

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

January 16, 2022  
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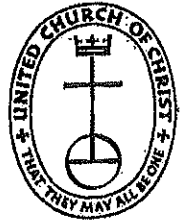
## **CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:**

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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January 16, 2022

10:30 Worship

"Baptism"

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

*"Give the King your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a King's son..."  
-Psalm 72:1*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Prelude in Db Major"

Molly Johnson  
*Frederic Chopin*

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Aidan Pierson

\*Call to Worship

*(based on Psalm 29)*

Llona Weiss

Praise God's glory and strength;  
Worship God in Holy splendor!

**God's voice is over the waters;  
God's glory thunders from the deep.**

God's voice is powerful, full of majesty.  
God's voice shakes the wilderness and strips the forests bare.

**God is enthroned over the waters;  
God gives strength and blessing to God's people.**

Listen for the voice of God;  
Calling out, blessing us and calling us by name.

**Our mouths will sing of God's praise for generations;  
And we will bless God's Holy Name forever and ever.  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Gathering Hymn "Sing Praise to God"

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\*Opening Prayer

Llona Weiss

God of love; we hear the story of Jesus' baptism and how you broke loose into the world, proclaiming your blessing on Jesus and celebrating his ministry with us. In today's culture, your presence breaking loose into the world is often met with skepticism. We see you acting through prophets like Martin Luther King Jr. and others, and fail to embrace their vision. Forgive our skepticism, forgive our blindness and forgive our hard heartedness. Teach us to be open to your dream and the possibility of Beloved Community. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God's dream of the Beloved Community has been spoken through ancient prophets and modern day prophets; yet that dream is far from a reality. We often fail to live into our potential as dreamers; but God forgives our hard heartedness. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

\*Response

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus;  
Look full in his wonderful face;  
And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace!*

\*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

**And also with you!**

Children's Time

"This Little Light of Mine"

*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!*

*(Sung as children return to their seats)*

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 43:1-7

Llona Weiss

*The prophet speaks of hope for the people of Israel, who were scattered by the Babylonians. He envisions them being called together from all corners of Creation, back into one people again, worshipping God. Beloved Community is Isaiah's theme here.*

*(page #586)*

Gospel Lesson:

Luke 3:7-22

Llona Weiss

*Luke gave us the most detail about John the Baptizer; and in this narrative, he tells of John's ministry and how John's prophetic message paved the way for Jesus' ministry to begin in earnest. John set the stage for Jesus, preaching a message of repentance. At the end of this section, he baptizes Jesus.*

*(page #834)*

Anthem:

"Like a Mighty Stream"

Celebration Singers  
Moses Hogan

Sermon:

"Beloved Community"

Pastor Rick

\*Hymn

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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## Remembering Your Baptisms

*You are invited to affirm your baptismal promises, as Pastor Rick recites the liturgy. Even if you have not been baptized, you are still invited to participate, reflecting on your personal promises to follow Christ. Pastor Rick will bless the baptismal water; you will be invited to stay at your seat and take the baptismal waters into your being, remembering and renewing your own baptismal promises.*

## Invitation

Pastor Rick

On this day when we remember Christ's baptism, we also remember our baptisms and our commitments to follow Jesus. We recall God's saving acts through water; from the waters of Creation to the waters of the Ark of Salvation to the waters of Jesus' baptism, when God broke loose into the world. As we remember these actions, we claim and remember our own baptisms and our call to serve Jesus.

