WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 25, AD 2026



"THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES, BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER."

- ISAIAH 40:8 -

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† *Those who are able, please stand.*

Morning Worship

Prelude Ms. Hannah Smith

This Is My Father's World
(Hymn #252, Bradbury, arr. Berry)
Compassion Hymn
(Getty & Townsend, arr. Koerts)

Welcome and Announcements

Missionary Testimony Mr. Eric Kelly (MTW Panama)

Preparation for Worship

Psalm 67A
Tune: MEIRIONYDD, Lloyd

O God, let all men praise you, let all the nations sing;
In ev'ry land let praises and songs of gladness ring;
For you shall judge the people in truth and righteousness,
And through the earth the nations shall your just rule confess.

O God, let people praise you, let all the nations sing,
For earth in rich abundance to us her fruit shall bring.
The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall blessing send,
And all the earth shall fear him to its remotest end.

† Call to Worship Psalm 98:1-4

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

People: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

† Psalm of Adoration *Christ Shall Have Dominion* #421

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

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.

† Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell*; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;** the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.*
***"catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places*

† Gloria Patri #572

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.

Call to Repentance Luke 9:23-25, pg. 867

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious and merciful God, you call us to follow your Son, to deny ourselves, and to take up our cross daily. We confess that we fall short of this call. We cherish our own comforts; we cling to our own plans, and we pursue our own desires over yours. We are afraid of sacrifice, hesitant to surrender our pride, and quick to turn away when following you becomes difficult or costly. Forgive our timidity, our half-hearted devotion, and our resistance to your will. When the cross feels too heavy, remind us that Jesus carried what we could never carry and that his yoke is easy, and his burden is light. When the cross seems too much to bear, reassure us that our Savior is able to sympathize with our weaknesses and that we can, with confidence, draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. O God, cleanse our hearts, renew our spirits, and grant us the grace, strength, and courage to pick up our cross and truly follow him. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Hebrews 10:12-14, pg. 1006

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 18:1-6, pg. 646

† Psalm *Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise* #96

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication Mr. Joe Steele

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Lord, Here Am I

(lyrics by Fanny Crosby, arr. John Ness Beck)

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor, and where it shall be.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."
Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss;
Willing to follow, if Thou will but lead; only support me with grace in my need.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Living or dying, I still would be thine, yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.
Pardon, wherever I turn from the right; pity and bring me again to the light.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I, here am I!"

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of the Word of God Dr. Richard Joe

"The Mission of Re-creation"

John 9:1-7 pg. 895

† Hymn of Response *All Authority and Power* #424

† Benediction

I Am Not My Own

(Susan Bentall Boersma, Craig Courtney)

I am not my own, I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
I am not my own.

I am not my own, I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own. His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free.
I am not my own.

