

Columbia United Church Of Christ

March 19, 2023

“Women’s History Month”



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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March 19, 2023

10:30 a.m.

"Called and Sent"

"Surely Goodness and Mercy shall pursue me all the days of my life . . ."

-Psalm 23:6

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Near the Cross"

Amy Crousore
Doane/arr. Torrans

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 23)

Jim Loveless

God, You are our Shepherd; we want for nothing.
You bring us pastoral peace and comfort!

**God brings us blessings and Salvation,
Restoring our souls!**

You lead us through the depths of despair,
Through the darkest valleys of life.

**We do not fear misery or evil,
For God is with us, guiding us and protecting us!**

You shower us with abundant blessings,
Healing and restoring us, we are forever yours!

**God's Goodness and Mercy will pursue us always;
And we will endeavor to dwell in God's House forever!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Gathering Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#522

*Opening Prayer

Jim Loveless

God of abundance, You call us to follow You and then send us out to fish for people. You challenge us to be welcoming, affirming, open to new people and new places. But too often in our history, we have tried to impose our culture and ways on others, rather than sharing the Good News. Forgive us for the times we let our baggage get in the way of the love we are called to exemplify. Give us the courage to go out into the world, sharing the blessings You have given us by being blessings to others. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick

We are called to be children of the light, producing fruit that is pleasing to the LORD. But even when we fail in this task, God loves us and forgives us. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved, and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response "Weave"

*Weave, weave, weave us together!
Weave us together in unity and love!
Weave, weave, weave us together!
Weave us together; together in love!*

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time Pastor Rick

Response: "This Little Light of Mine" #525

(Sung as children return to their seats)

*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!*

New Testament Reading Ephesians 5:8-15 Jim Loveless

In this letter to the Christian Church in Ephesus, Paul writes about being true to the teachings of Jesus and living those teachings in one's life. He also calls upon them to expose the dark actions of others, letting the light of Jesus dispel the darkness. (page #951)

Gospel Reading Mark 6:7-13 Jim Loveless

Jesus sent the disciples out into the villages, with instructions to teach about the Good News Jesus brings. But how should they teach? He calls them to live lives of example, living the essence of the Good News. (Implicit teaching is usually more effective than explicit teaching!) (page #817)

Anthem "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" Celebration Singers
arr. Kenneth Downing

Sermon "One Great Hour of Sharing" Pastor Rick

*Hymn "O God, How We Have Wandered" #202

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

"Grant Us Peace"
Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
Hear our prayer, O Lord!
Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Rick

Mission Moment

"One Great Hour of Sharing"

Mark Duncan

Invitation to the Offering

To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041
You can also give online by visiting our website:
www.columbiaucc.com

Offertory

"Rondeau"

Chapel Ringers
J.S. Bach

*Prayer of Dedication

Jim Loveless

God of challenge, You send us out to serve You in many ways. Today, we respond with our offerings. May these gifts we give be used to glorify You all across the world. Amen.

*Benediction

Pastor Rick

*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

"To God Be the Glory"

Amy Crousore
Doane/arr. Carlson

THE NEW CENTURY SANCTUARY!

Celebrating our Past, Embracing our Future

Over the past 54 years, generations of Columbia United Church of Christ members and friends have gathered in this beloved Sanctuary to worship and glorify God. We have celebrated baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals together here, embracing God's presence in these life moments while embracing our shared community.

But now, our beloved Sanctuary is in a state of physical decline. The carpet is stained and threadbare, the ceiling and walls are faded and stained, the chancel backdrop is ripped and peeling, and the windows are rattling in their frames. It is time for a facelift.

To that end, we have put together plans for a

NEW CENTURY SANCTUARY!

Details for this plan can be found on the CUCC Website, or in the brochure previously enclosed. The estimated cost for this project is \$150,000; any excess funds will be deposited in the Building & Grounds Designated Fund (invested with United Church Funds) for future building needs.