**We gather around this font of living water to celebrate God's ever-flowing, redeeming grace. We long to draw ever deeper from the well of God's mercy. We celebrate the Spirit with us—refreshing us, renewing us, uniting us, affirming us. We celebrate God's affirmation, "You are my beloved; with you I am well pleased."**

## Act of Remembrance

*At this time you will be invited to symbolically take the waters of baptism into yourself, reminding yourself that you are a blessed child of God, affirmed in the name of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.*

## Baptismal Prayer

**We thank you, God for your gift of Creation, Salvation and Deliverance moving through the waters in the stories of our traditions and for your redeeming love in Jesus Christ, who was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well, washed the feet of the disciples and sent them forth to baptize all nations by water and the Holy Spirit. Eternal God; you have come to us in Jesus, given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. Bless us now with the grace we need to fulfill what we have promised. Keep us faithful to our Savior Jesus Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

## Baptism Hymn

"Borning Cry"

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## 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; and 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	<p><b>"Grant Us Peace"</b></p> <p><i>Hear our Prayer, O Lord!</i></p> <p><i>Hear our prayer, O Lord!</i></p> <p><i>Hear our Prayer, O Lord!</i></p> <p><i>And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!</i></p>
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Mission Moment	“Food Bank”	Mahree Skala
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Sharing our Announcements of Community Life Pastor Rick

## Presenting our Gifts

*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](http://www.columbiaucc.com)*

Offertory	“Deep River”	Amy Crousore <i>Spiritual</i>
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\*Prayer of Dedication Llona Weiss

God of love; we know that you call us to work with your children in mission all around the world; we pray that these gifts might further that mission and allow your work to continue. We give in the hope that your dream may be realized; and that, dreaming together, we can make the world the beloved community of your Kingdom, on Earth as in Heaven. Amen.

\*Benediction Pastor Rick

\*Response: “We Shall Overcome” (*Verses 1,2,4,6*) #570

**We shall overcome, we shall overcome,  
we shall overcome someday!**

**Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We shall overcome some day!**

**We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in hand**

**We'll go hand in hand some day!**

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,

**We shall overcome some day!**

**God will see us through, God will see us through,**

**God will see us through someday!**

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,

**God will see us through some day!**

**We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,**

**We shall live in peace someday!**

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,

**We shall live in peace some day!**

\*Postlude                  “Festive Scherzo”                  Amy Crousore  
Malcom Archer

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Llona Weiss
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Aidan Pierson
<b>Ushers:</b>	John Graves & Jim Loveless
<b>Greeters:</b>	Helen Schultz
<b>Technology Booth:</b>	Judi & Doug Privitt
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Connie Loveless
<b>Council Steward:</b>	Mike Pierson & Jessica Lucas

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## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Judi Privitt
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Katelin Odneal
<b>Ushers:</b>	Mark & Jane Duncan
<b>Technology Booth:</b>	Brent Marcks & Josh Muench
<b>Greeters:</b>	Anne Heine
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Judi Privitt
<b>Council Stewards:</b>	Mark Duncan & Tricia Price

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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!

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE 4/1**

2022 CUCC Scholarship applications are available in the Church Office; they are due 4/1. Check the application for eligibility details or ask a Council Member.

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

2022 giving envelopes are available, on the table in the Gathering Space. If you haven't received envelopes in the past but are interested in receiving them in 2022 please contact Brent Marcks at [brentmarcks@hotmail.com](mailto:brentmarcks@hotmail.com)

**BOOK STUDY IN JANUARY**

Pastor Rick will be hosting a Book Study for three more weeks. The book we are studying is, "Better, Not Bitter;" by Yusef Salaam. More information was in the Friday email and in the January Communicator. You can get your copy in the church office or order it online. For more information, talk to Pastor Rick!

**FOOD BANK FUN WITH CUCC**

For fun, fellowship, and service to help the hungry, please join the CUCC Food Bank shift on Tuesday January 25, 5:30-7:30 pm. Please sign up in advance. If you have questions or trouble signing up, contact Mahree Skala at [skalamahree@yahoo.com](mailto:skalamahree@yahoo.com) or 573-474-2195. CUCC works at the Food Bank every fourth Tuesday, and select other days. Come join the fun!

