

# Columbia United Church Of Christ

May 14, 2023

**“Faithful Apostles – Ananias”**



# 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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United Church  
Of Christ**



**May 14, 2023**

**10:30 Worship**

***"Mother's Day"***

*“. . . But truly God has listened;  
God has given heed to the words of my prayer . . .”  
Psalm 66:19*

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

“Rock of Ages ”

Amy Crousore  
*Hastings/arr. Folkemer*

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Call to Worship

*(Based on Psalm 66)*

Llona Weiss

O God, how awesome are Your deeds!

O God, how glorious is Your Name!

**Make a joyful noise to God, people of faith!**

**Sing the glory of God's Holy Name!**

Your deeds are awesome, Your grace overflowing!

All the earth sings praises to You, praises to Your Holy Name!

**Let all the people shout blessings to God!**

**Let God's praises be heard!**

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Gathering Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

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\*Opening Prayer

Llona Weiss

**God of Unconditional Love, on this day when we acknowledge the importance of motherhood among us, we first give thanks that You are a loving parent to us all. From Your being, all life was born, and in Your bosom, all creation is nurtured. You formed us in Your image as Your children and gathered us together as a brood under Your wing. You unite us as kindred members of one human family, and we are grateful to be Your offspring together.**

**We give thanks for Your mothering presence and for the mothers and others You place in our lives to continue that nurture. Forgive us for the times when, like stubborn children, we turn our backs on You or commit regrettable actions in Your name. Embrace us as Your children, and help us to lead others to your blessed light. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Like a Mother Hen, God gathers us under Their wing, providing for us and showing us the way. Even when we turn away, like a loving mother, God waits for us with Unconditional Love, welcoming us home upon our return. Through our repentance and God's grace, we are forgiven, beloved, and blessed. Praise be to God!

\*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 Rick

May God's Peace be with you!  
**And also with you!**

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response:

“Halle-Hallelujah”

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*(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 9:1-22

Llona Weiss

*Saul/Paul continues his persecution of Jewish Christians (begun last week in our story about Stephen). In an attempt to escalate his persecution, he appeals to the leaders of the synagogues for increased persecutorial authority. Suddenly, Jesus appears to him in a vision, crying out for justice. Saul is blinded. Ananias, a faithful disciple, is then sent by God to preach the Good News to Saul/Paul and convert him to The Way of Jesus. Saul/Paul converts, and becomes a great Apostle himself, spreading the message of Jesus.*

*(page # 893)*

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-17

Llona Weiss

*Before he is lead away to be crucified, Jesus gives his disciples final instruction. Among that instruction is the mandate to follow his commandments (Love one another, even as I have loved you) and the promise of the Holy Spirit.*

*(page # 877)*

Anthem

“A Virtuous Woman”

Celebration Singers  
Guy Robinson

Sermon

“To Boldly Go”

Pastor Rick

\*Hymn

“O God, Whose Steadfast Love”

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\*Mother’s Day Prayer Litany

Pastor Rick

*In recognition of all who fill nurturing and supportive roles in our Christian Community, mothers and others of every gender identity and sexual orientation, we give thanks for their faithful guidance.*

Creator God, like a mother eagle teaching her young to fly,  
You push us to stretch our wings while continuing to lift us up.

**We thank You, God, for nurturing us.**

Like a mother bear, furious when her cubs are in danger,  
You bring justice on those who practice oppression.

**We thank You, God, for nurturing us.**

Like a Mother’s arms wrapped around us,  
Your Holy Spirit comforts us and keeps us safe.

**We thank You, God, for nurturing us.**

We know that You have placed special helpers in our lives, and in thanksgiving, we praise You for the gift of all who are nurturers in our lives: mothers and others of every gender identity who support us.

**We thank You for their willingness to nurture us, for their trust in You to guide them through the fears in their role.**

We thank You also, nurturing God, for those who may not have been our mothers, but give us an abundant life:

**We thank You for teachers, relatives, grandparents, siblings, pastors, elders, supervisors, mentors, spouses, and friends who share their wisdom with us.**

We ask Your tender mercies on all those whose mothers now sing with the heavenly chorus and whose tears are not yet dry from losing them.

**Grant them Your peace, which passes all understanding.**

We pray for mothers and children who are alienated from each other by harsh words, distance, or misunderstanding and those who are not able at this time to live into their parental roles.

