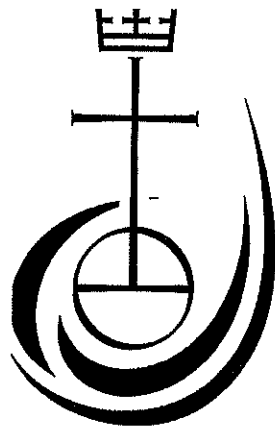


# Columbia United Church Of Christ

July 25, 2021  
The Ark of Salvation



# CUCC

**Columbia United Church of Christ**

## **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 25, 2021

9:30 Worship

"Salvation"

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

*"...fools say in their hearts, 'there is no God.'  
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;  
there is no one who does good.*

*God looks on humankind to see if there are any who are wise..."*

*-Psalm 14:1-2*

Gathering Music		Amy Crousore
Welcome and Greetings		Pastor Rick
Prelude	"God Reached out in Love"	Amy Crousore <i>DeBussy/Bock</i>
Carrying in the Light of Christ		Sadie Tummons
*Call to Worship	<i>(based on Psalm 14)</i>	Rev. Bryan Crousore

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."  
They are corrupt; there is no one who does good.

**In a world of corruption, God offers Salvation.  
We strive to connect with God's acts of Salvation!**

God looks for wisdom within humanity  
God searches for those who seek God's presence.

**In a world of corruption, we strive for Salvation.  
We strive to be repentant, and reconcile with God!**

God's provision is our restoration;  
Deliverance from our troubles comes from God!

**God's people rejoice; for God is their refuge.  
God is with the company of the righteous!  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn "God of History— Recent, Ancient" *(insert)*

\*Opening Prayer Rev. Bryan Crousore

**God of Salvation; you share the wisdom of your Salvation through the parable of the Ark, and invite us to be part of it. Yet often we are like the scoffers in that parable who turn their backs on Noah. We squabble over details and neglect the greater wisdom. Help us to believe, help us to repent, and help us to receive; that you may be glorified through our actions. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

God's Salvation is the true wisdom in the parable of the Ark; but often we miss that wisdom as we squabble about the details. But even when we fail to see God's Wisdom in our midst, God forgives us and keeps on striving to restore relationship. 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"*  
*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!*

Mission Moment

The Christmas Fund

Mahree Skala

Anthem

"God of Salvation"

by Harry Beckett & Kristin Veteto  
*Hagar/Voss*

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 7:1-24, 8:1, 18-20 Rev. Bryan Crouso  
*The parable of the Ark of Salvation tells of God's presence even in the midst of the wickedness of humankind; and how God's offer of Salvation is still part of that presence. God continues to offer Salvation, even when humanity is destroying itself.* (pg. 5)

Gospel Lesson

Luke 17:20-33

Rev. Bryan Crouso

*Jesus compares the unjust nature of his community to the unjust nature of the community represented in the parable of the Ark, and discusses how the current culture is destroying itself. But even in the midst of that destruction, just like in Noah's community, God offers Salvation.*

(pg. 852)

\*Hymn

"My Heart Sings Out with Joyful Praise"

(insert)

Sermon:

"The Ark of Salvation"

Pastor Rick

\*Hymn

"Long Ago, God Reached in Love"

(insert)

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

"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

Presenting our Gifts

"Rhondo"

Amy Crousore  
Bach

*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)*

\*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

Rev. Bryan Crousore

**God of Salvation, you have blessed us with much and call us to be blessings as well. Through these gifts, we not only show our faith in your Salvation, we endeavor to be blessings in your world. Take them and use them to respond to the needs of your children in this place, and all over the world. 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

"God of History, Recent, Ancient"

Amy Crousore  
Pritchard/Honore

## THE CHRISTMAS FUND UCC NATIONAL MISSION OFFERING

A Tribute to the work of The Christmas Fund by Rev. Cathy Barker

My father, a UCC minister, died of cancer at age 54, just after Thanksgiving. I was fourteen; my brother and sister were grown and had to go back to their homes. Mom and I were lonely, confused about the future, and our financial picture was very shaky. Further, we faced a bleak Christmas . . . we didn't even want to think about that.

"Then came a check from the Christmas Fund. We were both deeply touched that our National Church somehow knew that we were in need and gave us this gift. It didn't solve all our troubles, but it made it possible for us to have Christmas. We felt the love behind the gift, and that was transformative.

"Throughout my mother's long life, she gave faithfully and gratefully to the Christmas Fund, and I have done the same through the churches I have served as pastor. I've often told our story, because I want people to know how important it is to reach out in this way.