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	1/16	<b><i>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday</i></b>	
		Men's Fellowship	7:30am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
Mon	1/17	Loaves & Fishes	4:30pm
		Membership & Care Ministry Team	7:00pm
Tue	1/18	Fellowship & Hospitality	5:30pm
		Church Council	6:30pm
Wed	1/19	Pastor Rick leads worship at the Bluffs	10:00am
		Confirmation	6:00pm
		Chapel Ringers	6:00pm
		Celebration Singers	7:00pm
Thu	1/20	LODO Ministry Team	5:30pm
		Book Study- "Better, Not Bitter"	6:30pm
Sun	1/23	Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Pastor Rick leads worship at Lenoir	6:00pm

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

*Please keep in your prayers this week...*

Harold Hackman... recovering from knee surgery

Jeff Kies... hospitalized with health issues

Barry Kirchhoff... regaining strength at home

Heather Myers... recovering from a fall

Sharon Tiemann... on hospice (April Rothwieler's Aunt)

Linda Lau... living with cancer (Alisa Lau-Sieckman's sister)

Sheila... challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,

Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

## *Health Issues:*

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christine Mseke;  
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)

## *Living in Care Facilities:*

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,

Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

## *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)

## *UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:*

Andrew Larsen... serving in Philippines

## *2022 Confirmation Class:*

Danielle Dreier, Aidan Pierson, Trevor Pierson; Lawson Flood-Loerber

*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.*

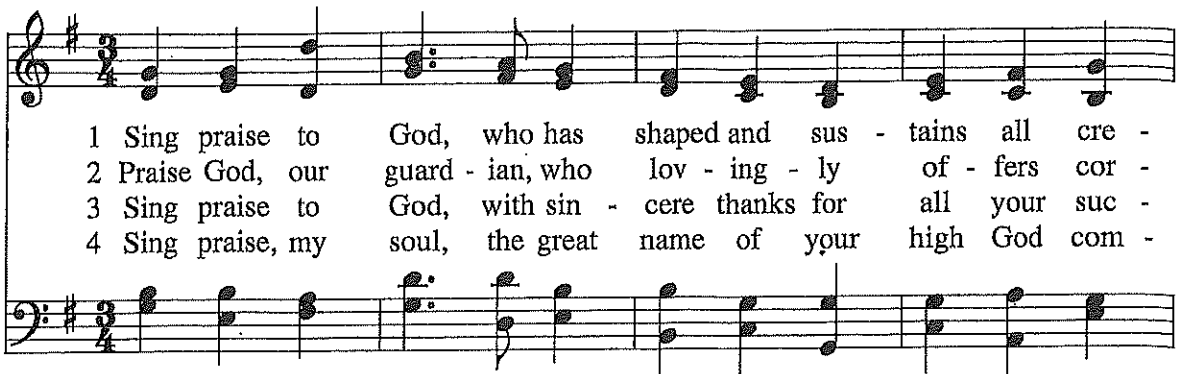


## Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

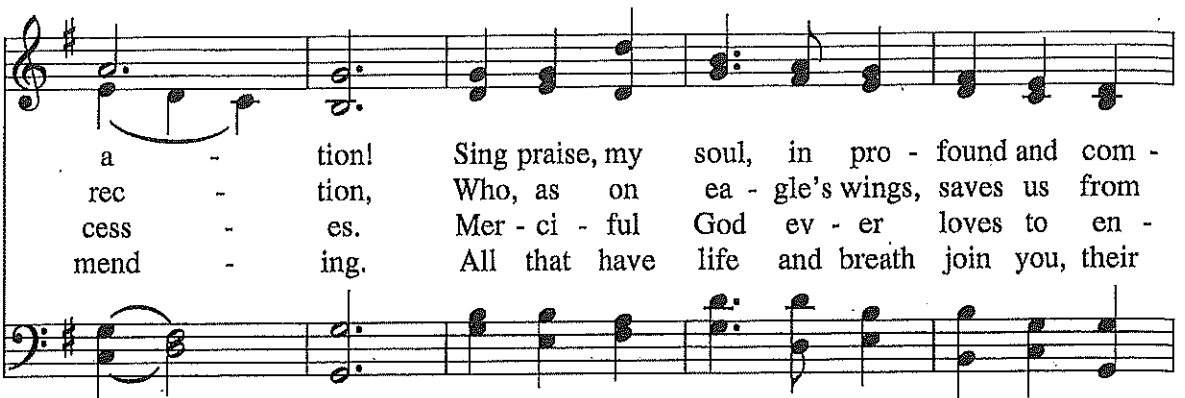
Ps. 68:4, 32; Ps. 105

Joachim Neander, 1680

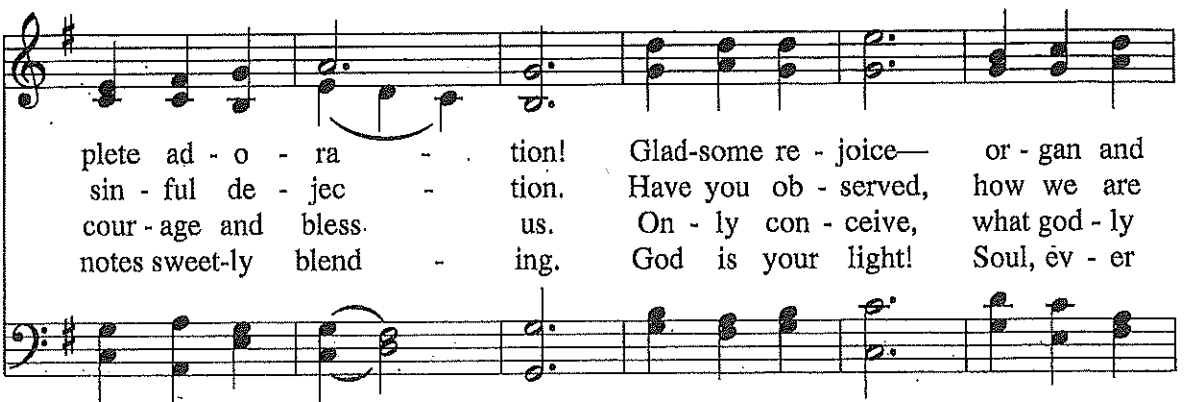
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993



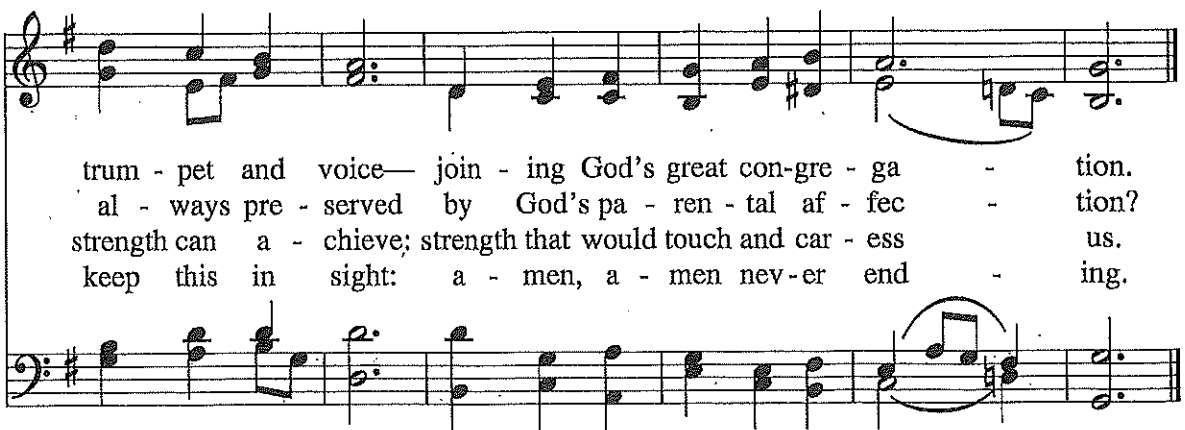
1 Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -  
 2 Praise God, our guard - ian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -  
 3 Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -  
 4 Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com -



a - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -  
 rec - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from  
 cess - es. Mer - ci - ful God ev - er loves to en -  
 mend - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their



plete ad - o - ra - tion! Glad - some re - joice— or - gan and  
 sin - ful de - jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are  
 cour - age and bless. us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly  
 notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er



trum - pet and voice— join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - tion.  
 al - ways pre - served by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - tion?  
 strength can a - chieve; strength that would touch and car - ess us.  
 keep this in sight: a - men, a - men nev - er end - ing.