**Grant them Your grace to forgive each other and love again.**

We pray for those whose sons and daughters defend our way of life as firefighters, officers of the law, and in the military.

**Grant them confidence in Your presence with their children in the every day risks of their important vocations.**

**God, we give thanks for all these nurturers in our lives, and Your love that continues to embrace us. Amen.**

## 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

### Mission Moment

"Blanket Sunday"

Rev. Bryan Crousore

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

### Offertory

"La Linotte Effarouchée"

Amy Crousore  
*arr. François Couperin*

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Llona Weiss

**God, we give these gifts to You today as expressions of our faith, expressions of our love. Take them and use them to nurture Your world, and through them, we pray that Your Kingdom may be realized here on earth. 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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee "

Amy Crousore  
*Beethoven/arr. Berry*

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Llona Weiss

Ushers: Phillip Neale & Jim Loveless

Greeters: Susan Dunham

Technology Booth: Josh Muench & Ted Dachroeden

Hospitality: Helen Schultz

Council Stewards: Ted Dachroeden & Sue Ann Schaefer

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Lydia Whitacre

Ushers: Llona Weiss & Pat Forward

Greeters: Anne Heine

Technology Booth: Mike Pierson & Aidan Pierson

Hospitality: Audrey Lasley

Council Stewards: Tricia Price & Kristy Odneal



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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!

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 5/21**

This year's Congregational Meeting will be May 21, and it will also be a celebration of our 100th anniversary! We will have several historical reflections as we celebrate our past, and embrace our future! There will be a pot-luck meal before the meeting, so bring your favorite dish. Business will include the election of new Council members and a Constitution Amendment.

### **FOOD BANK – 5/23**

Our next service date at the Food Bank is 5/23! Volunteers are wanted; the need is great! Sign up link was in the Friday email or talk to Mahree Skala.

### **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.

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Sun	5/14	<b><i>MOTHER'S DAY</i></b>	
		Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
Mon	5/15	Staff Meeting	10:30 a.m.
		Loaves & Fishes	4:30 p.m.
		New Century Sanctuary Team	6:30 p.m.
Tue	5/16	Quilters	10:00 a.m.
		Church Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed	5/17	Pastor Rick leads worship at The Bluffs	10:00 a.m.
		Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers Rehearsals	6:00/7:00 p.m.
		Confirmation	6:30 p.m.
Thu	5/18	LODO Leapfrogs Graduation	6:00 p.m.
Fri	5/19	LODO Last Day/Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary Field Day	
		Pastor Rick's Day off	
Sun	5/21	<b><i>ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY/POTLUCK</i></b>	
		Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m.
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30 a.m.
		Annual Meeting/Potluck	12:00 p.m.

# **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.

Ed Kaiser . . . health issues

John Adams & Shelly Adams . . . health issues

Cliff Beckman . . . more health issues/pulmonary issues

The family of Tim Kirchhoff . . . on their loss (Barry's brother)

Alisa Lau Sieckman . . . Recovering from surgery

Lynne Tsapelas . . . recovering from back surgery

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

Sheila . . . challenges in life and faith

Terry & Mike Freeman . . . health issues (friends of the Remeikas)

The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families

## *Health Issues:*

Glenn Duermeyer, Christine Mseke, Joan Bentlage,

Neal Stumbo (Jean Strothmann's nephew)

## *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, 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*





## A Word From Your Inclusion and Affirmation Ministry Team

Whatever struggles one  
has with their mental  
health, know that: you are  
NOT alone.

Note below famous individuals that have struggled every day, just like many of us, to maintain their mental wellness:

- ⇒ Chrissy Teigen, successful model and TV host – postpartum depression
- ⇒ Steve Young, NFL Hall of Famer – social anxiety disorder
- ⇒ Donny Osmond, singer and actor – social anxiety disorder
- ⇒ Michael Phelps, American Olympic Gold Medalist – ADHD
- ⇒ Dan Reynolds, member of the band Imagine Dragons – clinical depression
- ⇒ Leonardo DiCaprio, Oscar winning actor – obsessive-compulsive disorder
- ⇒ Daniel Radcliffe, Harry Potter actor – obsessive compulsive disorder
- ⇒ Lady Gaga, Grammy winning singer and actress – PTSD
- ⇒ Patty Duke, Academy Award winning actress – bipolar disorder
- ⇒ Carrie Fischer, Star Wars actress – bipolar disorder, drug addiction

Where to find help for yourself or a loved one:

- Suicide hotline: call 911 or Crisis lifeline 988 (per NIH website)
- Non-emergent issues: Talk with your Primary Care Provider; check out
- “FindTreatment.gov” for resources; Let the CUCC Administrative Team know you need support. Reach out!

