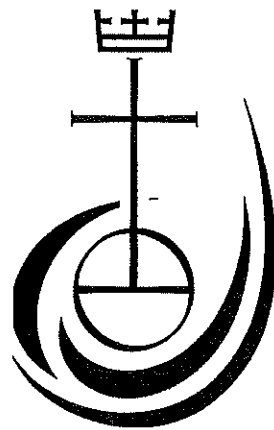


Columbia United Church Of Christ

July 11, 2021
Praying the Scriptures



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CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
No matter where you are on your faith journey;
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;
You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

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Of Christ



July 11, 2021

9:30 Worship

"Prayer"

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

"...do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God..."
-Philippians 4:6

Gathering Music		Amy Crousore
Welcome and Greetings		Pastor Rick
Prelude	"Menuet and Alternativo"	Amy Crousore JCF Bach
Carrying in the Light of Christ		Abby Dennis
*Call to Worship	(based on Matthew 6:5-15)	Matt Lucas
God the Creator is all around us; May God's name be praised!		
We pray for God's Kingdom to be realized on earth!		
We pray for God's will to be done!		
God gives us our daily bread and forgives us our sins. As God forgives us, let us forgive others.		
With God in our hearts, we are delivered from evil!		
To God be the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever!		
Come, let us worship God!		

*Opening Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #506

*Opening Prayer Matt Lucas

Creator God; in the stories of our traditions we hear of you reaching out in many ways to build relationship with us. We hear of your ministry through Jesus Christ, who taught us not what to pray, but how to pray. You taught us humility and repentance; and shared these attributes by example. Forgive us for the times in our lives when we put words over wisdom and doctrine over faith. Forgive us when we simply open our mouths and forget to open our hearts. Remind us that prayer should not be a petition for things, but rather for restored relationship with you and with each other. We ask these prayers in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Jesus taught us how to pray; not that we might wrangle over words, but that we might reconcile ourselves with God and with each other. But even when we fall short of this ideal, God still loves us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven! We are blessed and beloved; praise be to God!

*Prayer Response "Spirit of the Living God"

#283

Spirit of the Living God; fall afresh on me!
Spirit of the Living God; fall afresh on me!
Melt me, Mold me, fill me, use me;
Spirit of the Living God; fall afresh on me!

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

Pastor Rick will offer the words, "May God's Peace be with You" and you are invited to respond with the words, "And also with you."

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response

"This Little Light of Mine"

#524

This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

General Synod Moment

Pastor Rick

Anthem

"Amazing Grace"

Pete Jaberg
Nelson

New Testament Lesson 1 John 5:13-15

Matt Lucas

The author of this letter expresses his confidence that God hears our prayers and that our prayer requests are fulfilled in God's hearing, not in whether our requests are granted.
(pg. 992)

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:5-15

Matt Lucas

In this narrative from the Sermon on the Mountain, Jesus gives instructions to the gathered crowd about how to pray. His emphasis is not on the words to be used, but on the attitude of prayer. Arrogant and boastful prayers are condemned by Jesus.
(pg. 787)

*Hymn

"Standing in the Need of Prayer"

#519

Sermon:

"Praying the Scriptures"

Pastor Rick

*Hymn

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

#505

***Invitation to Communion**

As Jesus prepared for transition in his life, he used a meal celebration to share wisdom with his friends. Later, sharing bread and cup with diverse cultures and people, these friends spoke of the love that Jesus taught them the night he first celebrated this meal. He gathered with them in prayer, transforming ordinary objects into extraordinary representations of covenant. In like manner we gather together prayerfully, open to God's Holy Spirit and fired up to celebrate Jesus' love.

