

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

Psalms 118:1, 19-20

GATHERING MUSIC

Bill Holda

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steve Crane

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

***UNITY HYMN:** *(to the tune of "The Church's One Foundation")*

In Unity, we gather to worship and rejoice.

From our own faith traditions, we pray with one strong voice:

Lord, help us love each other and serve all those in need,

and live as your disciples – in heart and word and deed.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, with grateful hearts we gather to bring you praise. May your praises fill the whole earth. We are thankful for your mighty works and for the tender care you give us. We praise you with our voices, our bodies, our instruments, ourselves. We join all of creation to give you praise. In the name of your Son, our Lord, **Amen.**

***HYMN #409 (GTG)**

"God Is Here!"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

***CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of grace,

for our failure to love others as you have loved us,

forgive us.

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods,

forgive us.

For losing heart and abandoning hope,

forgive us.

For all the ways we turn from you,

forgive us

(silent prayer)

We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us,
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***HYMN #834 (GTG) “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**

PRECIOUS LORD

***SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Let us offer one another signs of peace and welcome.)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kate Day

Speak to us, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and equip us to be messengers of your life-altering,
world-changing, blessing-filled Word.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:27-34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The Lord bless the reading of this, God’s word.

The Lord bless the hearing of this, God’s word.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Stanley Larson

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

(Continued)

**eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being
with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of
the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day,
he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one
holy, catholic, and apostolic church. We acknowledge
one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN #608**

“Doxology”

PRAISE GOD

***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 (trespasses),
as we forgive our debtors (those who trespass against us);
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD

***HYMN #546**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

SICILLAIN MARINERS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God that we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!



CUMC members, please mark your attendance today using the QR code here.

St. Andrew members, please mark your attendance and note prayer concerns in the Friendship Registers in each pew.

Join us each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. for our Wednesday Night Live Dinner!

Enjoy a delicious menu featuring beef stew, a side dish, salad, dessert, and a beverage for \$10 per adult, with reduced prices for children. Please sign up through our website, the link in our weekly E-Newsletter, or in person during today's service. Please sign up by 11:45 p.m. on Mondays. Regular attendees can contact the church office to be added to the permanent dinner list.

The session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, at 4:00 p.m.

On **November 9**, following Worship, a training session will be held to write an anti-racism policy for the session. All interested members of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church and Community United Methodist Church are welcome to participate. To reserve your place and light lunch accommodations during the event, please email the church office at admin@standrewpres.org