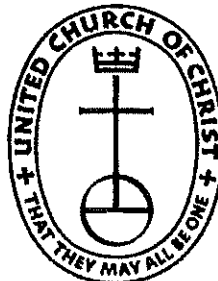
"When the pandemic caused such upheaval, and an appeal came from the Pension Boards telling about the increased need for emergency funds, I sat right down and wrote a check. My husband and I are glad we could help."

-Rev. Cathy Barker

### **Last Fiscal Year, gifts to The Christmas Fund enabled:**

- Monthly pension supplementation for 350 retired clergy and lay employees (\$1,347,419)
- Health premium supplementation for 144 retired clergy and lay employees (\$374,577)
- Emergency grants for 69 individuals and families (\$123,727)
- Christmas "Thank You" gift checks to 521 retired clergy and lay employees (\$260,500)

*We will be collecting our Christmas Fund offering next Sunday, July 25; but you can contribute any time between now and then by clicking the donation tab on our CUCC Website and selecting "The Christmas Fund" from the dropdown menu; by texting the word "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 and following the prompts, by dropping a check in the wicker basket by the entry doors to the Sanctuary, or by mailing a check to the church office.*



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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Bryan Crousore  
**Acolyte:** Sadie Tummons  
**Ushers:** Llona Weiss  
**Greeters:** Anne Heine  
**Technology Booth:** Judi & Doug Privitt  
**Hospitality:** Sue Ann Schaefer  
**Council Steward:** Sue Ann Schaefer



## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

**Worship Leader:** Pat Forward  
**Acolyte:**  
**Ushers:**  
**Greeters:** Jolene Kirchhoff  
**Technology Booth:** Pete Jaberg & Carissa Graves  
**Hospitality:** Sue Ann Schaefer  
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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/](http://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!

### MOBILITY WORLDWIDE FUNDRAISER EVENT

Join the crew from Mobility Worldwide (PET) for a Fun-draiser! The 3rd annual Craft Beer & Carts Fundraiser for Mobility Worldwide is today, July 25th at Logboat Brewing Company from 1:00-4:00pm. There will be food, live music, yard games and more; you can even ride a PET cart! Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at [www.rotaractofcolumbia.org](http://www.rotaractofcolumbia.org) or at the event. The cart that is on display in the Gathering Space was decorated by our CUCC youth last Sunday; and will be on display at the event. All carts at this event are going to Kenya.

### CROP WALK 9/19- FUNDRAISING HAS BEGUN!

The Columbia CROP Walk will be September 19 this year, starting at 1:00pm at the Columbia Ag Park. We have a CUCC Virtual Team, and members are starting to join! You can join our virtual team by clicking on the link that was in the Friday email, or by emailing Pastor Rick. Join the team and solicit donations yourself, or simply make a donation. Our CUCC Goal this year is \$3000. Last year, we were the top fundraiser in Columbia; but we will have competition this year! Let's make this year's CROP Walk a huge success! (All money raised goes to fight hunger insecurity in Columbia through four mission agencies, including Loaves and Fishes; and beyond Columbia through Church World Service.)

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	7/25	Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am
		Mobility Worldwide Fundraiser Event	1:00pm
Mon	7/26	Fellowship and Hospitality	6:30pm
Tue	7/27	Quilters	10:00am
		CUCC Shift at Food Bank	1:30pm
		Music & Worship Ministry Team	6:30pm
Thu	7/29	LODO Ministry Team	5:30pm
		Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team	6:30pm
Fri	7/30	Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	8/1	<b>Communion</b>	
		Fellowship Time	9:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	9:30am
		Safe Church/VBS Training	10:30am

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

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

The Rollins/Wolfe Family... as baby Iris recovers from RSV  
The Kirchoff Family... On the loss of Barry's mother

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); Helen Schultz  
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:*

