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Good News Spreads Fast

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Today's Lay Reader: Sharon Wilson

Welcome

Prelude

He Leadeth Me

arr. Lani Smith

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from near and far; in-person and virtual, live on Sunday and all week long! Come! Come and prepare to take your next step in faith. Come and worship Jesus Christ together!

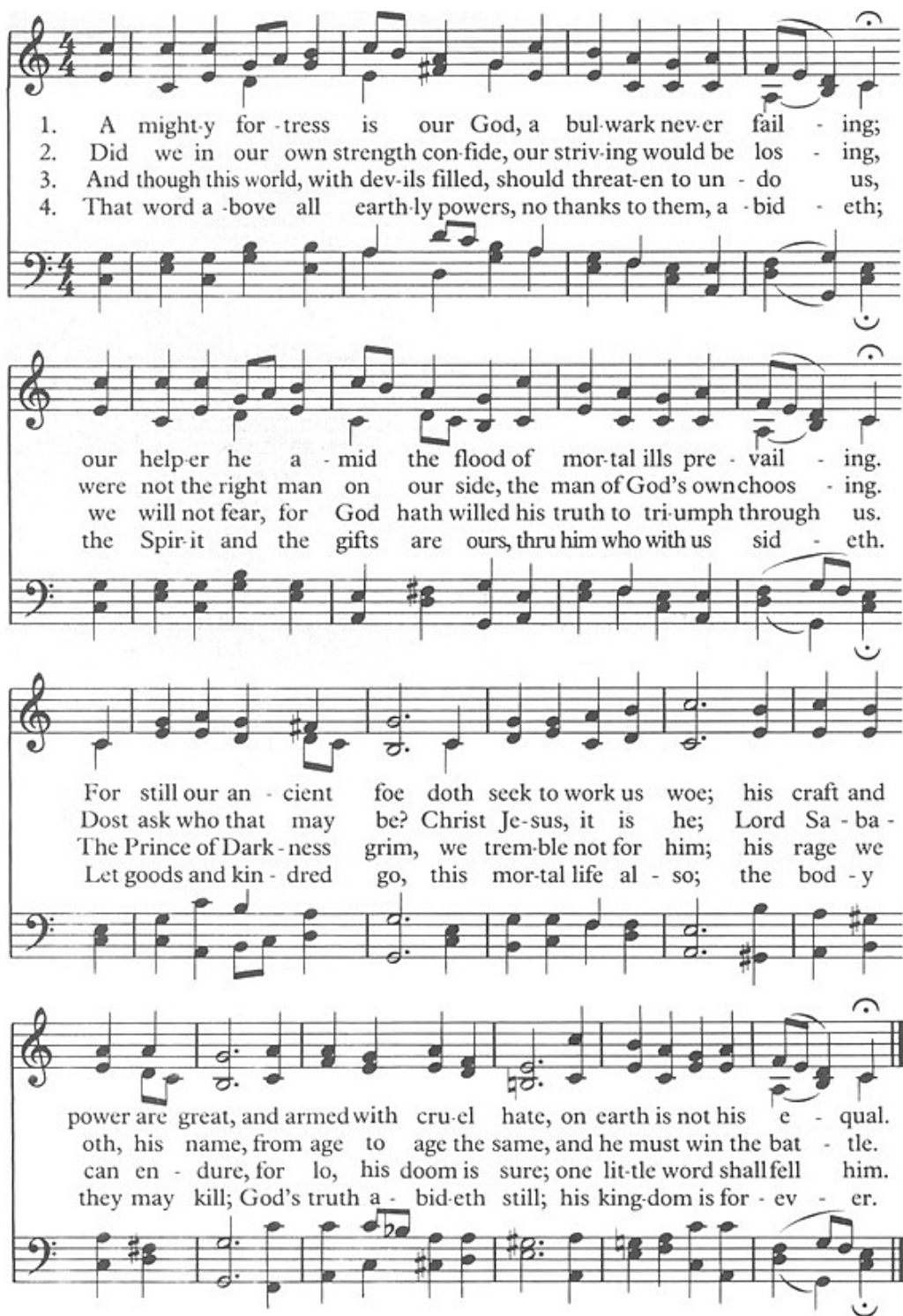
People: **We come, ready to share Christ's message with the world!**

Leader: We are ambassadors for Christ. We represent him to new people in new places!

People: **Anyone who accepts Christ becomes new. Let's help God make a lot of new things!**

Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,
 3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth;

our help-er he a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph through us.
 the Spir-it and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sid-eth.

For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sa-ba-
 The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so; the bod-y

power are great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e-qual.
 oth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat-tle.
 can en-dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit-tle word shall fell him.
 they may kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still; his king-dom is for-ev-er.

Offertory**Sarabande**

Craig Penfield

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Pastoral Prayer****The Lord's Prayer****Hymn****Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones**

(verses 1, 3, and 4)

1. Ye watch-ers and ye ho-ly ones, bright ser-aphs, cher-u-bim, and
 2. O high-er than the cher-u - bim, more glo-rious than the ser-a-
 3. Re-spond, ye souls in end-less rest, ye pa-tri-archs and proph-ets
 4. O friends, in glad-ness let us sing, su - per-nal an-thems ech-o-

thrones, raise the glad strain, Al-le - lu - ia! Cry out, do-min-ions,
 phim, lead their prais - es, Al-le - lu - ia! Thou bear-er of th'e -
 blest, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Ye ho-ly twelve, ye
 ing, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! To God the Fa-ther,

Refrain (Harmony)

prince-doms, powers, vir-tues, arch-an-gels, an-gels' choirs:
 ter-nal Word, most gra-cious, mag-ni-fy the Lord: Al-le-lu - ia!
 mar-tyrs strong, all saints tri-um-phant, raise the song:
 God the Son, and God the Spir-it, Three in One:

Unison

Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Benediction

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress

arr. David Cherwein