

Columbia United Church Of Christ

May 28, 2023
"Ascension Sunday"



CUCC
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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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May 28, 2023

10:30 Worship

"Ascension Sunday"

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
Break forth into joyous song and sing praises."*

Psalm 98:4

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Shelly

Prelude

"Knowing You"

Amy Crousore
Kendrick/arr. Hayes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 98)

Mahree Skala

Clap your hands, all you peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the Most High God is awesome—
A majestic monarch over all the earth.**

Shout! Sing Praises! Sound the trumpets!
Worship, now, the One who reigns.

**The Sovereign God of all the nations
Welcomes us into God's grace.**

The floods have lifted up their voice;
The thunderous mighty waters roar.

**We sing our praises to the One who's holy
Our guide and leader, forevermore.**

*Gathering Hymn

"Hail the Day that Sees Christ Rise"

#260

*Opening Prayer

Mahree Skala

O Matchless Monarch of the Universe, prepare our hearts and minds to hear, to feel, and to know You more deeply in this hour. In this moment, we desire to connect with You, connect with ourselves, and connect with others more intimately that we may muster up the courage to follow in Your ways, in the path of Christ, who is ascended. Let us walk more humbly with You as we strive to be the hands and feet of Christ on earth. Arise in us, O God, that when the world sees us, they really see You. Now, let us worship in spirit and truth for the sake of justice and mercy. Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Shelly
God's grace and mercy abounds. God is with us in our confession and transformation. Each of us is beloved, affirmed, and forgiven.

*Prayer Response "Sanctuary"
*Lord, prepare me to be a Sanctuary
Pure and Holy; tried and true!
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you!*

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace Pastor Shelly
May God's Peace be with you!
And also with you!

Children's Time Lena Muench

Response: "Halle-Hallelujah" #236
(Sung as children return to their seats)
***Halle, Halle, Halle-luja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-luja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-luja!
Halleluja! Halleluja! (repeat)***

New Testament Lesson Acts 1:6-14 Mahree Skala
Jesus tells the apostles they will receive strength through the Holy Spirit and will be Jesus' witnesses in the world. The apostles witness Jesus' ascension to Heaven. (page # 884)

Gospel Reading John 17:1-11 Mahree Skala
In the Garden of Gethsemane, prior to Crucifixion, Jesus prays for his disciples. (page # 879)

Anthem "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand" Caitlin Kenney
Spiritual/arr. Moses Hogan

Sermon "Waiting for Jesus" Pastor Shelly

*Hymn "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus" #257

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

(sung by the Congregation, led by Mara Stoll)

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 Shelly

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

"Sonata"

Amy Crousore
arr. Domenico Scarlatti

*Prayer of Dedication

Mahree Skala

For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community and the world,

We dedicate these gifts.

For the ways it'll help us be witnesses to God's love and compassion,

We dedicate these gifts.

Let this offering and the works of our hands and feet give power to all we stand for as a community of faith.

*Benediction

Pastor Shelly

*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

"Christ the Lord is Risen"

Amy Crousore
German Easter Carol/arr. Roger Wilson

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 distributed. 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 hoped to have 75% of the funds needed pledged or received by June 30, and we made it all because of your help!

Now, with us being closer than ever, a gift from **YOU** could push us over the top!

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.

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.

Unfortunately, with the remodel being a big focus, we are falling behind on Joyful Giving! We must remember that New Century Sanctuary donations are in addition to Joyful Giving and not in the place of those gifts.

*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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Hospitality: Brent Marcks

Council Stewards: Kurt Heine & Brent Marcks

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Lindsey Oberle

Ushers: Christine Staelens

Greeters: Carol Duermeyer

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Council Stewards: Tricia Price & Sue Ann Schaefer



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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!