We hope to have 75% of the funds needed pledged or received by June 30. So in the next few months, you will be hearing much discussion around this topic, and you will receive several appeals from your church. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to respond!

A gift from **YOU** is necessary to help us reach our goal of \$150,000.

You can give by scanning the QR code on the next page, or by texting the word "GIVE" to 573.240.4041. Select "New Century Sanctuary Campaign" from the dropdown menu. If you would rather, you can mail checks to the church office. We are also equipped to handle stock or mutual fund donations or QCD contributions from an IRA. You can even defer a significant contribution over time.

For more information on donation options, talk to Sue Ann Schaefer, Brent Marcks (Team Recording Treasurer), Keith Birkes, or Paula Wilson; for details on the remodeling plan, talk to Mike Pierson, Team Chair.

*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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Worship Leader: Jim Loveless

Acolyte:

Ushers: Llona Wiess

Greeters: Jessica Lucas

Technology Booth: Mike Pierson & Aidan Pierson

Hospitality: Stefanie Zimny

Council Stewards: Mike Pierson & Kristy Hayward

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Kennedy Lucas

Acolyte:

Ushers: Charlie Marcks & John Graves

Greeters: Helen Schultz

Technology Booth: Dominick Lee & Brent Marcks

Hospitality: Sue Ann Schaefer

Council Stewards: Sue Ann Schaefer & Brent Marcks



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NURSERY CARE is available for children in kindergarten and younger in room #201 in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

CHILI COOKOFF AND DESSERT AUCTION – TODAY

Stick around after worship today for a great chili lunch! We will be sampling chili from many entries in our annual Chili Cookoff Contest. There will also be a dessert auction to benefit the New Century Sanctuary campaign!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship Applications for ACTIVE CUCC members are available in the church office. All applications are due April 1.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP AT MEMORIAL BAPTIST

Amy Crousore and the Celebration Singers will be joining with the choir of Memorial Baptist Church (1634 Paris Rd) for their 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service focusing on Theodore Dubois' *Seven Last Words of Christ*. We will rehearse on Wednesdays at CUCC at 8 p.m. There will be no Maundy Thursday worship at CUCC this year; we are all encouraged to attend Memorial.

EASTER BREAKFAST

In honor of our 100th Anniversary, the Women's Fellowship and the Men's Fellowship are putting together a BIG EASTER BREAKFAST! They will be serving pancakes, sausages, egg casseroles, muffins, cinnamon rolls, and other goodies from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday! Come and eat breakfast with your church family to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus! Easter Egg Hunt, stories, and games for youth will begin at 9:00. It will be a great day!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	3/19	One Great Hour of Sharing	
		Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time/Blood Pressure Screening	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Chili Cookoff & Dessert Auction	12:00 p.m.
		Youth at Pastor Rick's House	4:00 p.m.
Mon	3/20	Staff Meeting	10:30 a.m.
		Loaves & Fishes	4:30 p.m.
		Worship & Music Ministry Team	6:30 p.m.
Tue	3/21	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed	3/22	Chapel Ringers Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
		Celebration Singers Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Fri	3/24	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	3/26	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team	12:00 p.m.

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

The family and friends of Jenny Tanner... on their loss (Alisa's friend)
The family and friends of Cash Martin . . . on their loss (Danielle's friend)
The family and friends of Detective Sargent Mason Griffith... on their loss
(Hermann/Gerald/Rosebud police officer killed this past week)

Cliff Beckman . . . health issues

Helen Graves . . . health issues

Joan Bentlage . . . recovering from a stroke

Lynne Tsapelas . . . anticipating back surgery in April

Sharon Crousore . . . Recovering from cardiac surgery

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary . . . our partnership friend

Columbia Public Schools Administration . . . as they serve our scholars

Sheila . . . challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

Health Issues:

Glenn Duermeyer, Levi Markway, Christine Mseke

Neal Stumbo . . . Jean Strothmann's nephew

John Adams . . . health issues

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,

Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

Living in Independent Living Facilities:

Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson,

Dane Wilson, Aaron Dachroeden, Tim Isom (Oberles' friend)

James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)

Pregnancies in our church family:

Hannah Duncan & Ben Bashinski

Shelby Oberle & Ryan Furney

CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:

Welcoming all God's Children;

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



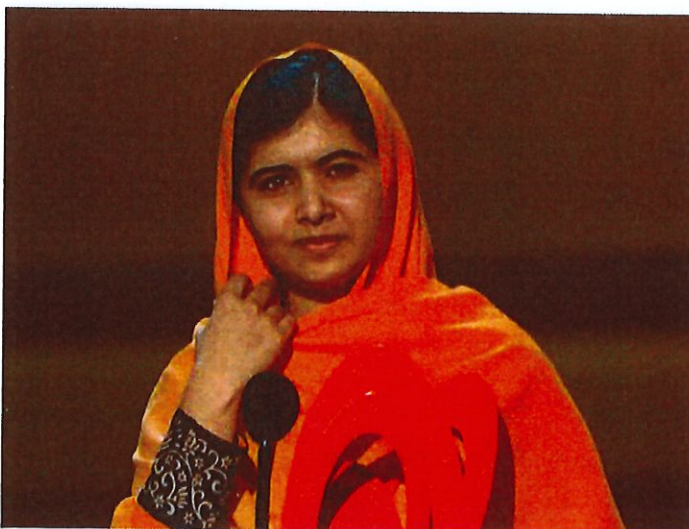
Women's History Month

A Word From Your Inclusion and Affirmation

Ministry Team

In celebration of Women's History Month, we focus on the Malala Fund. Malala Yousafzai was attacked by the Taliban in Pakistan because she advocated for women's education. Luckily, their assassination attempt failed and Malala continues to have a strong voice advocating for free, safe, quality education for girls worldwide. Malala doesn't have a cell phone or use Facebook. She personally travels and talks with individuals and world leaders. Her Fund challenges the policies and practices that prevent girls from going to school in their

communities. In 2014, she became the youngest person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.



We would love to have you join us at  **CUCC**
Columbia United Church of Christ

for
Holy Week
2023

Schedule

April 2 ~ 10:30 a.m. ~ PALM SUNDAY

"From Palms to Passion" - Witness Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as crowds shout "save us" and the transition into the crucifixion event.

April 6 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ MAUNDY THURSDAY

We will join Memorial Baptist Church (1634 Paris Rd) for their 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service.

Our Celebration Singers will be joining forces with their choir, focusing on Theodore Dubois' Seven Last Words of Christ.

April 7 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ GOOD FRIDAY

Service will feature a Tenebrae service, reflecting on the desertion of the disciples and the passion of Jesus.

We will depart in silence, contemplating the crucifixion.

April 9 ~ 6:30 a.m. ~ EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

We will worship in the Outdoor Shelter House at CUCC, experiencing the Resurrection of Jesus once again as we watch the sun rise.

April 9 ~ 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. ~ EASTER BREAKFAST

In honor of our 100th Anniversary, Men's and Women's Fellowship are putting together a BIG EASTER BREAKFAST!

They will be serving pancakes, sausage, egg casseroles, muffins, cinnamon rolls, and other goodies.

April 9 ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ EASTER EGG HUNT & GAMES

We will have games, stories, and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children on the church lawn by the Shelter House at 9:00 a.m.

April 9 ~ 10:30 a.m. ~ CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Easter Celebration culminates in our Celebration Worship in the Sanctuary with full choirs and other great musical offerings.