For my salvation all things work together, in eternal life, He gives me hope.
By the power of His Holy Spirit, I will live for Him. I am not my own, I am not my own. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. I belong to Him, I belong to Him, in life in death my only comfort, I belong to Him, I will live for Him.
Forever and ever, forever more.
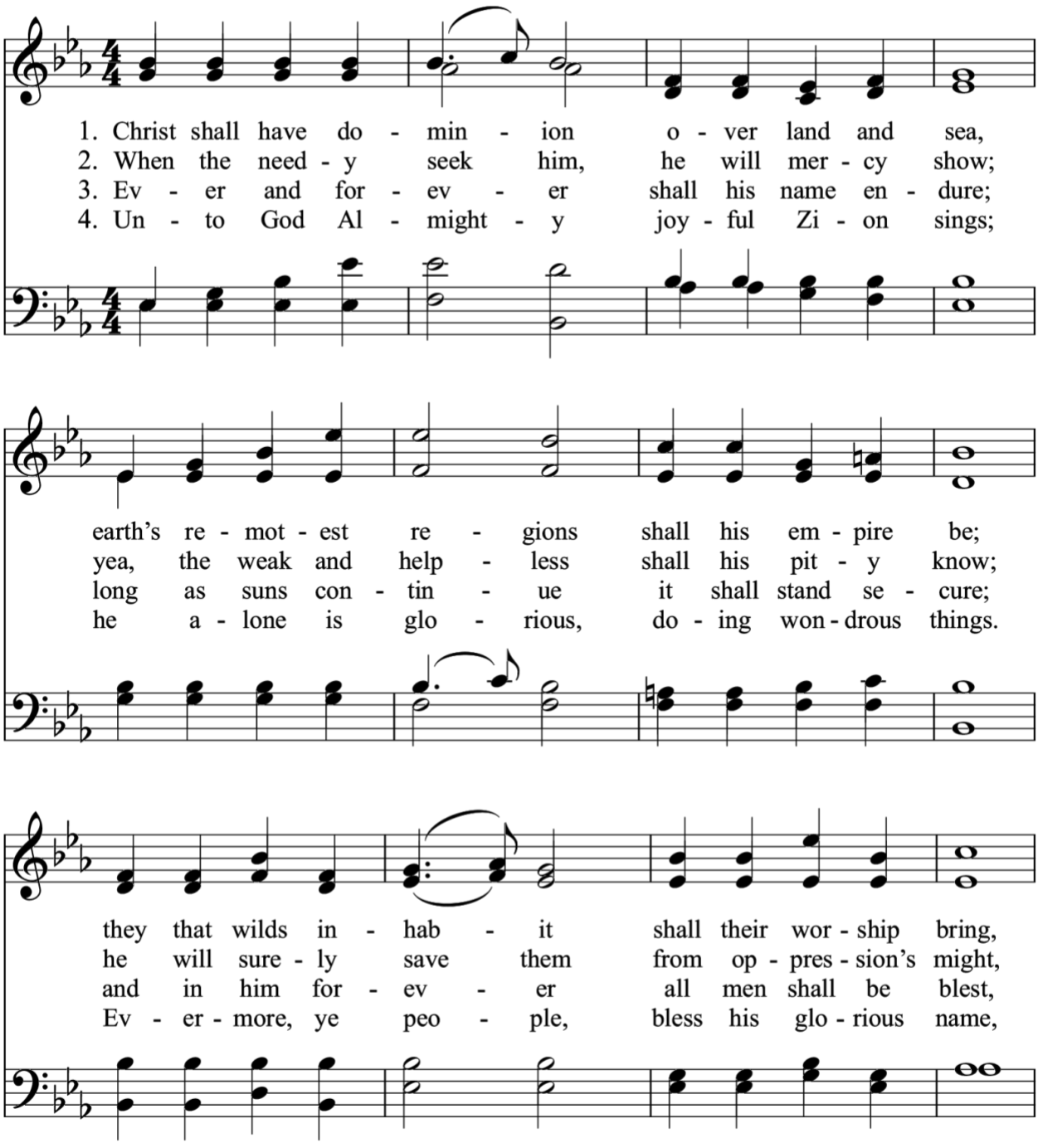
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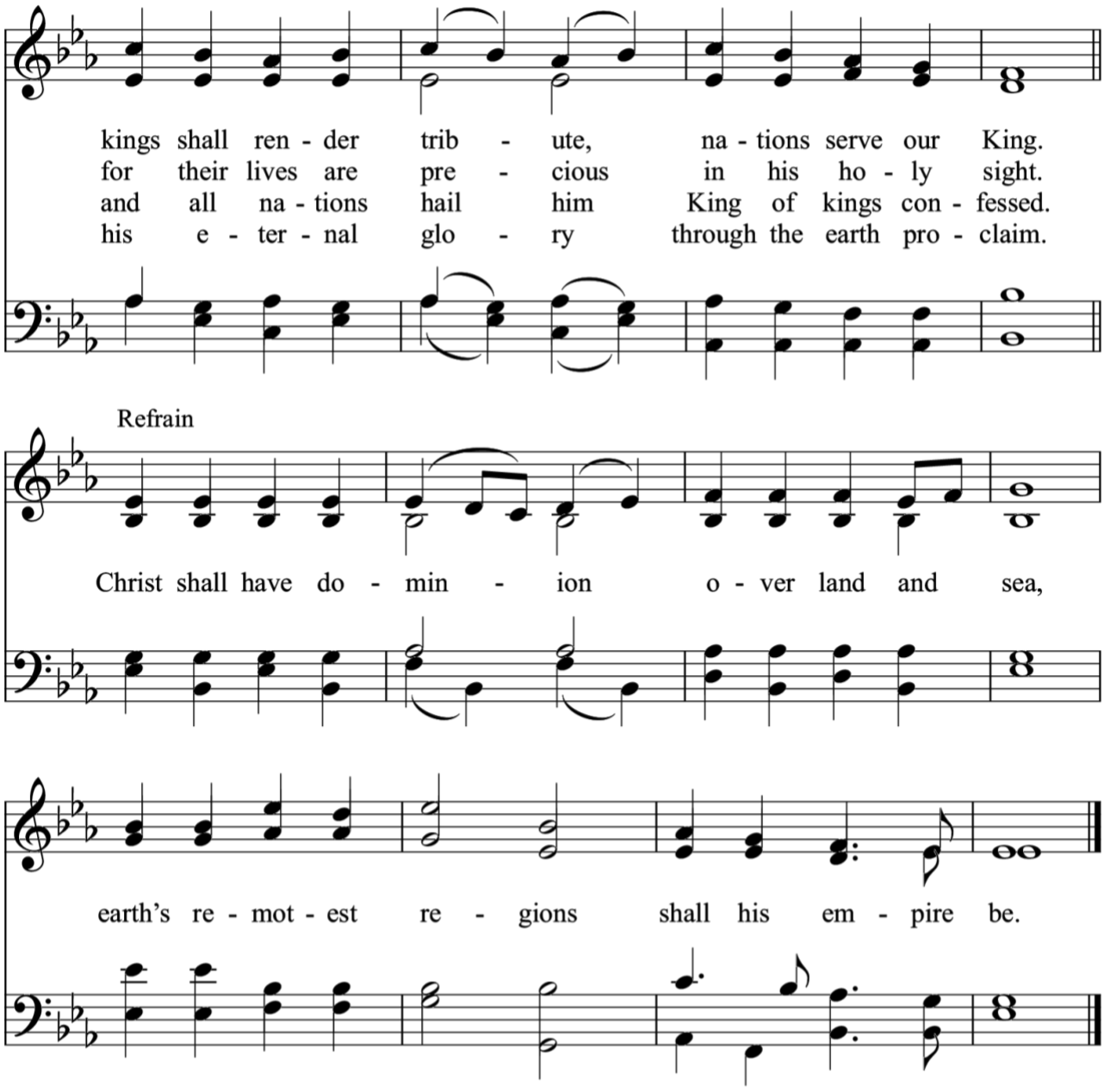
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† Postlude Ms. Hannah Smith