END OF YEAR PICNIC/PENTECOST PARTY – 6/4

Our End of Year Picnic and Pentecost Party will be 6/4, and it will be a grand celebration! We will have a very special Sunday School program at 9:00 previewing this summer’s Vacation Bible School, a BBQ lunch after worship, and a special 1970s themed Heritage event. Also in worship, we will recognize graduates, scholarship recipients, and install new Council members.

STAY AND LEARN – 6/11

The Health Ministry Care Team will be presenting a Stay and Learn forum after worship on 6/11! The presentation from “Aging Best” will be on “Keeping Your Keys – Staying Safe on the Road.” Stick around after worship for this! For more information, talk to Anne Heine.

NEW CENTURY SANCTUARY WORK BEGINS

As of May 15, we received a total of \$136,585 (pledges included) towards our New Century Sanctuary! We said we would begin signing contracts once we received \$112,000, so we have begun! Work will begin June 12. We anticipate worshipping in the Fellowship Hall during the summer months, while construction happens in our Sanctuary. We hope to have the project done and be back in the Sanctuary by Rally Day, September 10, but that depends on contractors. Stay tuned for more details as the project unfolds!

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Sun	5/28	<i>ASCENSION SUNDAY</i>	
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
Mon	5/29	<i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED– MEMORIAL DAY</i>	
Tue	5/30	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
Wed	5/31	Celebration Singers	7:00 p.m.
Thurs	6/1	Nurture & Education Ministry Team Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Fri	6/2	Church Council Retreat	6:00 p.m.
Sun	6/4	<i>END OF YEAR PICNIC AND PENTECOST PARTY</i>	
		Sunday School/VBS Preview	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Pentecost Party/Picnic	12:00 p.m.

*Summer Schedule begins June 11-
Fellowship Time - 9:00 a.m. Worship - 9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. worship and 9:00 a.m. Sunday School resume
on September 10*

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week . . .

Shelby Oberle & Ryan Furney . . . Congratulations on the birth of baby Harper!

Harper Joyce Furney was born 5/10/23 weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz.

Andrea Waner . . . recovering from surgery

Jessica Fotsch . . . health issues

Health Issues:

Ed Kaiser; Cliff Beckman; Jean Strothmann; Glenn Duermeyer;

Christine Mseke; John Adams; Shelly Adams

Neal Stumbo (Jean Strothmann's nephew)

Terry & Mike Freeman (friends of the Remeikas)

Alisa Lau Sieckman . . . recovering from hip surgery

Lynne Tsapelas . . . recovering from back surgery

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

Sheila . . . challenges in life and faith

The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

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, Dane Wilson,

Aaron Dachroeden, James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)



CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:

Welcoming all God's Children;

Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;

Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;

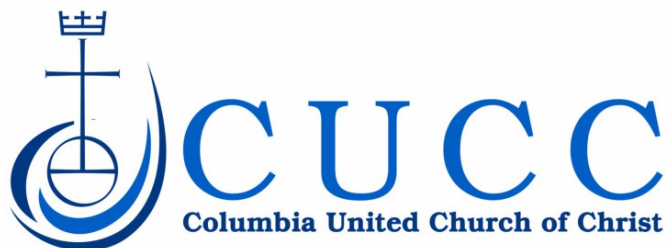
Building a supportive church family;

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



Calling all
SUPERHEROES to
our Vacation Bible
School Preview!

Sunday, June 4
9:00 - 10:00 a.m. @ the Pavilion



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Saturday, September 30 - Sunday, October 1
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100th

ANNIVERSARY

Celebration

Come gather round for a night of fellowship and celebration at the MU Health Care Pavilion and Farmers Market on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Festivities will begin at 5 p.m. We will have dinner, music, plenty of time for fellowship, and remarks from some special UCC guests. Then, on Sunday, October 1, 2023, we will celebrate our 100th Anniversary as a church with an inspirational worship service including music by a 100th Anniversary Reunion Choir.



w/ special guest speaker

John Dorhauer,

UCC General Minister and President

**Sign-Up
Today Here
or call
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CITY OF COLUMBIA'S
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Juneteenth Activities



Join us for some of our free activities celebrating and leading up to Juneteenth. Then take part in the community's Juneteenth celebration. All programs and events will be at The Armory Sports Center, unless stated otherwise.