Rom. 8:26-27; Eph. 5:18-20

Ruth Duck, 1983

1 In sol - i - tude, in sol - i - tude, I come to God in prayer.
 2 When-e'er the world is troub-ling me, and stress is all a - round,
 3 In sea - sons of per-plex - i - ty, in times of deep de - spair,
 4 And when my heart is bur-den-ed down with cares for those I love,
 5 With psalms and hymns and songs of praise be-fore my God I'll come,
 In si - lence and sim - plic - i - ty, my spir - it blos-soms there.
 I seek the pres - ence of my God, and heal - ing light is found.
 I light a can - dle in the night and turn to God in prayer.
 too deep for words, with groans and sighs, de - scends the ho - ly dove.
 till death it - self is past and gone, and I ar - rive at home.

Ruth Duck has commented that "these words were inspired by a pentatonic melody which came to me as I taught myself to play the mandolin." They are an expression of her "deep-rooted southern spirituality."

Tune: LAND OF REST C.M.
 Traditional United States melody
 Harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

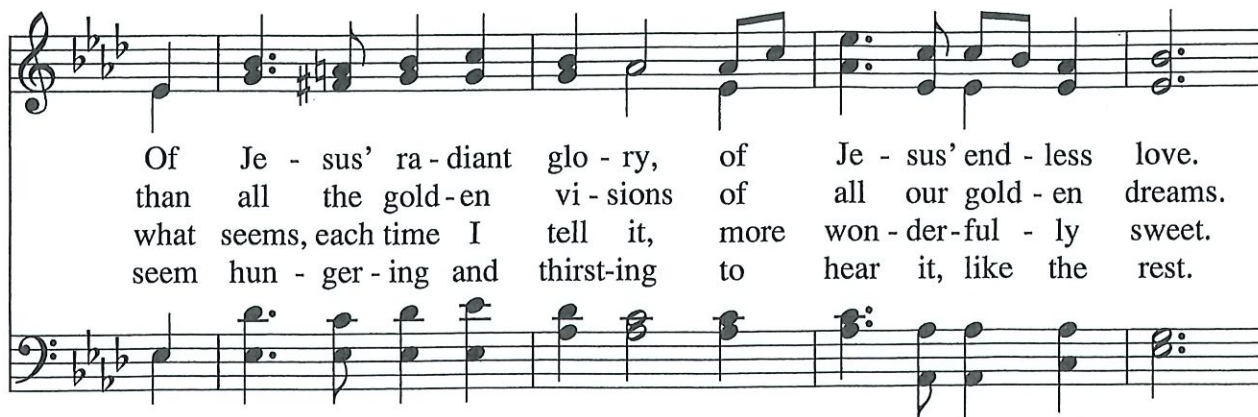
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Katherine Hankey, 1866; alt.

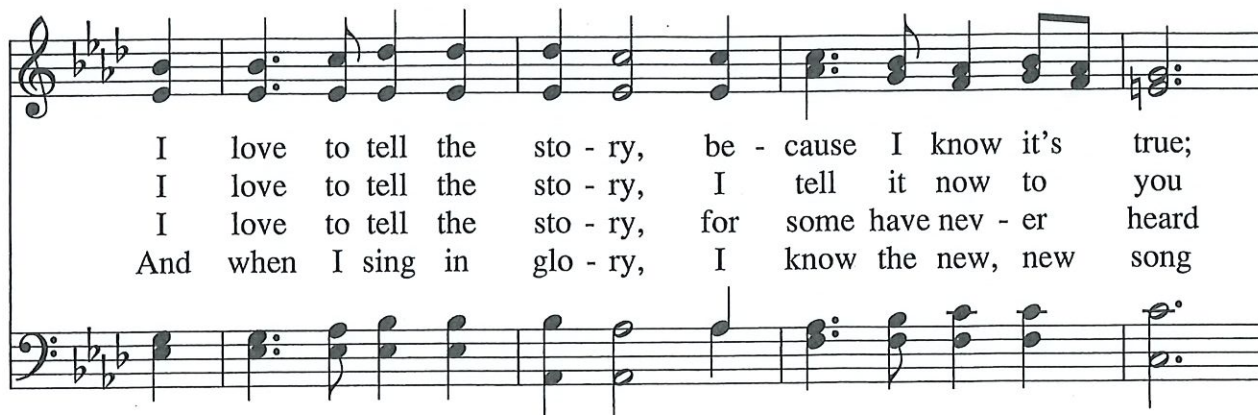
1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove.
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry; it's pleas - ant to re - peat
 4 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