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us with He Leadeth Me
(Hymns #525 and #526, Bradbury, arr. Berry)

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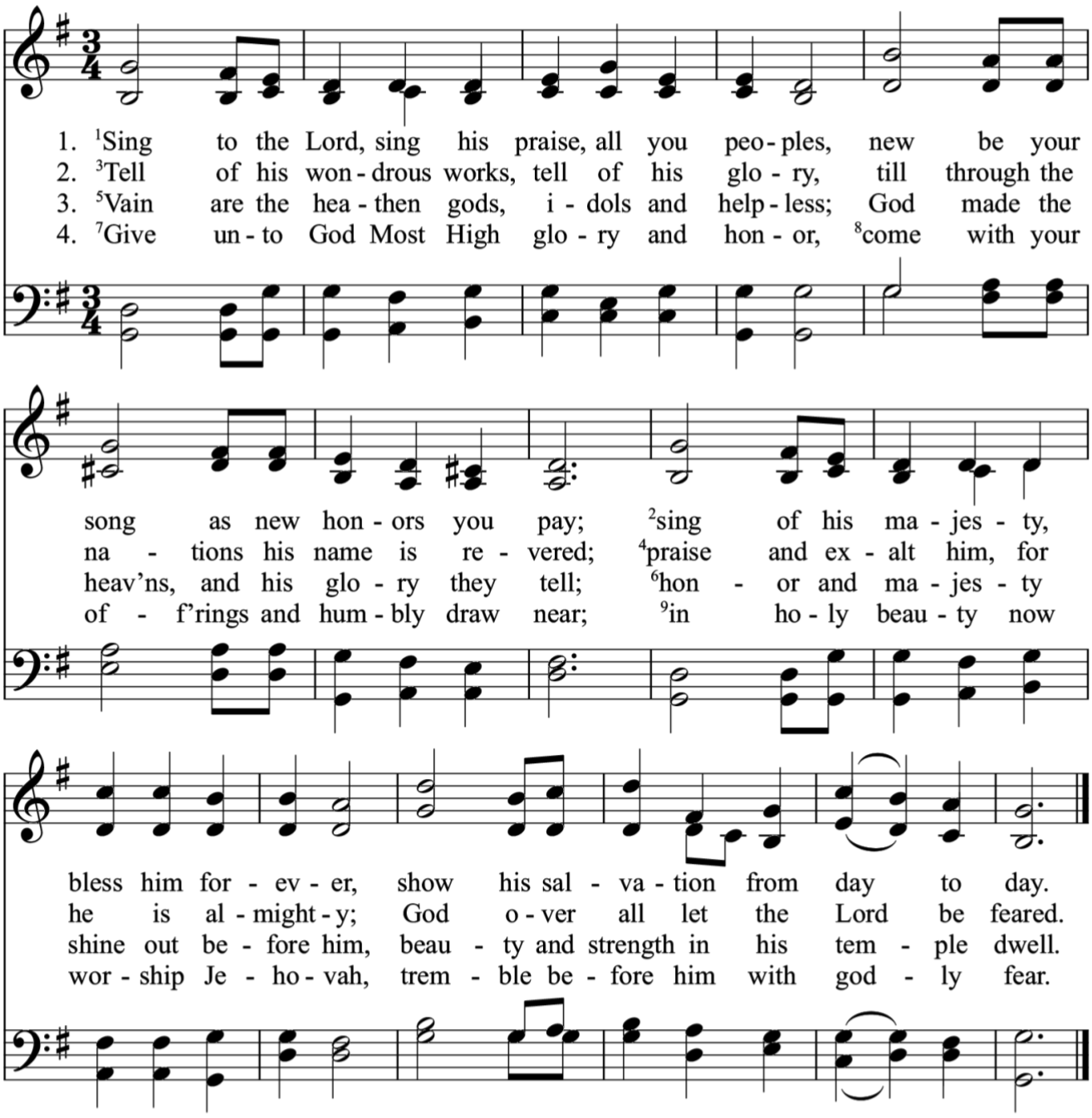