Juneteenth History Display

Come in to the Armory Sports Center for a small display about the history of Juneteenth. This display is free and open to the public. Groups are welcome. Open all month long.
8 am - 6 pm.

Juneteenth PBS Short Film Screenings

June 7 @ 6 pm: "A Retrospective"

June 14 @ 6 pm: "How We're Celebrating Now"

June 21 @ 6 pm: "Juneteenth Sesquicentennial"

June 28 @ 6 pm: "African American Bell County Experience"

*All films are around half an hour in length

For More Information, Contact 573.874.6379 or Jay.Bradley@CoMo.Gov





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KEEP YOUR KEYS!

STAYING SAFE ON THE ROAD

FREE presentation on driving safety

Topics covered include:

- How to stay medically and physically fit to drive
- When and how to prepare for driving retirement
- Tools and resources to help keep you safe on the road

Sunday, June 11th, 10:45 AM

Columbia United Church of Christ

3201 I-70 Dr. NW, Columbia, MO 65202

Please contact Kathy Deeken at 573-540-1100 to register

Need more information?

Beth Koster, Coordinator of Outreach kosterb@health.missouri.edu or call (573) 884-7143

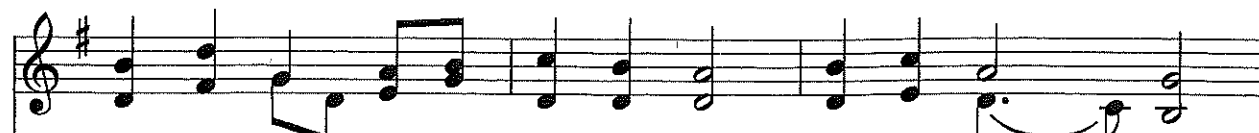


Health Care

Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise

Acts 1:6-11; John 14:16


Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.




1 Hail the day that sees Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Christ, for you high tri - umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 See! The nail - marked hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Christ for us still in - ter - cede, Al - le - lu - ia!



To a throne in par - a - dise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sing of God's re - deem-ing love; Al - le - lu - ia!
 By your suf - fering for us plead; Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 You have con - quered death and sin; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! Christ's words our hearts as - sure: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Make us wor - thy of the place, Al - le - lu - ia!



En - ters now the high - est heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!
 You, our Sov - ereign, en - ter in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 "I will send a Com - fort - er!" Al - le - lu - ia!
 Which you of - fer us by grace. Al - le - lu - ia!

Charles Wesley's original text was written for Ascension Day 1739 and had no alleluias; these were added in 1852 by G. E. White. Joseph Jones' tune bears the name of a twelfth-century

Tune: GWALCHMAI 7.7.7.7. with alleluias

Joseph David Jones, 1868

Alternate time: L.I. ANFAIR

5 Now, though part-ed from our sight,
 Al-le-lu-ia!
 In the depths of star-ry night,
 Al-le-lu-ia!
 May our souls with you a-rise,
 Al-le-lu-ia!
 Seek-ing whole-ness at your side.
 Al-le-lu-ia!