*We will celebrate altar communion this Sunday, coming forward to receive the elements. **EVERYONE** is welcome to partake in this meal. You will be called forward by rows. The ushers will place bread cubes in your hands and a cup of grape juice in your hands. If you wish, you may remain in your seat and partake of communion symbolically, as we have the past few months.*

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer & Invocation

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

Communion Music

Amy Crousore

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of reconciliation and remembrance, we come before you today in prayer, praying the scriptures and praying from our hearts. Gathered today, we remember the lessons of Jesus' ministry, teaching us that true relationship is what you desire. Remind us to take time each day to reach out to you, building relationship and reconciling ourselves with you and with each other. We pray that this meal may renew and restore us, so we can turn away from the things that distract us and turn back to you. And now we gather together in prayer, singing the prayer that Jesus taught us:

***The LORD's Prayer** *(sung by the Congregation, led by James Melton)*

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.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts "It is Well With My Soul"

Amy Crousore
Phillip Bliss

To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 and follow the prompts

You can also give online by visiting our website:

www.columbiaucc.com

*Response

"We Praise You, O God"

#420

*We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring!
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you
We praise your Holy Name, glad praises we sing!*

*Prayer of Dedication

Matt Lucas

Take these gifts, O God, and use them to bring reconciliation to all of your children. We ask your blessing on them and those whose lives they touch. May they be used to fund missions and ministries and transformation of your Creation, striving for that unity you desire. Amen.

*Benediction

*Response:

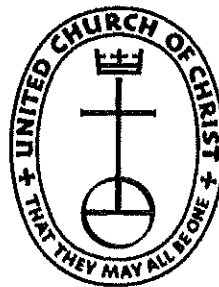
"Let There be Peace on Earth"

Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, Children all are we!
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!
Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!

*Postlude

"Calvary"

Amy Crousore
Sedio



*If you try to fit God into your life,
You will never have time for God.
If you try to fit your life into God,
You will always have time for what matters.*

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TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Matt Lucas
Acolyte: Abby Dennis
Ushers: Pat Forward
Greeters: Jessica Lucas
Technology Booth: Josh Muench & James Melton
Hospitality: Lena Muench
Council Steward: Lorry Dreier/Jessica Lucas



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Llona Weiss
Acolyte: Lil Smith
Ushers: Audrey Lasley
Greeters: Carol Duermeyer
Technology Booth: Phillip Dennis & Carissa Graves
Hospitality: Brent Marcks
Council Stewards: Jessica Jenks/Tricia Price

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CORONAVIRUS VACCINE INFORMATION

The Boone County Health Department has a very helpful website with COVID-19 Vaccine information, answering questions about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines and dispelling misinformation that is being spread. Go to www.como.gov/covidvaccine/ to read up on the vaccine and hopefully answer any questions you may have. You can also schedule a vaccine at Hy-Vee or Walmart by visiting their websites. Let's all do our part to get **EVERYONE** vaccinated!

MEXICAN MISSION MEAL AT CUCC 7/15

This Thursday, July 15 we have the rare opportunity to host Global Ministries Missionary Elena Huegel here at CUCC! She is our missionary stationed at INESIN in Chiapas, Mexico. Elena is supported by us through our gifts to Global Ministries (through OCWM and OGHS). She will be speaking about the work she does on our behalf in Mexico. We will also share a Mexican meal prior to her talk! Come by for supper on July 15 at 6:00. Elena will start speaking around 6:45 and we will wrap up by 7:30. It will be a fun evening for all! Everyone is welcome! (Churros for dessert!)

VBS 2021- ADVENTURE ISLAND!

August 2 - 4, 2021 5:15 - 8:15 each evening

SAVE THE DATE to join us for a GREAT (& free!) 3 evenings of FUN @ CUCC's Vacation Bible School 2021 for those ages 3-finishing 8th Grade! Lots of hands on deck needed, so come volunteer! We'll even take care of dinner. Registration for Volunteers and Participants is open! Register today!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	7/11	<i>Communion Sunday</i>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am
Tue	7/13	Quilters	10:00am
		Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Team	6:30pm
Wed	7/14	Nurture & Education Ministry Team	6:30pm
Thu	7/15	<i>VBS REGISTRATION DEADLINE- Participants & Volunteers</i>	
		Mexican Meal and Missionary Visit	6:30pm
Fri	7/16	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	7/18	Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am

We are on our Summer Schedule!