By Rupī Kaur

when the world comes crashing at your feet  
it's okay to let others  
help pick up the pieces  
if we're present to take part in your happiness  
when your circumstances are great we are more than capable  
of sharing your pain - *Community*



CUCC  
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
AND POTLUCK

MAY 21ST

# BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH

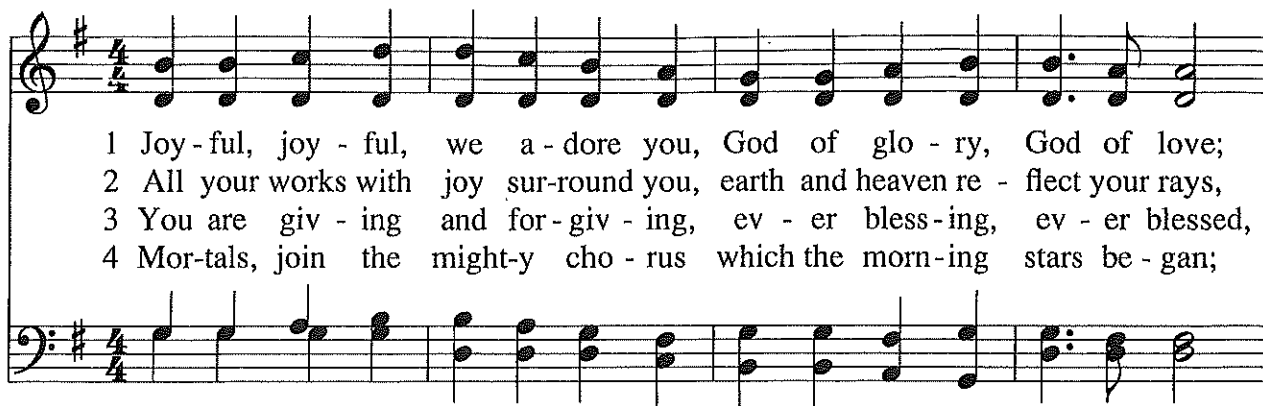
DIRECTLY AFTER CHURCH  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
DOWNSTAIRS



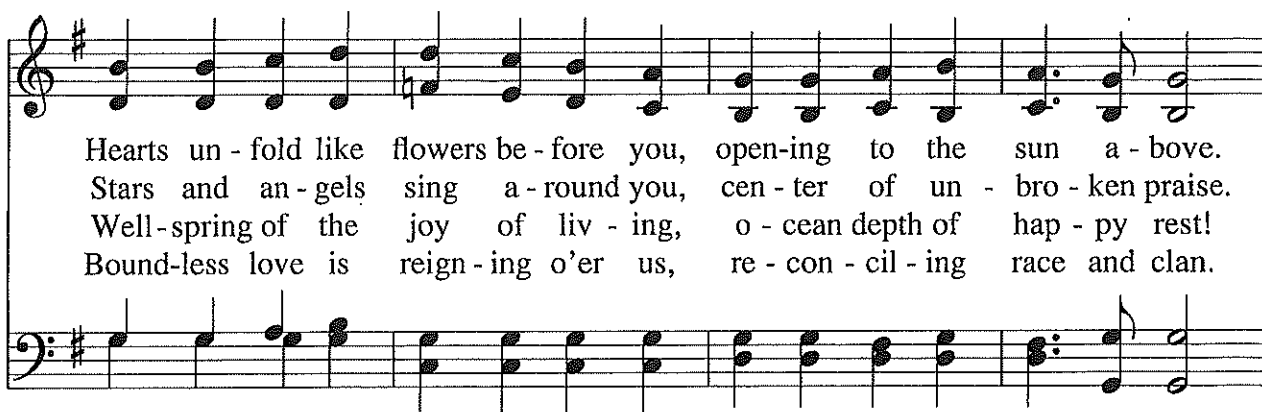
## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