From Psalm 72:8–14, 17–19
The Psalter, 1912

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Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871

Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise 96
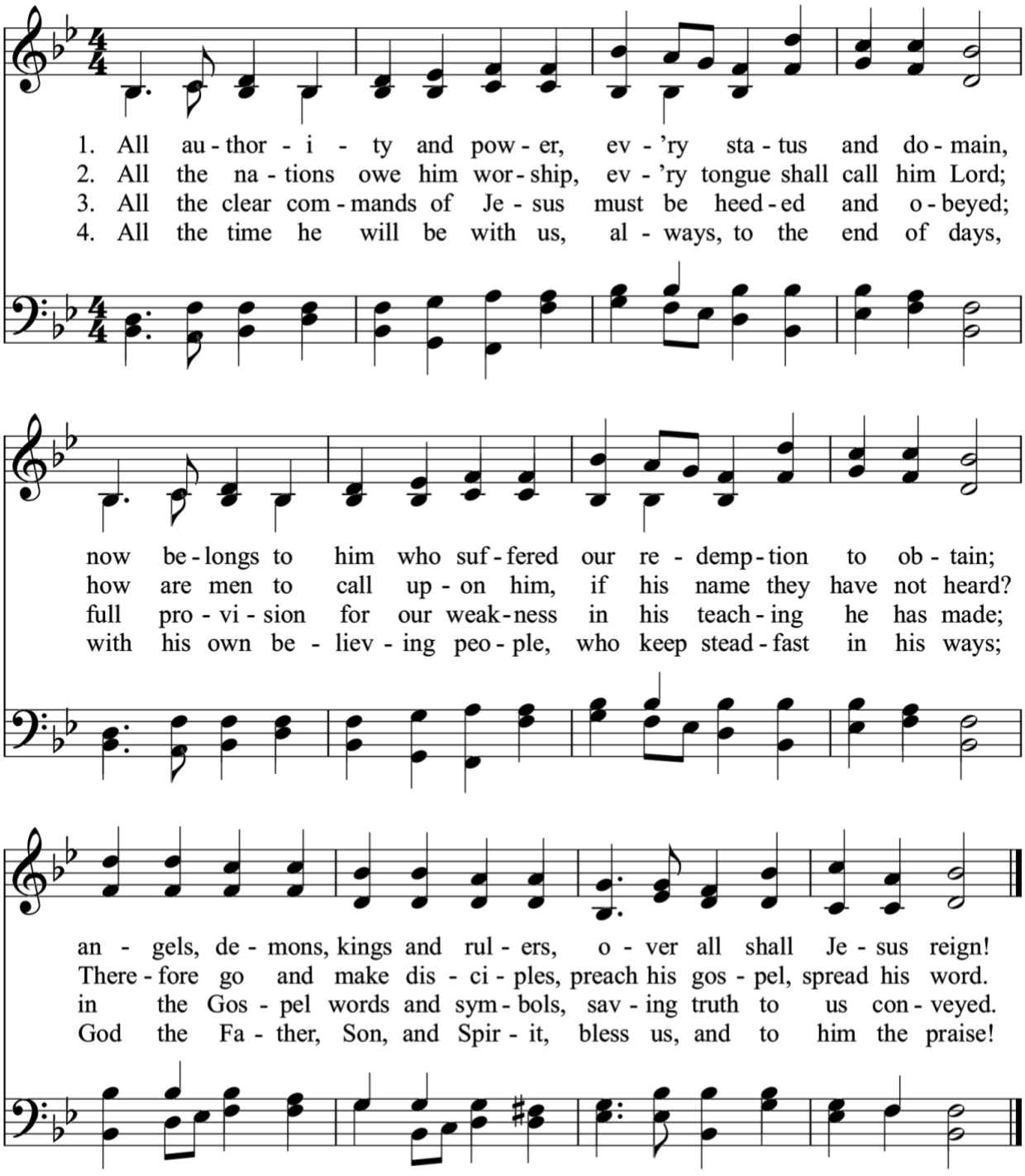


5. [10]Make all the nations know God reigns forever;
earth is established as he did decree;
righteous and just is the King of the nations,
judging the people with equity.

6. [11]Let heav'n and earth be glad; waves of the ocean,
[12]forest and field, exultation express;
[13]for God is coming, the Judge of the nations,
coming to judge in his righteousness.