Worship is at 9:30am Fellowship time at 9:00am

(No Sunday School)

Regular schedule resumes Rally Day, September 12

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Corey & Nancy Grace... expecting baby this week!
Helen Schultz... health issues
Christian Sims... health issues (Mindi Jacob's friend)
Beth Schoeneberg... health issues (Jason's mother)
Mary Rinne... living with cancer (Donna Marsh's daughter)
Esther Rollins... health issues (Ed's mother)
Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothwieler's Aunt)
Sheila... challenges in life and faith
The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece);
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);
Christine Mseke; Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell;
Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt, Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

Emmanuela Loccident... serving in Morocco

2021 Confirmation Class:

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,
Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons

CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:

Welcoming all God's People;

Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;

Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;

Building a supportive church family;


*Transforming both the congregation and community
through service and outreach*

Not My Brother, nor My Sister


(Standing in the Need of Prayer)

African-American spiritual; alt.


Leader



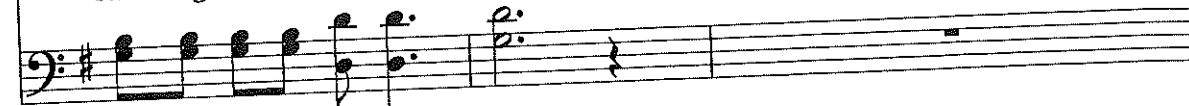
1 Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter, but it's me, O God,
 2 Not the preach - er, nor the dea - con, but it's me, O God,
 3 Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er, but it's me, O God,
 4 Not the strang - er, nor my neigh - bor, but it's me, O God,




All *Leader*





stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter, but it's
 stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not the preach - er, nor the dea - con, but it's
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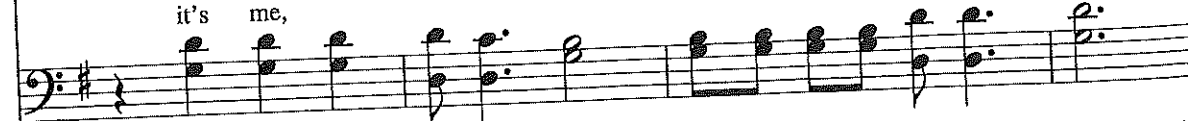
All *Refrain*



me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer. It's
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.

me, it's me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer;
 it's me,



James Weldon Johnson included this African-American spiritual in his historic collection of 1925, *The Book of American Negro Spirituals*. It was popularized by Mahalia Jackson, who specialized in such spirituals when she began her public singing career.

Tune: NEED OF PRAYER 13.7.13.7. with refrain
African-American spiritual



It's me, it's me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.

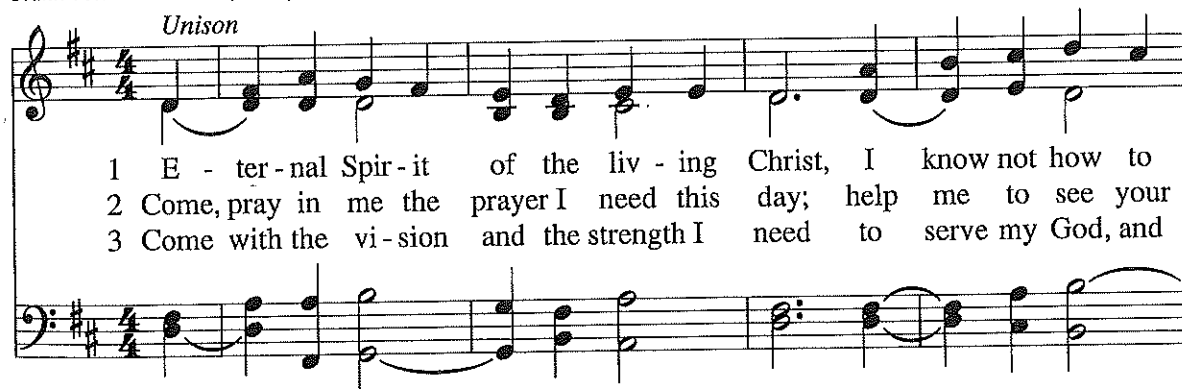
Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