Born in Clapham, England, Katherine Hankey belonged to the Clapham Sect of Evangelicals and established a Bible class for girls in London's West End. This hymn is drawn from her extended poem on the life of Jesus, which also contains "Tell me

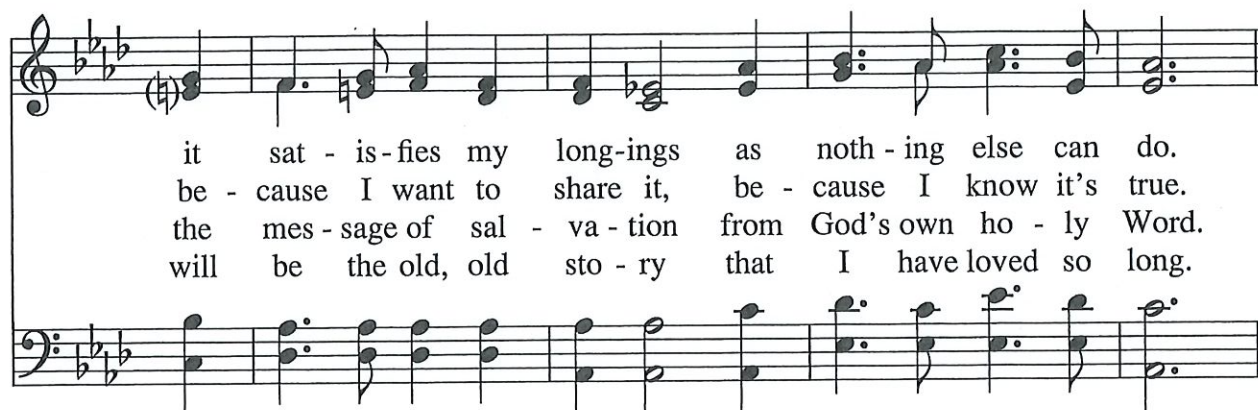
Tune: HANKEY 7.6.7.6.D. with refrain
 William G. Fischer, 1869



Of Je - sus' ra - diant glo - ry, of Je - sus' end - less love.
 than all the gold - en vi - sions of all our gold - en dreams.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

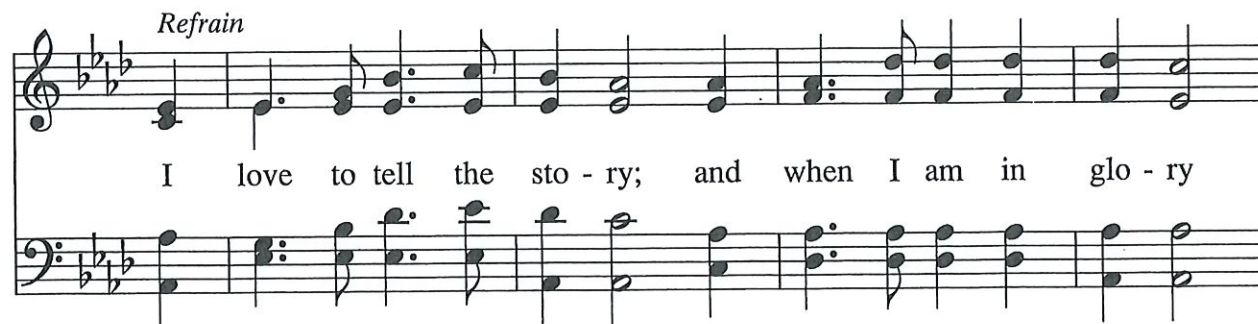


I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, I tell it now to you
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when I sing in glo - ry, I know the new, new song