The Psalter, 1912; mod. 1990

WESLEY (Mason) 11.10.11.9.
Lowell Mason, 1830

All Authority and Power 424



Christopher Idle, 1973

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NEANDER 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Joachim Neander, 1680; alt. 1990

Evening Worship

Prelude Ms. Hannah Smith

Abide With Me
(Hymn #159, Monk, arr. Ham)
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
(Hymn #429, Traditional, arr. Rice)

Welcome and Announcements

Missionary Testimony Mr. James Jardin (RUF UAH)

† Call to Worship Psalm 96:1-10a

Leader: **Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

People: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.**

People: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Leader: **Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Leader: **Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Say among the nations,**

All: "The LORD reigns!

† Hymn of Adoration *Sing a New Song to Jehovah* #98C

† Invocation

† Hymn *O Zion Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling* #419

Confession of Faith WLC Q. 87, pg. 948

Prayer of Intercession Mr. Aaron Finch

Offertory

The Love of God
(Mays, arr. Austin)

Proclamation of the Word of God Dr. Richard Joe

"The Mission of Suffering"

Luke 24:36-49 pg. 885

† Hymn of Response *Facing a Task Unfinished* In Bulletin

† Doxology #567
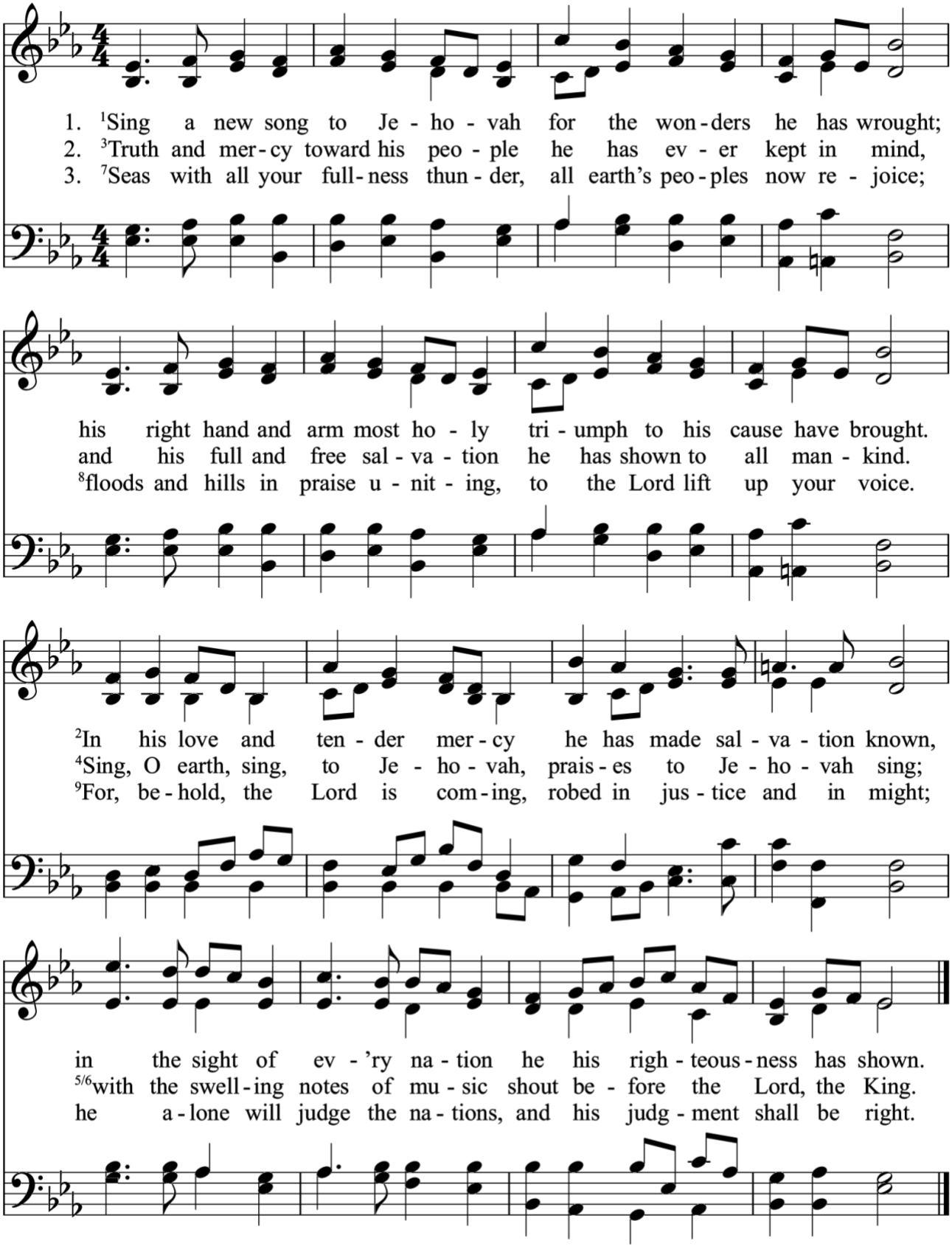
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praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† Postlude Ms. Hannah Smith