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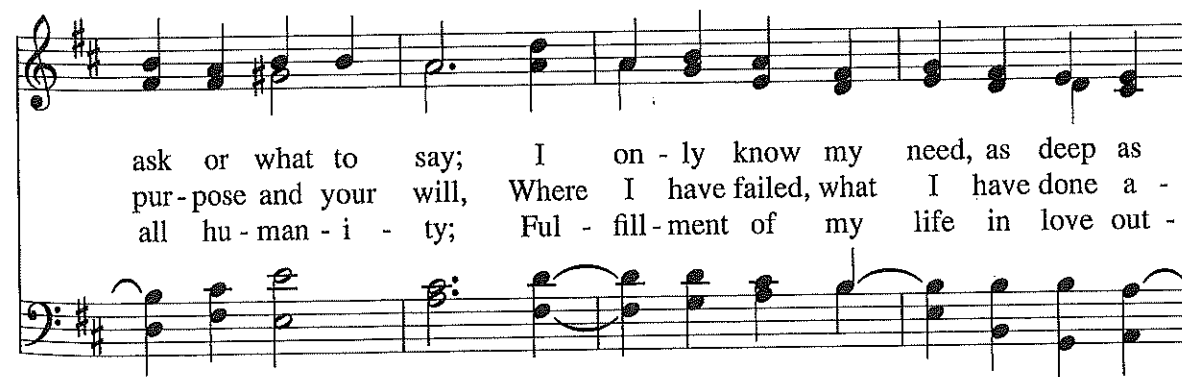
Frank von Christiernson, 1974; rev. 1979

Rom. 8:26-27

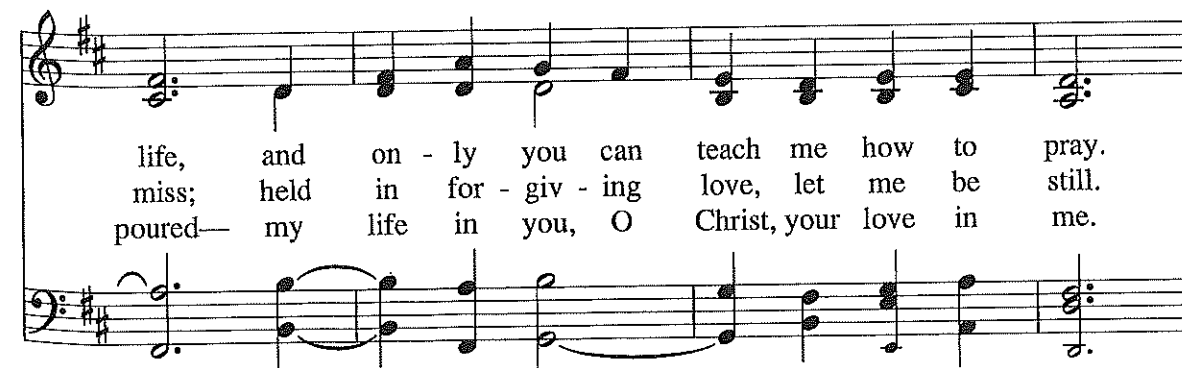
Unison



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ, I know not how to
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; help me to see your
 3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need to serve my God, and



ask or what to say; I on - ly know my need, as deep as
 pur - pose and your will, Where I have failed, what I have done a -
 all hu - man - i - ty; Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out -