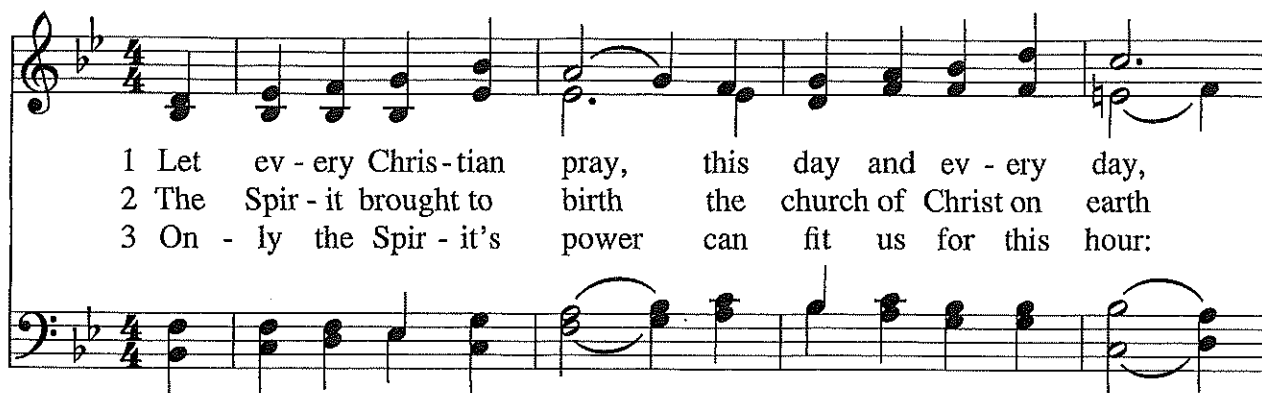
6 There we will with you re-main,
 Al-le-lu-ia!
 Heirs in your e-ter-nal reign;
 Al-le-lu-ia!
 In the pres-ence of your face,
 Al-le-lu-ia!
 We will dwell in heav-en's grace.
 Al-le-lu-ia!

Let Every Christian Pray

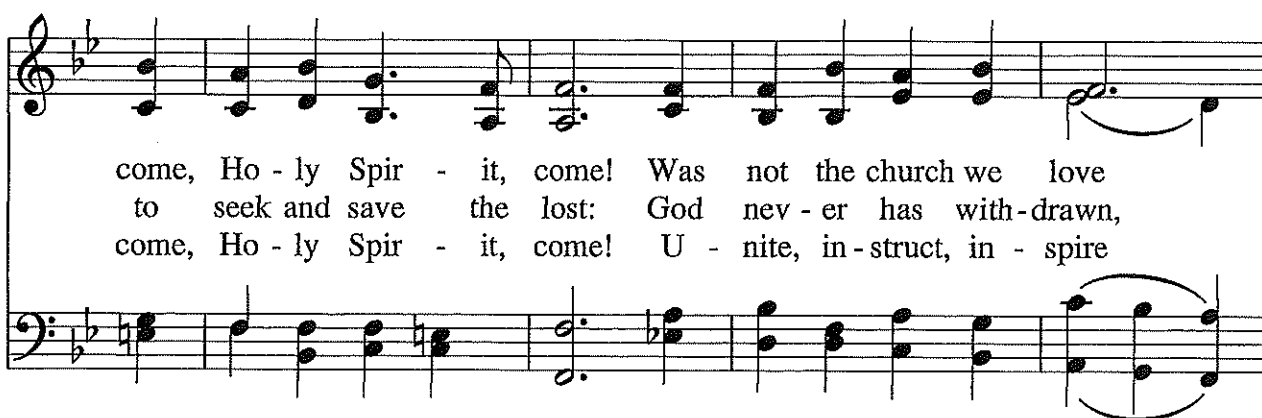
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Fred Pratt Green, 1970; rev. 1994

Acts 2



1 Let ev - ery Chris - tian pray, this day and ev - ery day,
 2 The Spir - it brought to birth the church of Christ on earth
 3 On - ly the Spir - it's power can fit us for this hour:



come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Was not the church we love
 to seek and save the lost: God nev - er has with-drawn,
 come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! U - nite, in - struct, in - spire



com - mis-sioned from a - bove? Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
 since that tre - men-dous dawn, the gifts of Pen - te - cost.
 and fill us with your fire: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!


Noted contemporary British hymnwriter Fred Pratt Green retired from the parish ministry in 1969 and only then commenced his prolific output of hymn texts, which can be found in every major hymnal publication of the late twentieth century.