Guangyu Lou... serving in China

## *2021 Confirmation Class:*

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

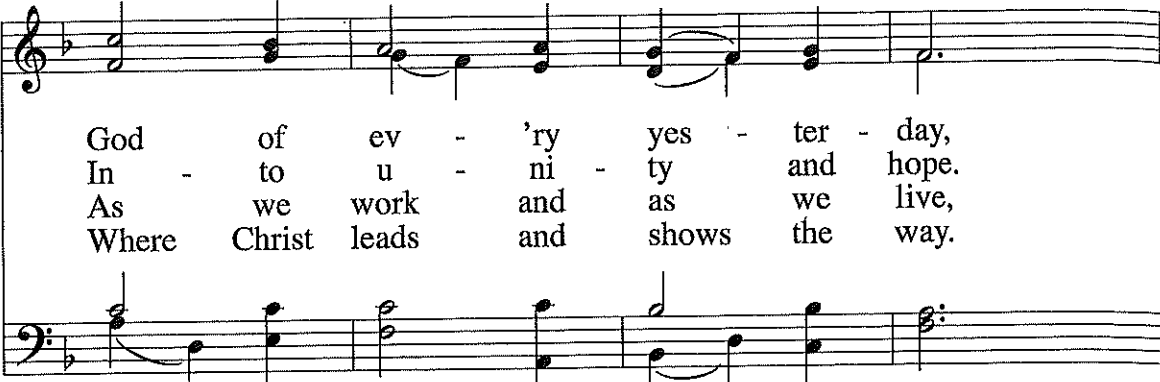
*CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:  
Welcoming all God's People;  
Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;  
Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;  
Building a supportive church family;  
Transforming both the congregation and community  
through service and outreach*



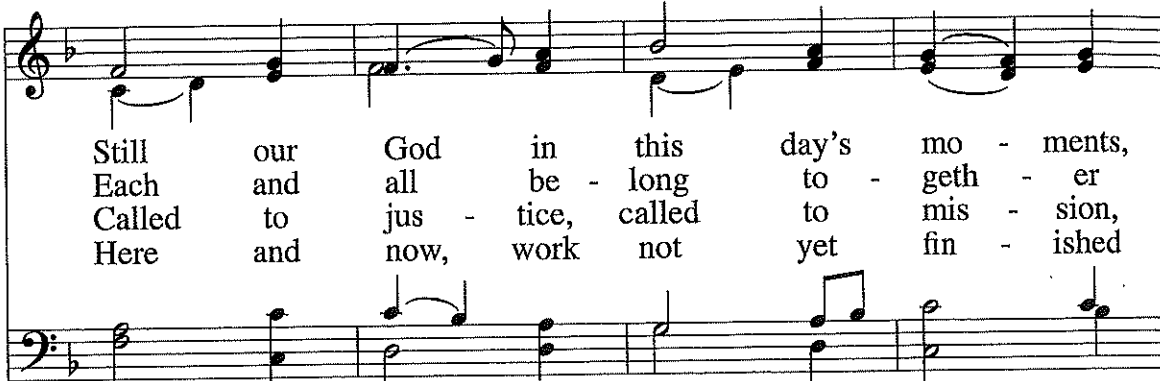
## 22 God of History—Recent, Ancient



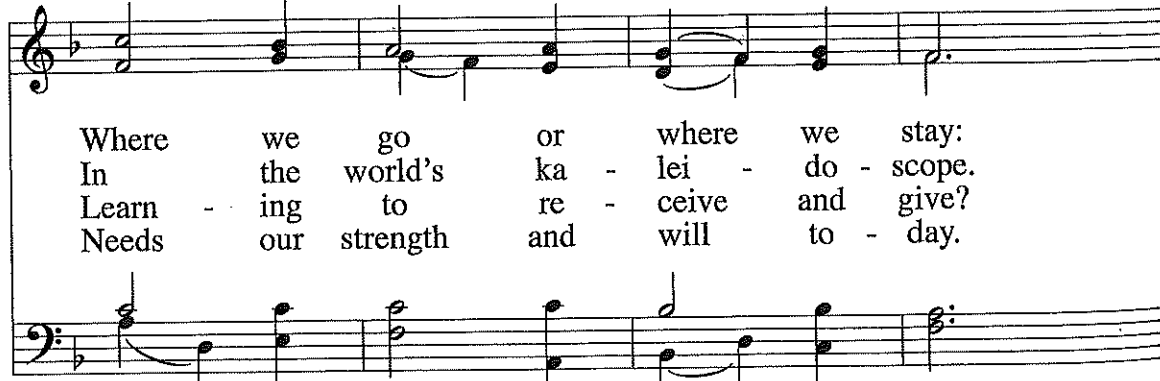
1. God of his - t'ry - re - cent, an - cient -  
 2. You have called us from di - vi - sion  
 3. How are we, then, called to an - swer  
 4. God, You point us toward the fu - ture



God of ev - 'ry yes - ter - day,  
 In - to u - ni - ty and hope.  
 As we work and as we live,  
 Where Christ leads and shows the way.