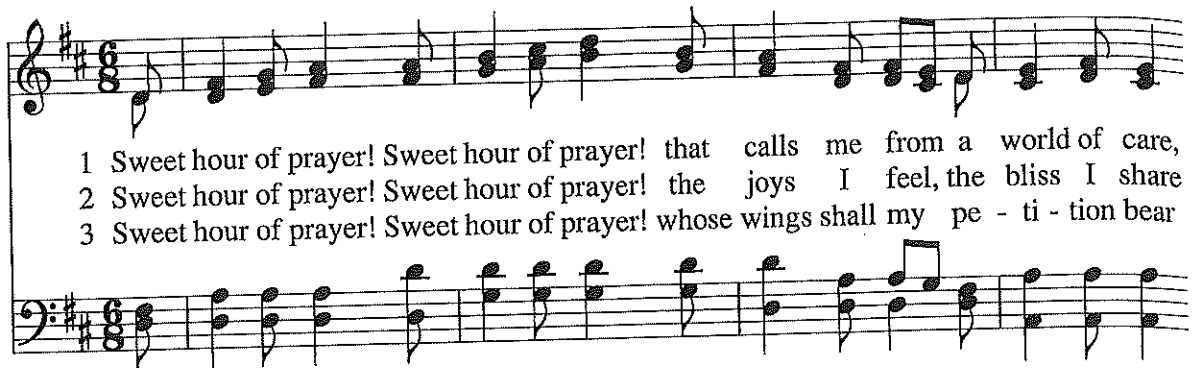


life, and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.
 miss; held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
 poured— my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.

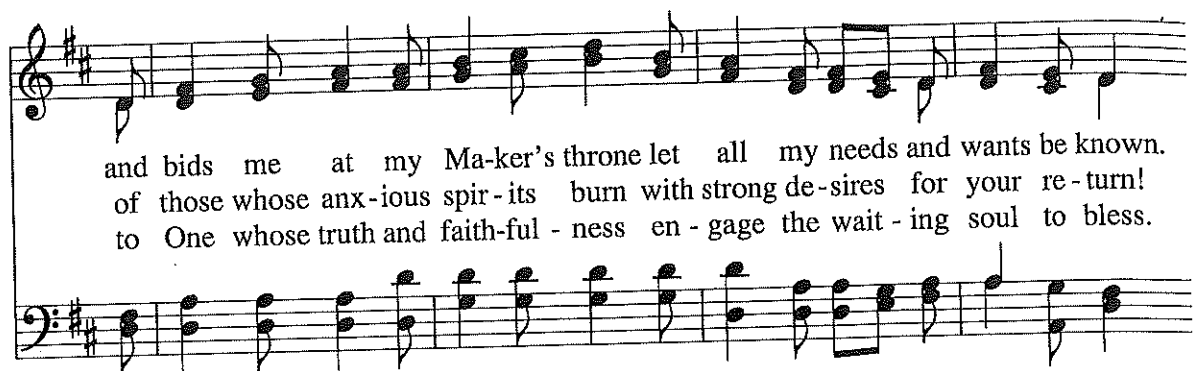
Frank von Christiernson's text was published by The Hymn Society in the 1974 collection *New Hymns, Songs, and Prayers for Church and Home*. Alfred Smith, an Episcopal minister who first studied music as an adult, composed *Sursum Corda* for a hymn, "Lift up your hearts. . ."

Tune: SURSUM CORDA 10.10.10.10.
 Alfred M. Smith, 1941

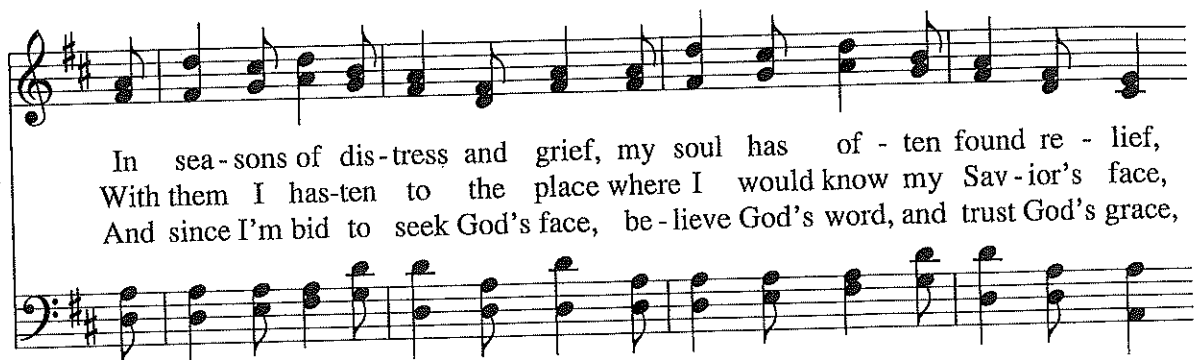
Sweet Hour of Prayer

William Walford, 1845; alt.