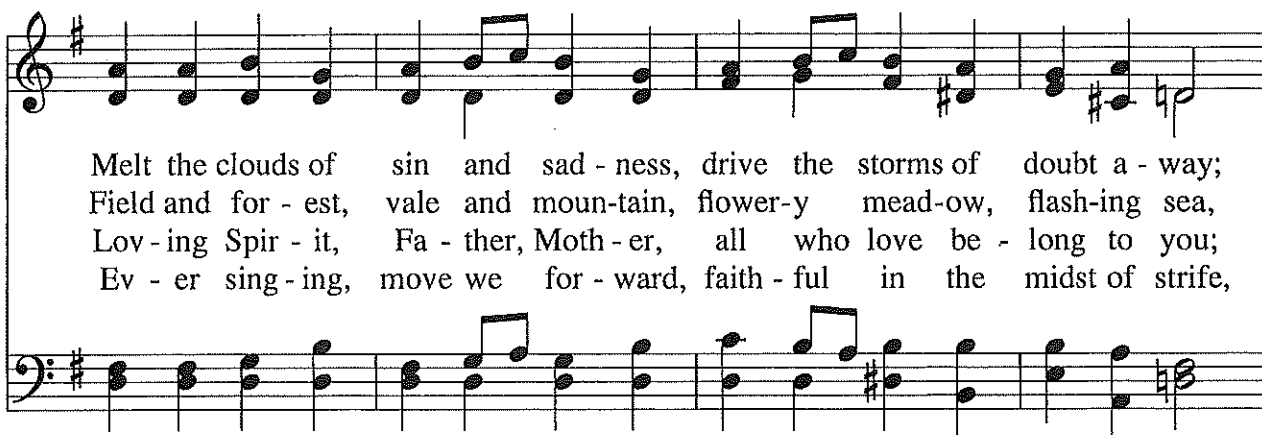
Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.



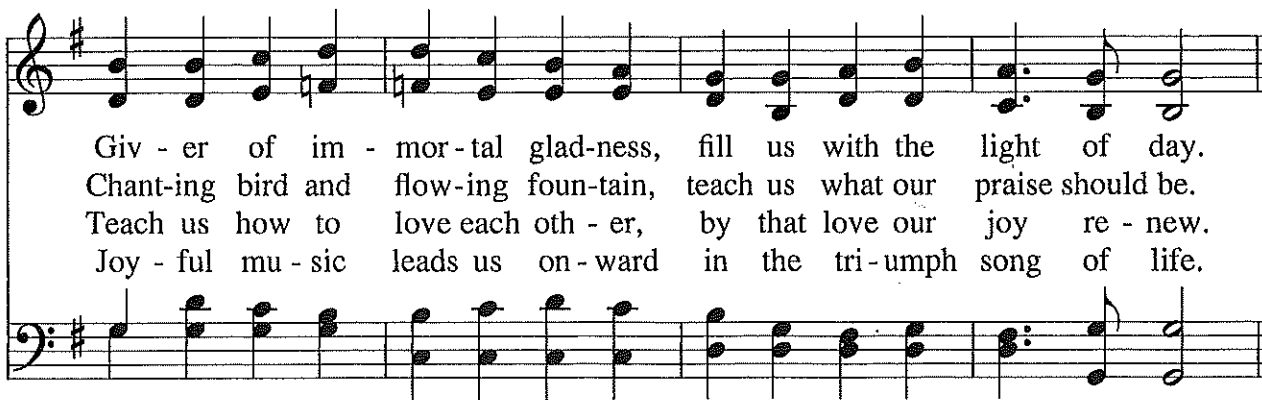
1 Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore you, God of glo-ry, God of love;  
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re-flect your rays,  
 3 You are giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blessed,  
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore you, open-ing to the sun a-bove.  
 Stars and an-gels sing a-round you, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 Well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!  
 Bound-less love is reign-ing o'er us, re-con-cil-ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the storms of doubt a-way;  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Lov-ing Spir-it, Fa-ther, Moth-er, all who love be-long to you;  
 Ev-er sing-ing, move we for-ward, faith-ful in the midst of strife,



