and payment is by credit/debit card only. Coffee is expected to arrive around mid-April.

For questions, email Janet Kuhn, [janetkuhn@mac.com](mailto:janetkuhn@mac.com) or Marilyn Cornish, [gkcmhs@msn.com](mailto:gkcmhs@msn.com).



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# 49 The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!



Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

# 51 To Abraham and Sarah

## I Will Be Your God

1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:  
 2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,  
 3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid

"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.  
 de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;  
 can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,

You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word  
 and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,  
 re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,

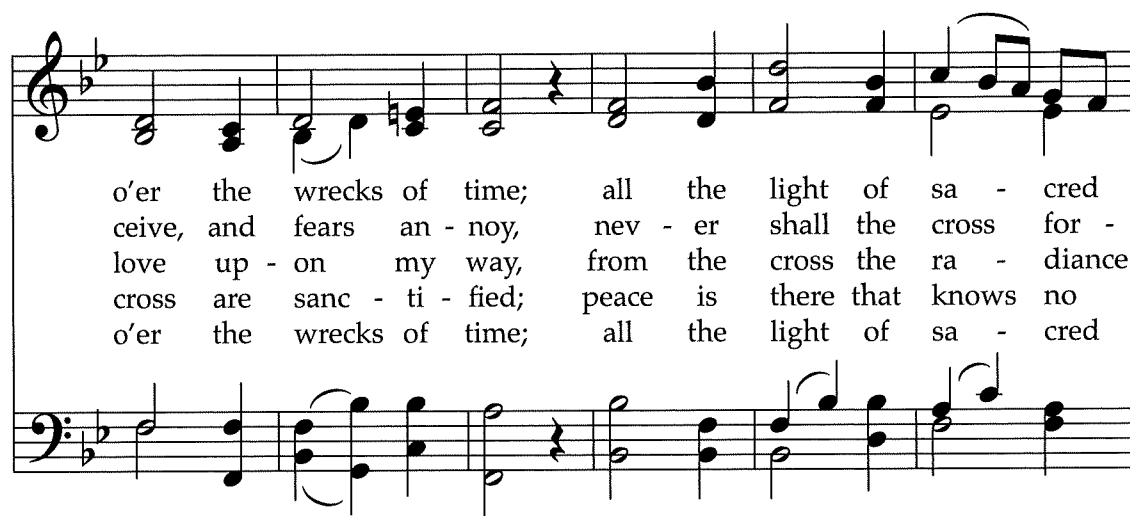
that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."  
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."  
 "That you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."

This hymn condenses the narrative of Genesis 17:1-22 and grounds it in the recurring statement of the covenant relationship between God and the people God has chosen. This Welsh tune also occurs in a minor version called LLANGLOFFAN, used elsewhere in this hymnal (see no. 362).

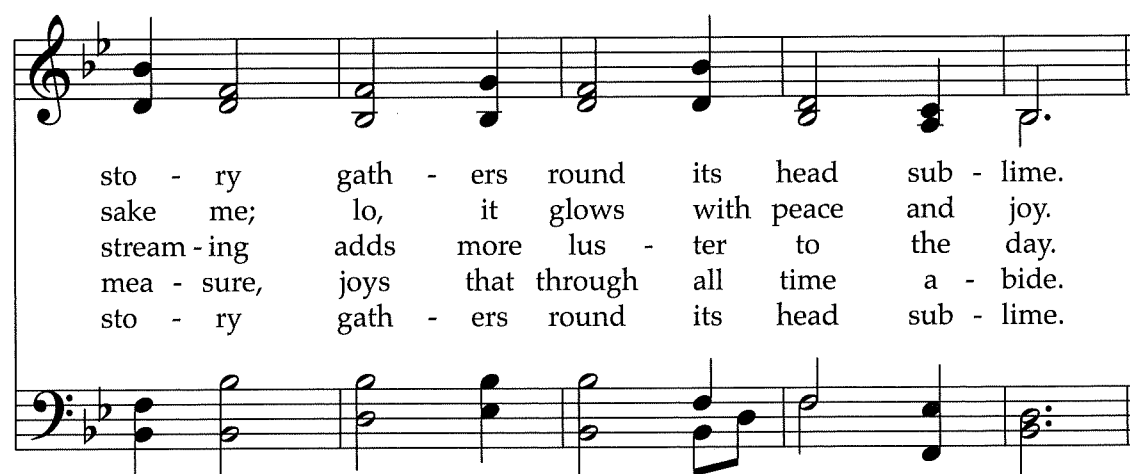
## In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the  
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing



o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no  
 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred



sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.  
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.