Still our God in this day's mo - ments,  
 Each and all be - long to - geth - er  
 Called to jus - tice, called to mis - sion,  
 Here and now, work not yet fin - ished



Where we go or where we stay:  
 In the world's ka - lei - do - scope.  
 Learn - ing to re - ceive and give?  
 Needs our strength and will to - day.

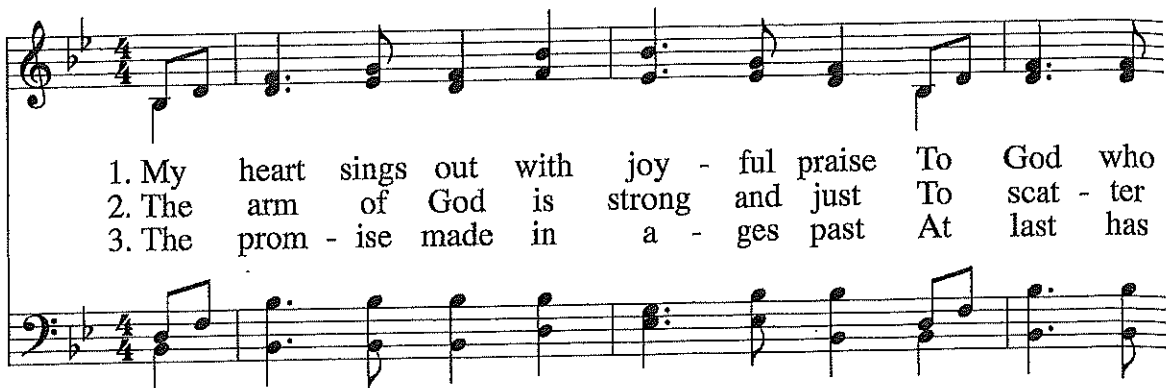
You have set us in this con - text,  
 Help us lis - ten to the voic - es  
 Shall we build a bridge of prom - ise?  
 Thus we move in - to to - mor - row,

Time, re - la - tion - ship, and place,  
 Dar - ing us to be and do  
 Tear down walls that split, di - vide?  
 Called to live and work and be

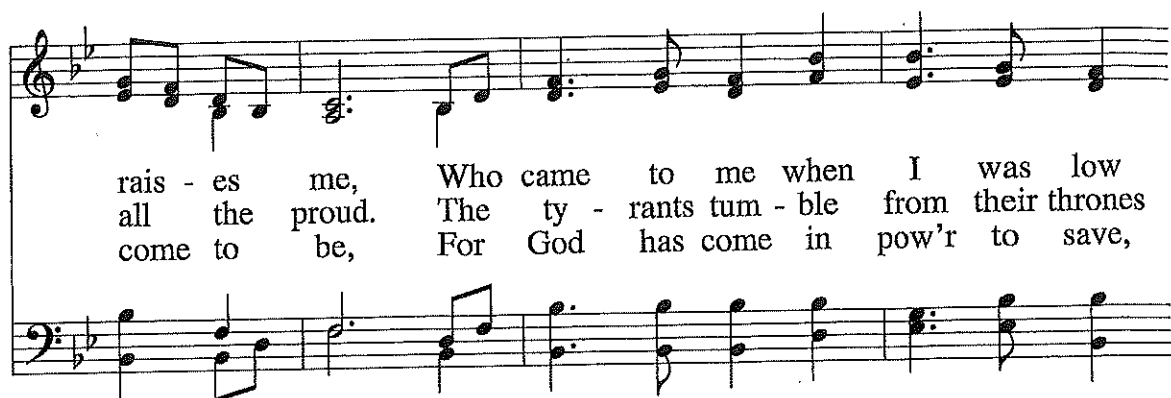
Hear our praise and glad thanks - giv - ing  
 What You plan for church and peo - ple,  
 Fling wide door - ways, o - pen win - dows?  
 Rec - on - cil - ers, pil - grim peo - ple,

For all signs of pre - sent grace.  
 Lov - ing oth - ers, prais - ing You.  
 Let the Spir - it come in - side?  
 Called by Christ, by Christ set free.