Clothed in Righteousness

(lyrics by Sproul, tune by Courtney)
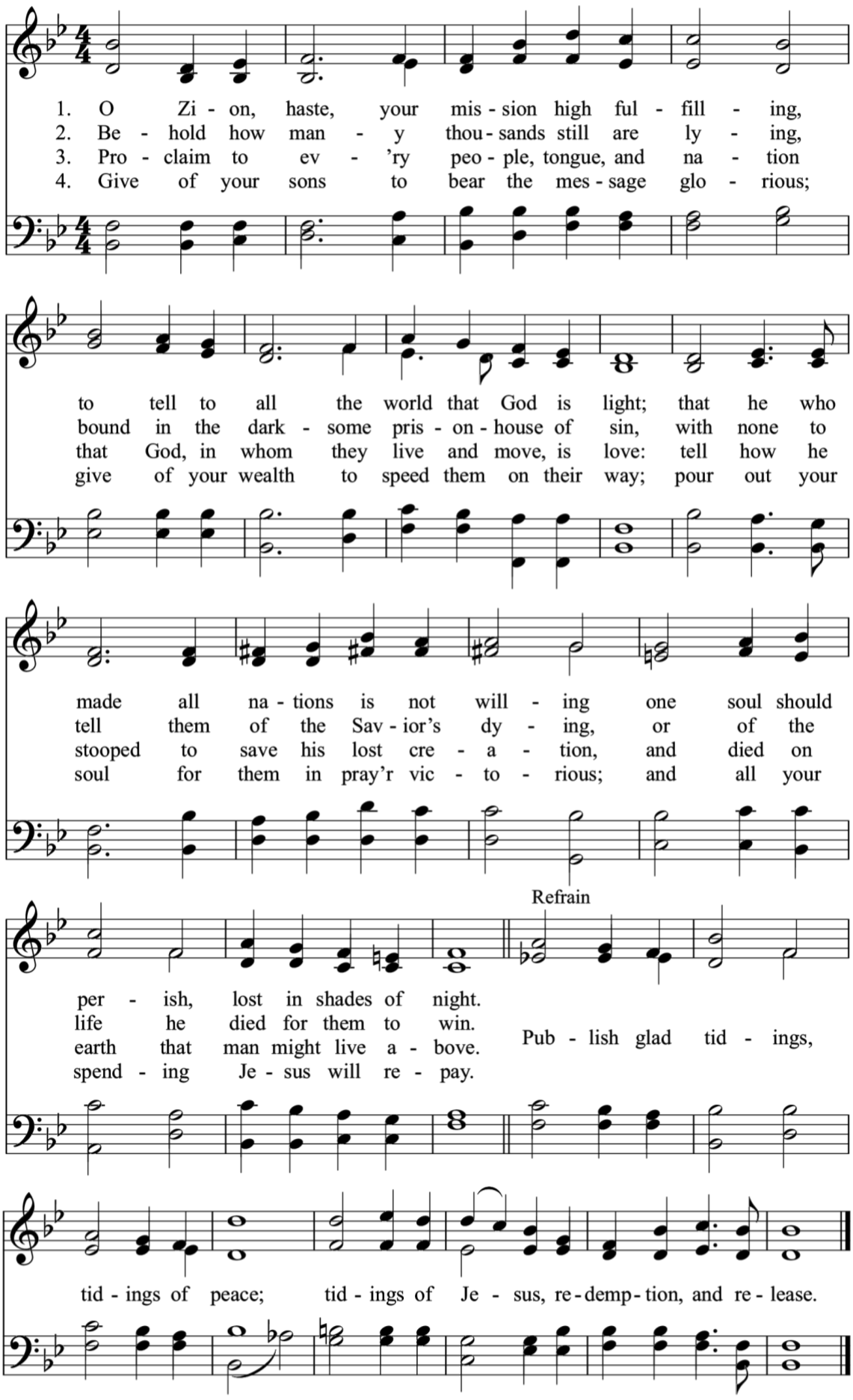
98C Sing a New Song to Jehovah



The Psalter, 1912; mod.