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.
 Joseph Barnby, 1868

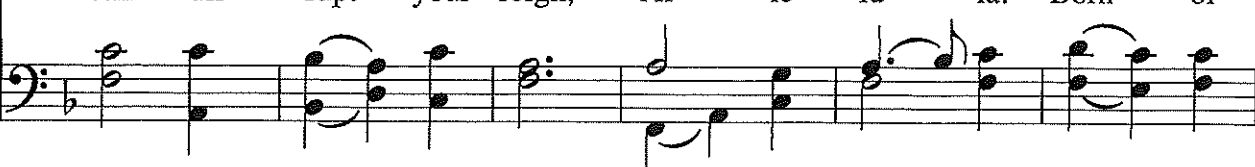

Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!

*Eph. 1:15-23; Heb. 9:11-14**William C. Dix, 1867; alt.*


1 Al - le - lu - ia! Gra - cious Je - sus! Yours the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, you on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ e - ter - nal, noth - ing

scep - ter, yours the throne! Al - le - lu - ia! Yours the
 left in sor - row now. Al - le - lu - ia! You are
 earth our food, our stay. Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 can dis - rupt your reign; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of

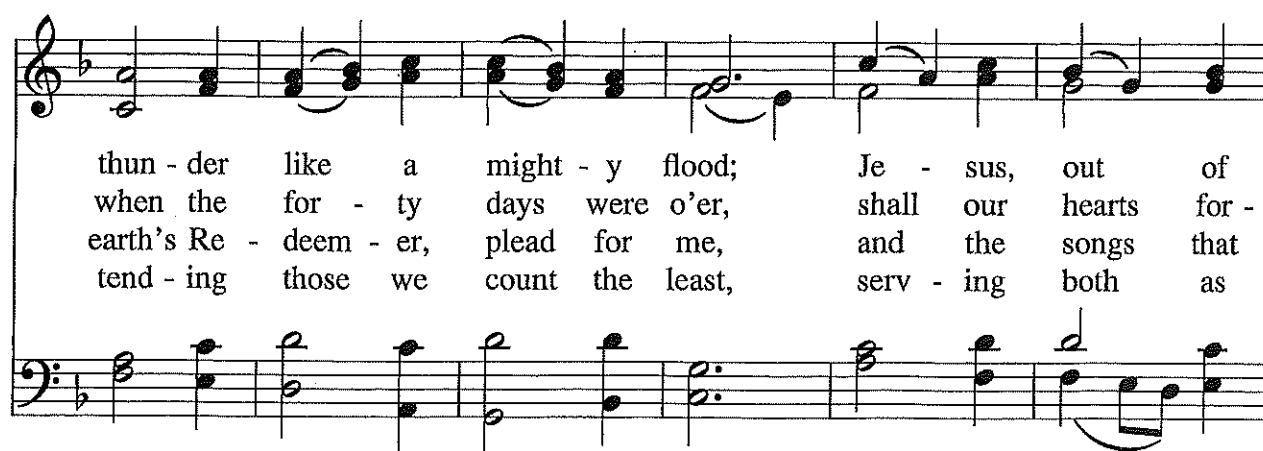



tri - umph, yours the vic - to - ry a - lone!
 near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful flee to you from day to day.
 Mar - y, heaven and earth are your do - main.




Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived you
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
 Hu - man life you ful - ly en - tered,





thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus, out of
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
 earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me, and the songs that
 tend - ing those we count the least, serv - ing both as



ev - ery na - tion you've re - deemed us by your blood.
 get your prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more."
 sound in heav - en will re - peat your gra - cious plea.
 Priest and Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

William C. Dix, manager of a marine insurance company, was also a gifted writer who made a significant contribution to hymnody. This hymn was written to fill a need for communion hymns in Church of England hymnals.

Tune: HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.
 Rowland H. Prichard, 1844
 Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906