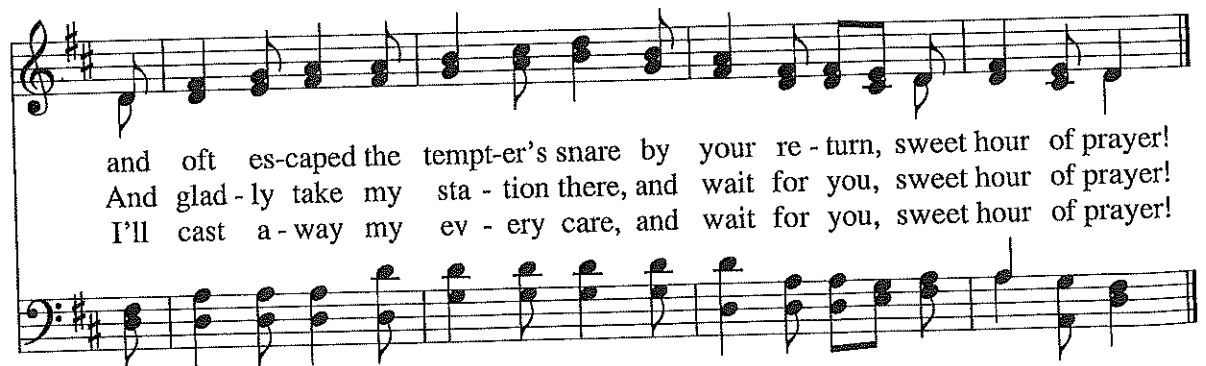
1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
 2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
 3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.
 of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re-turn!
 to One whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.



In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,
 With them I has-ten to the place where I would know my Sav-ior's face,
 And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be - lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,



and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!
 And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!
 I'll cast a - way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

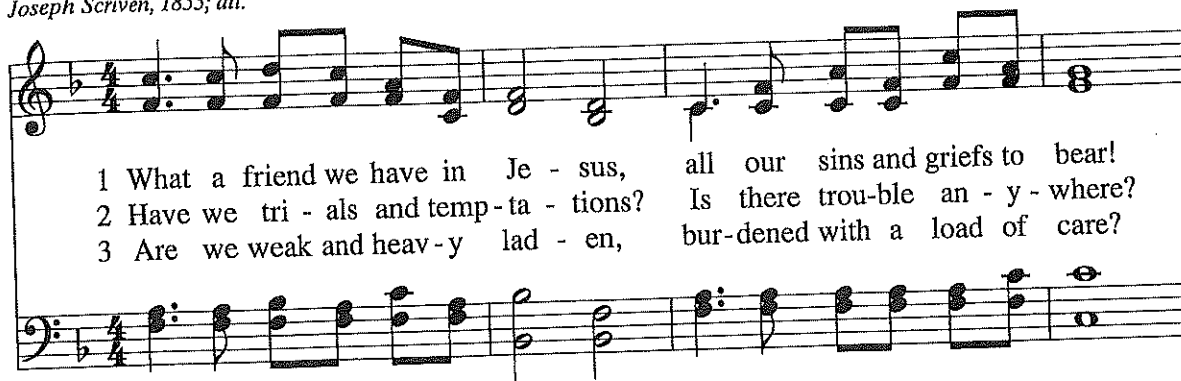
Although credited to a different poet when first published in 1845, researchers believe this hymn was written by William Walford. William Bradbury, a highly trained musician, sang under Lowell Mason in Boston and also wrote "Jesus Loves Me."