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.  
 Teach us how to love each oth-er, by that love our joy re-new.  
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us on-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

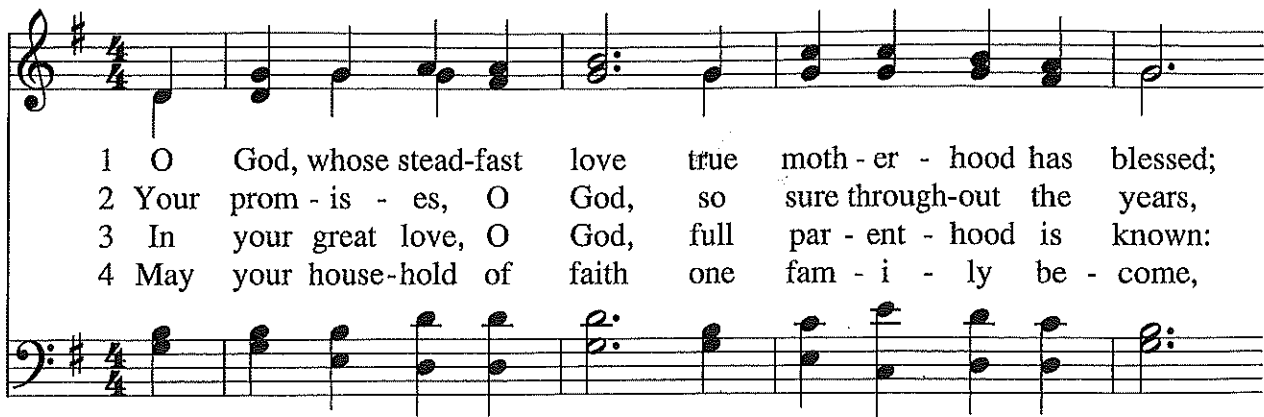
Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824  
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846

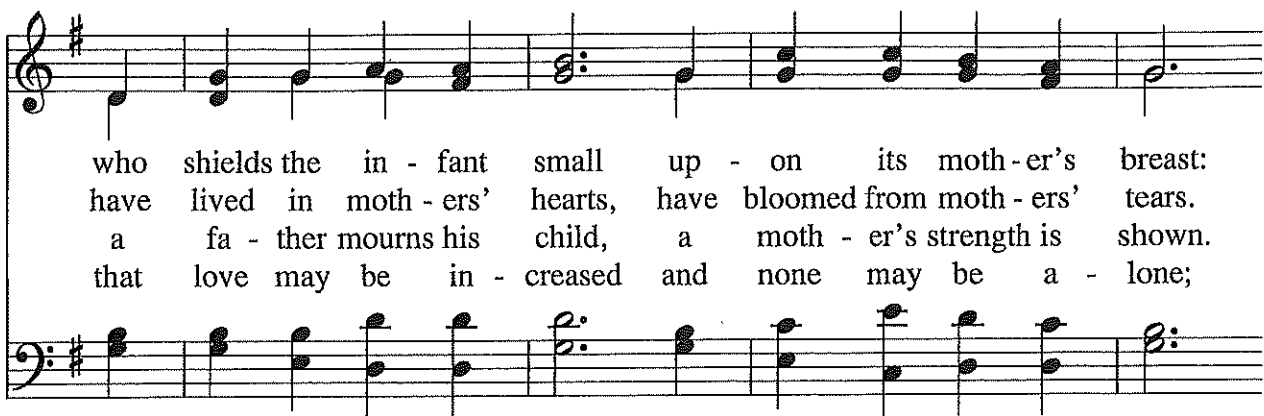
## O God, Whose Steadfast Love

Gen. 18:9-15; 1 Sam. 1:1-20; Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-7