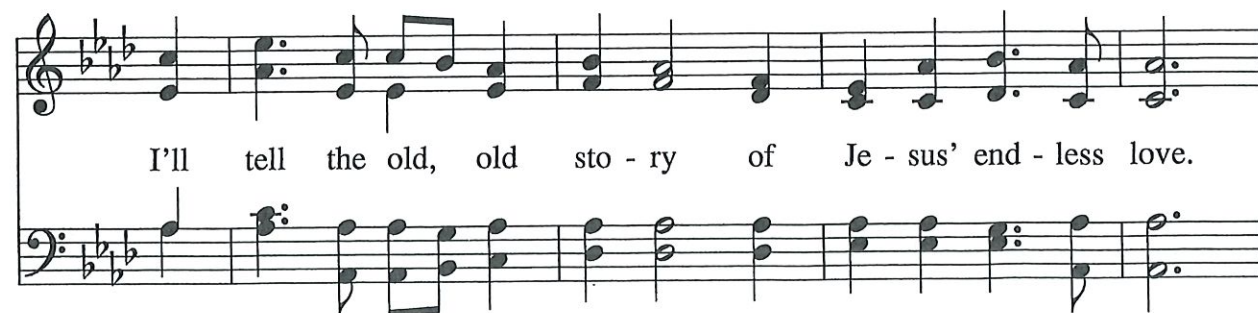


it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 be - cause I want to share it, be - cause I know it's true.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 will be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



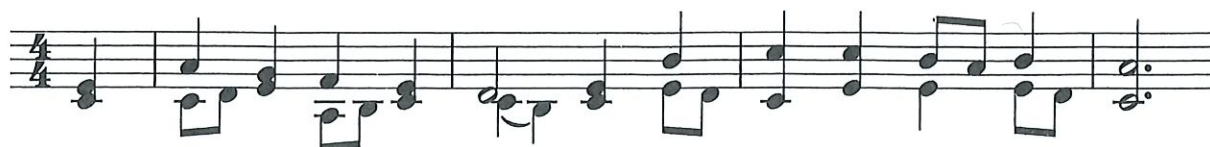
I love to tell the sto - ry; and when I am in glo - ry



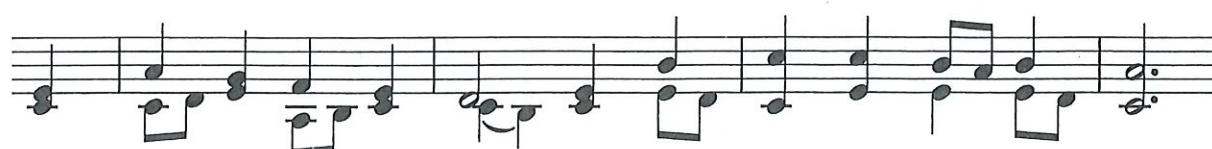
I'll tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus' end - less love.

God, How We Have Wandered

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*in Nichols, 1980; alt.**Luke 15:11-32; 2 Cor. 5:16-20*

1 O God, how we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3 O God of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



In fool - ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 By faith we are re - turn - ing with hope and trust in you.
 Com - pas - sion-ate, for - giv - ing, our peace and hope as - sured.



But how, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we turn with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us, and home re - joic - ing bring,
 Grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith-less-ness may cease.



As dis - tant but com - pell - ing, you call us each by name.
 In glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.



une for this contemporary text appears five times in J. S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion, and first appeared as a hymn tune in the early 1800s. It has an ecumenical history reaching many centuries. Originally it was a German love song.

Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.
 (HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN)
 Melody by Hans Leo Hassler, 1601
 Harm. J. S. Bach, 1729