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D.
Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

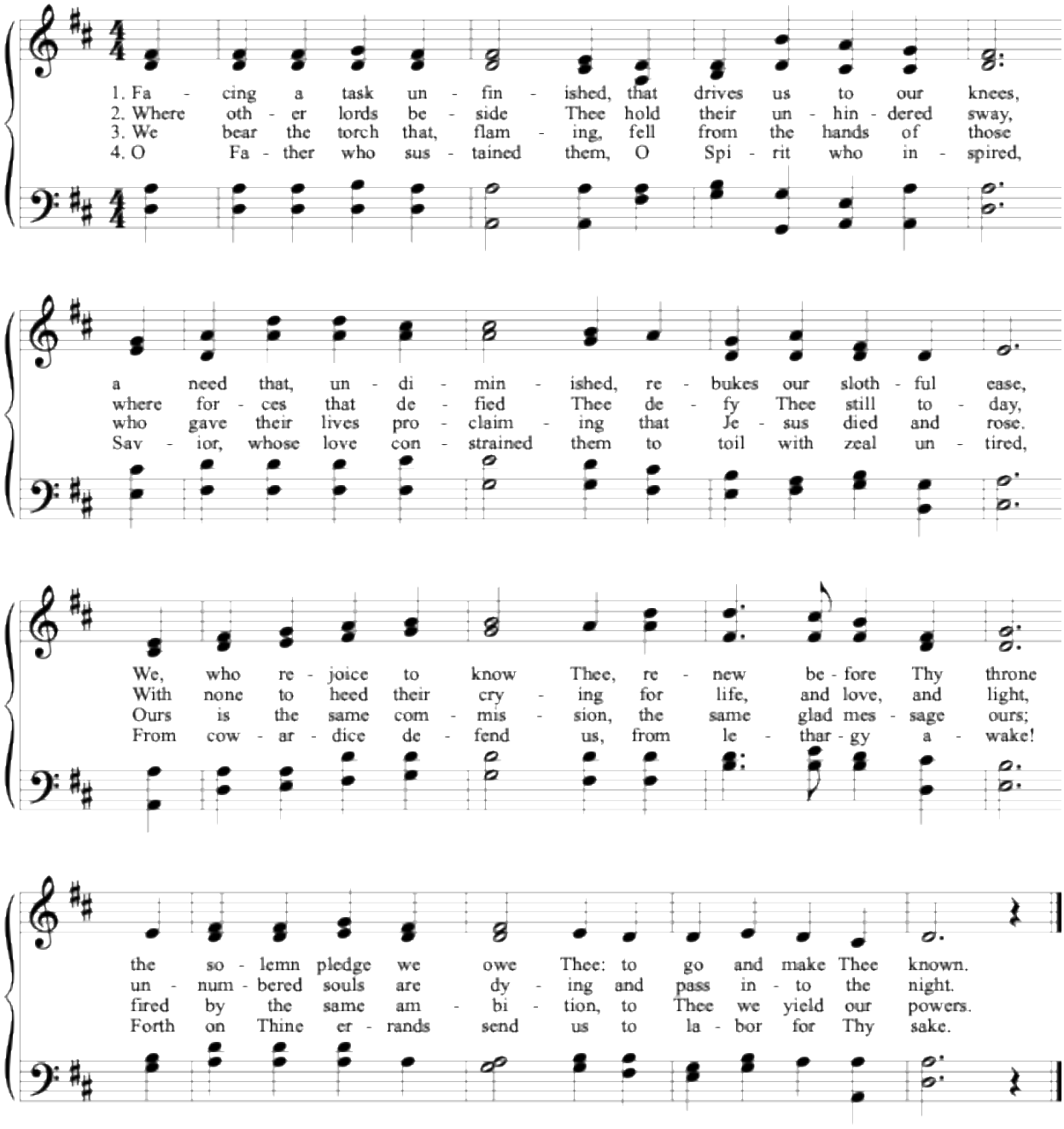
419 O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling



Mary A. Thomson, 1868; alt.

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James Walch, 1875

Facing a Task Unfinished



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Welcome guests! We are delighted that you have come to worship with us here at Westminster. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and our congregation's welcome, and that you will worship with us again soon. For more information about the church, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Evening Meal & Activities: Make plans to join us on Wednesday evening, **October 28,** 5:30 PM, for food, fellowship, prayer, choir, youth group, and catechism classes for our children. This week's meal is **Chick-fil-A**, and it costs **$6 per person, with a $24 per-family cap**. Please order meals by Tuesday at 10 am.

Nursing Home Sing: The Outreach Team invites you to join a church-wide nursing home singing at Madison Village on Nov 2, 6 pm. Please contact Pastor Duncan or Jacqueline Bryant if you are interested in attending or have any questions.

20/30s Friendsgiving: Come and join us at Peter & Grayson Schmidt's home for Friendsgiving on Thursday, Nov. 12th at 5:30 pm. The Friendsgiving Ham and drinks will be provided, but please sign up on Realm and bring a side or a dessert to share! If you are able to share or transport folding tables and chairs, please let Pastor Duncan know.