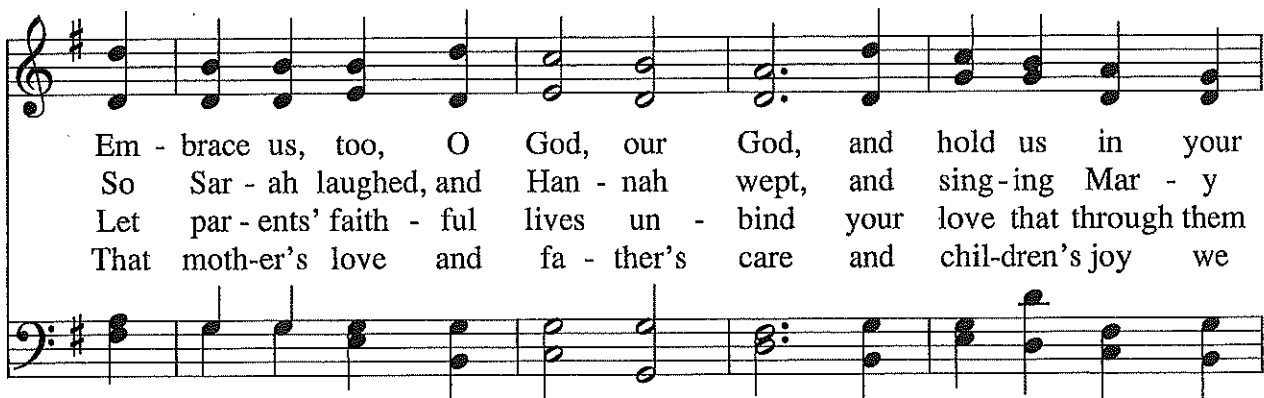
James L. Haddix, 1986; rev. 1994



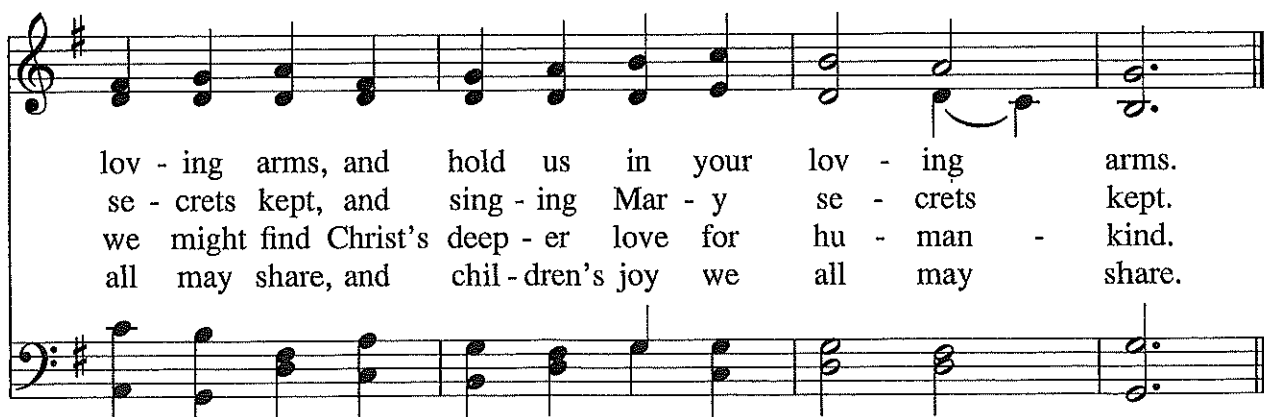
1 O God, whose stead-fast love true moth - er - hood has blessed;  
 2 Your prom - is - es, O God, so sure through-out the years,  
 3 In your great love, O God, full par - ent - hood is known:  
 4 May your house-hold of faith one fam - i - ly be - come,



who shields the in - fant small up - on its moth - er's breast:  
 have lived in moth - ers' hearts, have bloomed from moth - ers' tears.  
 a fa - ther mourns his child, a moth - er's strength is shown.  
 that love may be in - creased and none may be a - lone;



Em - brace us, too, O God, our God, and hold us in your  
 So Sar - ah laughed, and Han - nah wept, and sing - ing Mar - y  
 Let par - ents' faith - ful lives un - bind your love that through them  
 That moth - er's love and fa - ther's care and chil - dren's joy we



lov - ing arms, and hold us in your lov - ing arms.  
 se - crets kept, and sing - ing Mar - y se - crets kept.  
 we might find Christ's deep - er love for hu - man - kind.  
 all may share, and chil - dren's joy we all may share.

United Church of Christ minister James Haddix wrote this text for the "Festival of the Christian Home." It was dedicated and sung to his mother, Margaret Ann Lewis Haddix, at a reception

Tune: RHOSYMEDRE 6.6.6.6.8.8.8.  
 John D. Edwards, c. 1840