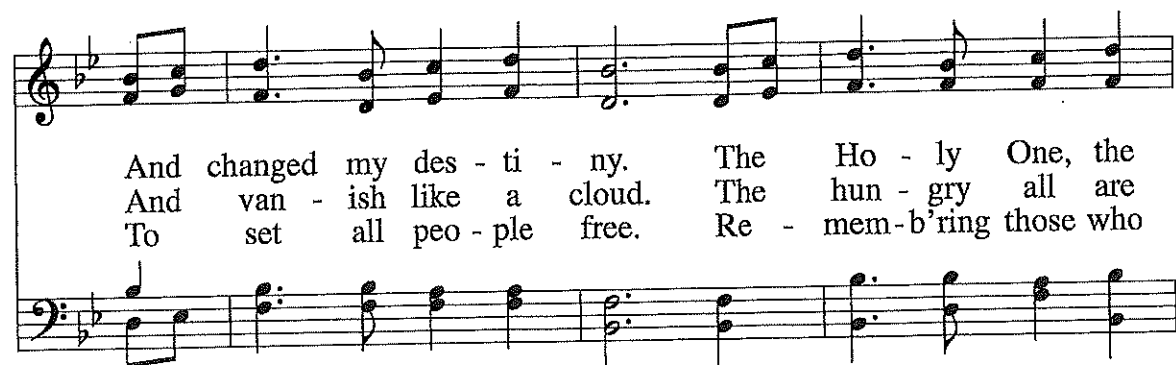
# 42 My Heart Sings Out with Joyful Praise



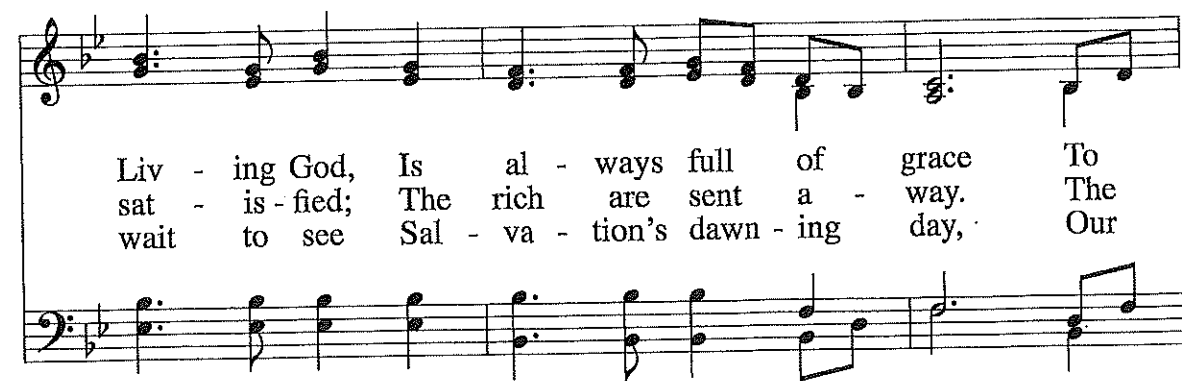
1. My heart sings out with joy - ful praise To God who  
2. The arm of God is strong and just To scat - ter  
3. The prom - ise made in a - ges past At last has



rais - es me, Who came to me when I was low  
all the proud. The ty - rants tum - ble from their thrones  
come to be, For God has come in pow'r to save,



And changed my des - ti - ny. The Ho - ly One, the  
And van - ish like a cloud. The hun - gry all are  
To set all peo - ple free. Re - mem - b'ring those who



Liv - ing God, Is al - ways full of grace To  
sat - is - fied; The rich are sent a - way. The  
wait to see Sal - va - tion's dawn - ing day, Our

those who seek their Mak - er's will In ev - 'ry time and place.  
poor of earth who suf - fer long Will wel - come God's new day.  
Sav - ior comes to all who weep To wipe their tears a - way.

Text: *Magnificat*, Luke 1:46-55; Ruth Duck, b.1947, © 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.  
Tune: CLEANSING FOUNTAIN, 8 6 8 6 D; Early American melody

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# Long Ago, God Reached in Love

JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7.7 with refrain

Long ago, God reached in love,  
Sending Noah back a dove,  
Promising a world made dry,  
With a rainbow in the sky.

*Refrain*

God, you are faithful,  
God, you are faithful,  
God, you are faithful:  
Your covenant is love!

Abraham and Sarah heard  
God's surprising, joyful word:  
God would give them land and more:  
Children they had long hoped for.

*Refrain*

Ten Commandments were the way  
God called people to obey,  
For God wanted us to see:  
In obeying, we are free.

*Refrain*

Jeremiah came to know  
God would help us change and grow;  
So God's law would fill each heart,  
Giving us a fresh, new start.

*Refrain*

Jesus came to show the way  
We can have new life today;  
God fulfilled that loving plan,  
Made for us when life began.

*Refrain*

TUNE: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1861 ("Jesus Loves Me"  
NCH 327, PH 304, UMH 191)

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