Link Conference: January 8-9, 2027. Westminster is hosting a Mission to the World conference, which is for anyone who has ever wondered about being a missionary, through those who are highly considering it. There will be numerous missionaries present, including a couple of MTW Regional directors and our own Rebecca S. They will be talking about a wide variety of topics, including how you determine a call, how do you determine a field, what support raising is like, what it is like to raise children on the field, etc. There will also be a Q&A session. Childcare is available. Please go to https://mtw.org/link for more information and to register.

A Note About Children In Worship: As our church continues to grow, we will have an increasing number of infants and toddlers in our worship services. Since we are a covenantal church, we greatly value our covenant children and unapologetically seek to assimilate them into corporate worship from the earliest ages. Watching God grow his church through the birth of covenant children is one of our greatest joys as a church! At the same time, an abundance of children does create some challenges for corporate worship. For a congregation like ours, which deeply values the ministry of the Word, it can be challenging for some members to concentrate and receive the Word when children make excessive noise during the service. Conversely, it can be challenging for parents of young children to receive the ministry of the Word if they constantly have to step out of the service to quiet their children. Rather than allowing

these challenges to breed frustration within the body of Christ, the Session warmly recommends that we view them as an opportunity to express mutual love for one another.

For the members who would prefer the service to be silent as an aid to concentrated worship, we encourage you to express love to families with young children by bearing with the noise of our covenant children. For members whose children are especially vocal, we encourage you to express love to other members by temporarily removing your child from the service and using the narthex or nursery as needed. In both instances, we have an opportunity to heed the command of the Apostle Paul: "*walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*" (Eph. 4:2–3).

Upcoming Events

- November 12: 20/30s Friendsgiving
- December 5: Children's Hymn Sing @ Regency (9:30 am)
- December 7: Family Fellowship @ Tinsel Trail (6:00 pm)

Sunday School for Youth and Children

3-year-olds:	Nursery Pre-K	5th-6th Grade Girls:	Sanctuary
4-year-olds:	Commons	5th-6th Grade Boys:	Sanctuary
Kindergarten:	Commons	7th-8th Grade Girls:	Sanctuary
1st Grade:	Commons	7th-8th Grade Boys:	Sanctuary
2nd Grade:	Commons	9th – 12th Grade Girls:	Sanctuary
3rd/4th Girls:	Commons	9th – 12th Grade Boys:	Sanctuary
3rd/4th Boys:	Commons	College:	Sanctuary

Sunday Servants

	This Week: 10/25/26	Next Week: 11/1/26
Coffee Fellowship	Team Paul D & Jan P	Team Mary S & Joanna P
Evening Prayer	Aaron Finch	Nat Causey
Head Usher	Brian Sprow	Andrew Buhl
Nursery	**AM:** Mary Lou Cantrell, Wendy Pearce, Althea Powell, Deb McFadden **SS:** Allen Zumbach, Taylor Thompson, Mary Sanford, Noelle Thompson, Tracey Zumbach, **PM:** Katy Kirkwood, Amy Ward, Erin Creasy, Karen Hodge	**AM:** Kelley Jones, Nancy Oberheide, Taylor Thompson, Seth Schmidt, Abby Newell, Beth Schmidt **SS:** Jacob Knowles, Taylor Thompson, Sherrie McElwain, Noelle Thompson, and Mary Lou Cantrell **PM:** Sydney Knight, Angela Boyd, Fred Diaz, Annie Padgett, Lois Carl, Pat Corder
Sexton Counter	Art McKinney	Christopher Thompson
Sound Booth	**AM:** Bradley Davis **PM:** Scott Paulson	**AM:** Keith White **PM:** Bethany Miller

This Week at WPC

October 25 – November 1,2026

Morning Worship: 9:30 AM
Sunday School: 11:10 AM
Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Sunday, October 25, 2026
- 9:30 AM - Session 4 – Worship
- 11:05 AM - Session 5
- 4:30 PM - Outreach Ministry Team Meeting
- 6:00 PM - Session 6 – Worship

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
- 7:00 AM - Men's Transforming Grace Book Study @ Blue Plate Café
- 7:00 AM - Men's DTS Book Study @ WPC
- 9:15 AM - Women's Prayer Time @ WPC
- 10:00 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC
- 12:00 PM - Men's Union with Christ Book Study @ WPC

Wednesday, October 28, 2026
- 11:30 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC
- 5:30 PM - Meal served @ WPC
- 6:15 PM - Nursery Opens
- 6:15 PM - Youth Home Fellowship @ Keel's House
- 6:15 PM - Choir Practice
- 6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting WPC Narthex
- 7:30 PM - College & Career

Thursday, October 29, 2026
- 6:30 PM - Men's Ezekiel Bible Study @ WPC

Friday, October 30, 2026
- 6:30 AM - Men's 1st Peter Bible Study @ Sunny Street Café
- 9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC

Sunday, November 1, 2026
- 4:30 PM - Children's Ministry Team Meeting
- 4:30 PM - 20/30s Ministry Team Meeting

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(*currently on sabbatical)