Joachim Neander was a dedicated, caring pastor of the Reformed Church in Düsseldorf, Germany. This was the most familiar of his fifty-six hymn texts, which were published along with many of his original tunes in 1680, the year of his death.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.  
 Erneuerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665  
 Adapt. and harm. William S. Bennett, 1863

## Precious Lord, Take My Hand

by Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932; alt.

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
 2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
 3 When the shad - ows ap - pear and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 when my life is al - most gone,  
 and the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
 Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:  
 At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

*Refrain*

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Thomas A. Dorsey was known as "Gospel Tom" when he played piano for blues singer Ma Rainey. He started writing gospel songs after what he called "a spiritual change." This inspirational song, composed during the deaths of his wife, Nettie, and a newborn child, is based on the tune Maitland.

Tune: PRECIOUS LORD Irr. with refrain  
 Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

# I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

John Ylvisaker, 1985; alt

*Unison* <sup>D7</sup> <sup>G</sup> <sup>D</sup> <sup>G</sup> <sup>D</sup> <sup>G</sup> <sup>D</sup>

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be  
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was  
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too  
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

<sup>G</sup> <sup>D</sup> <sup>G</sup> <sup>D7</sup> <sup>G</sup> <sup>D</sup>

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you  
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the  
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you  
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

<sup>G</sup> <sup>D</sup> <sup>G</sup> <sup>C</sup> <sup>D7</sup> <sup>G</sup>

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.  
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.  
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.  
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

<sup>G/B</sup> <sup>C</sup> <sup>G</sup>

I was there when you were but a child, with a  
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

John Ylvisaker is the composer of a number of collections of music in the "contemporary" or "folk" idiom, as well as soundtracks for various media productions. This is perhaps his best-known song.

Tune: BORNING CRY 9.7.9.6.D.  
 John Ylvisaker, 1985

# CONFIRMATION

Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you  
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your  
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D *to beginning*

wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.  
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.  
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

## My God, Accept My Heart This Day

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*Matthew Bridges, 1848; alt.*

*Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:5*

1 My God, ac - cept my heart this day, and make it al - ways yours,  
 2 Be - fore the cross of One who died, I bow in deep re - gret.  
 3 A - noint me with your love and grace, a - dopt me for your own,  
 4 Let ev - ery thought and work and word be given, O God, to you.

That I from you no more may stray as long as life en - dures.  
 Let ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied, and ev - ery wrong off - set.  
 That I in heaven may find my place and wor - ship at your throne.  
 In life and death, may I be stirred your pur - pose to pur - sue.

*Influenced by the Oxford Movement, Matthew Bridges left the Church of England and became a Roman Catholic in 1848, the year this confirmation hymn was published. He wrote numerous other prose and poetry works.*

Tune: ST. STEPHEN C.M.  
 William Jones, 1789

# We Shall Overcome

United States traditional

John 8:31-32; Rom. 12:21; 2 Cor. 13:11

1 We shall o - ver - come,  
 2 We'll go hand in hand,  
 3 We are not a - fraid,  
 4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;  
 hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;  
 fraid, we are not a - fraid to some day;  
 through, our God will see us through some day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,

we shall o - ver - come some day.  
 we'll go hand in hand some day.  
 we are not a - fraid to some day.  
 our God will see us through some day.

- 5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.
- 6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.  
 United States traditional  
 Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

This anthem of the 1960s civil rights movement was frequently sung at mass meetings and marches. Several sources have been cited as its origins, including the spiritual "No more auction block for me" based on the tune known as Sicilian Mariners; an old Baptist hymn "I'll Be All Right"; and part of the text from C. A. Tindley's gospel hymn "I'll Overcome Someday."