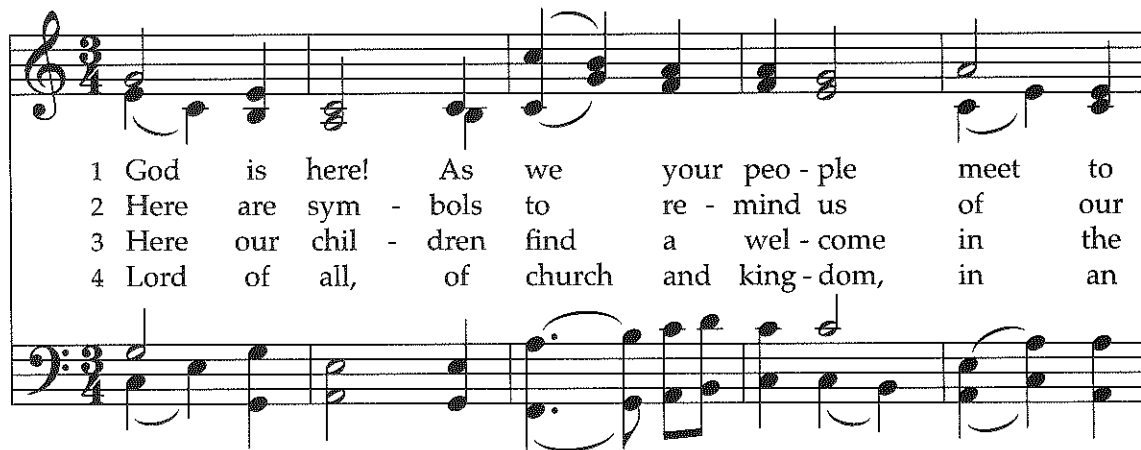
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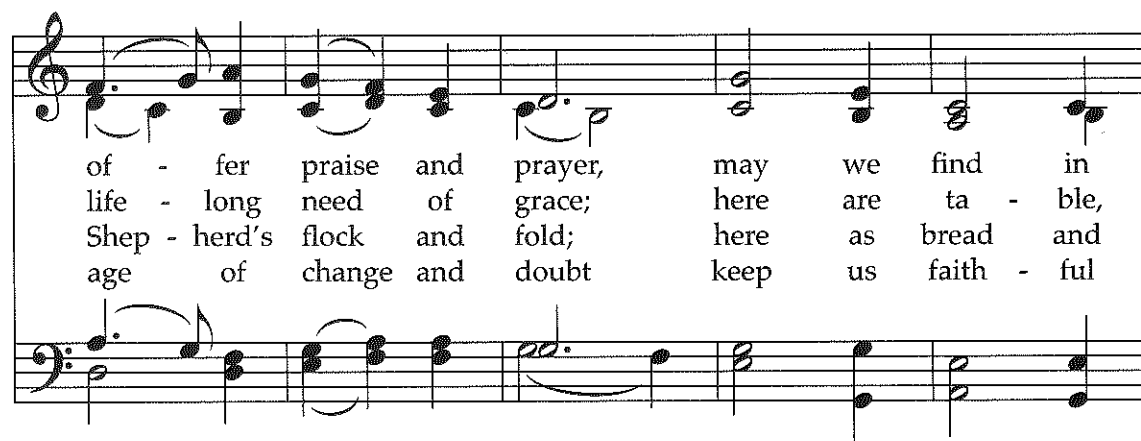
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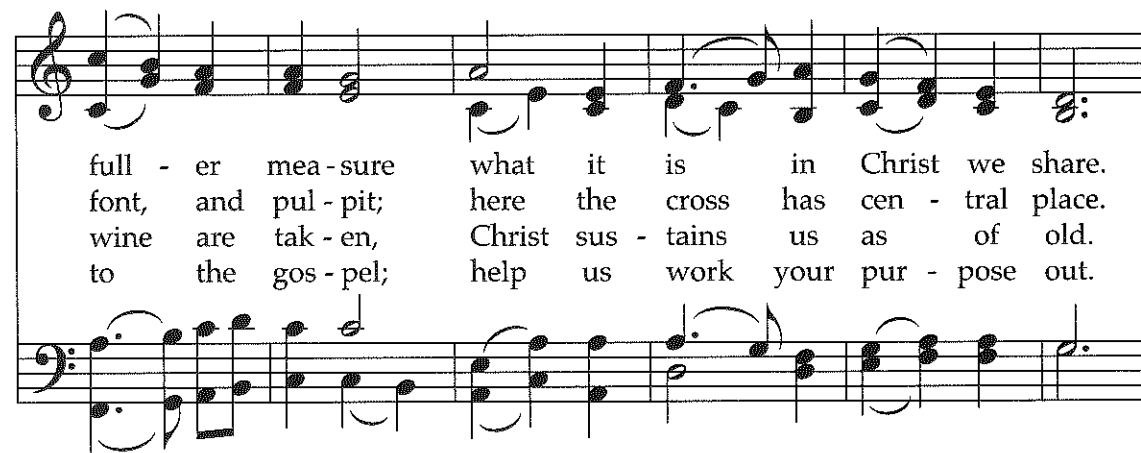
God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an



of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful



full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
 2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.

here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

Praise God, from Whom 608 All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all

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more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

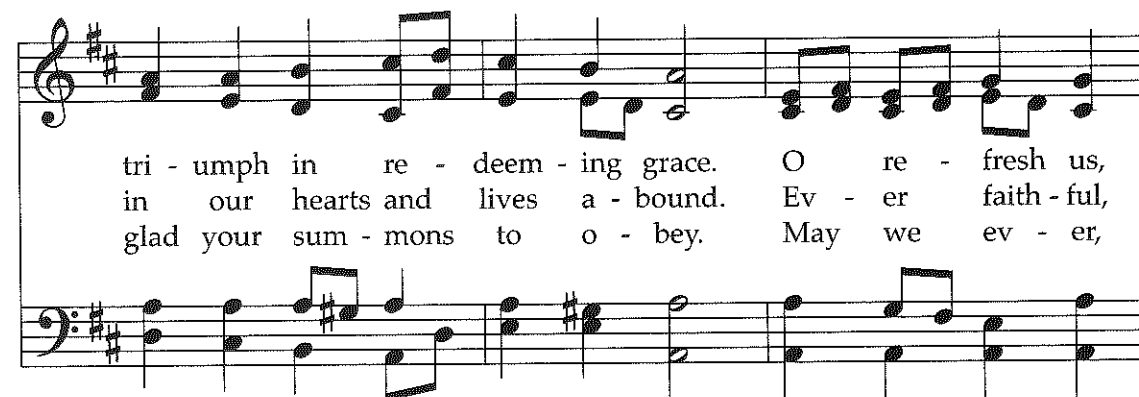
546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.