Tune: SWEET HOUR L.M.D.
 William B. Bradbury, 1861

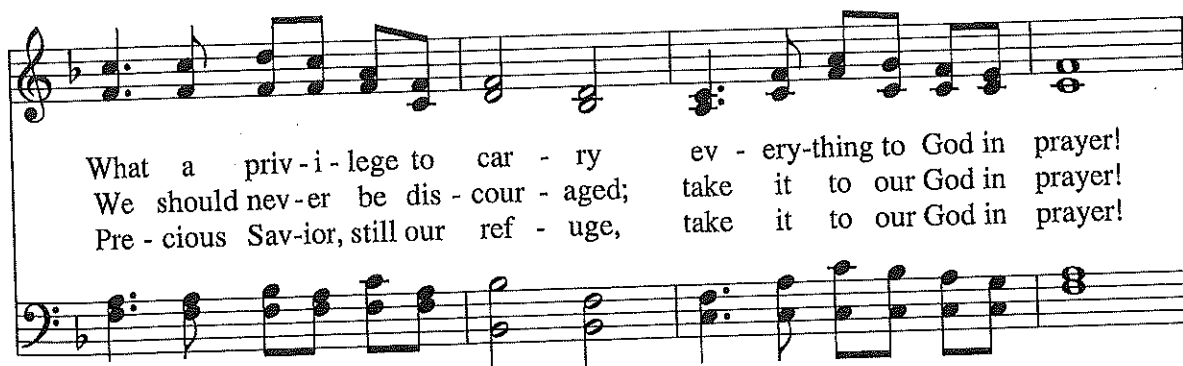
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Joseph Scriven, 1855; alt.

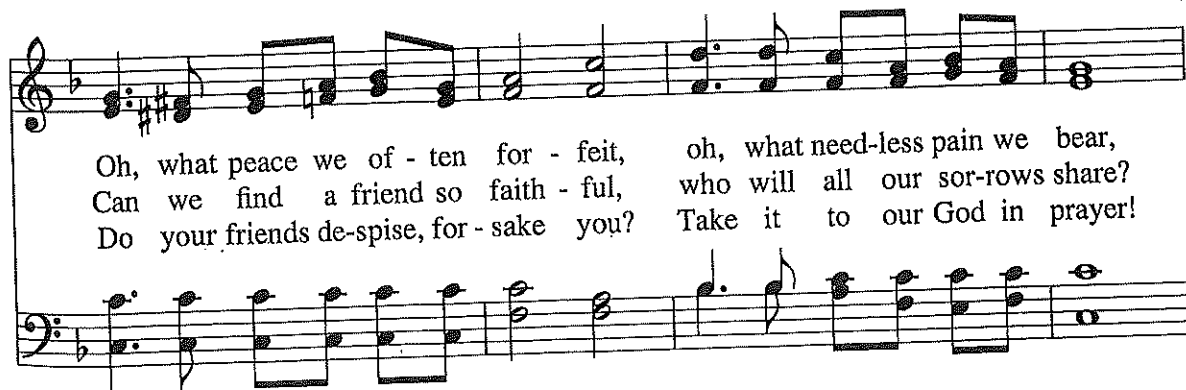
Phil. 4:6-7



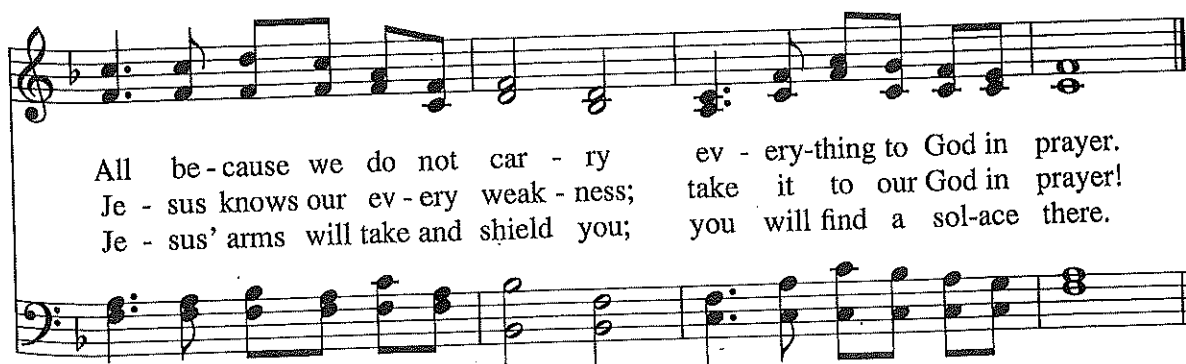
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer.
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!
 Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

No stranger to sorrow himself, Joseph Scriven wrote this hymn to comfort his mother in Ireland. Scriven, who moved to Canada as a young man, attempted to follow literally the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.

Tune: ERIE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Charles C. Converse, 1868