

First Presbyterian Church



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**Followers of Christ, called to serve our community
and be an actively-engaging light to the world.**

We live into our faith, inspired by our worship, encouraged by our fellowship, empowered by our studies. As a Matthew 25 Congregation, we answer the call to provide food and shelter to those in need. As a More Light Presbyterians Congregation, we provide a safe and affirming worshiping community for LGBTQIA+ persons, celebrating the uniqueness and dignity of each person as they seek a home for their faith and confidence in the promises of God for them.

October 19, 2025
19th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Gordon Young

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted that you have joined us this Lord's Day. If you'd like to learn more about our mission and ministry, we invite you to speak to the Pastor or an Elder.

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT

I, the Lord of sea and sky

GTG #69, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

Congregation: God's people shall never again be put to shame.

Leader: O you who answers prayer! To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Congregation: God's people shall never again be put to shame.

Leader: You water the furrows of the fields abundantly, the pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy.

Congregation: God's people shall never again be put to shame.

Leader: The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all might hear it.

Congregation: God's people shall never again be put to shame.

Leader: All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Congregation: God's people shall never again be put to shame.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you look with blessing on humble hearts and with mercy on those who serve your heavenly kingdom. Grant us visions of your kingdom and the fortitude to work for it today and every day. Amen.

*HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, too often we hide beneath the veil of religion or trust too much in the good things we do. Smug and safe in our pews, we look down on those not here, thankful we are not like them. Shatter us with the truth that all have sinned, even us. We have failed to live as the people you call us to be. Cleanse us and restore us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

I, the Lord of snow and rain

GTG #69, vs. 2

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Whether we are close or whether we are standing far off, God's love in Jesus Christ seeks us out and gathers us in. This is good news!

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN NO. 581

**Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end!
Amen, amen**

THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you. **Congregation: And also with you.**
Please greet those near to you with the peace of Christ.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

The Lord's Shade Jim Stanley Dr. Elise Naber-Allen, flute

Shade, oh shade my weary soul, sheltered from the heat and storms by thy bright renewing glory, be thou present in me. Lead me by thy guiding light, let me sense thy presence near, wash away my sin and sadness, be thou present in me.

Grant me refuge in thy Son, given to be reconciled in His glorious resurrection, be thou present in me. Risen from the three days' death True Branch; risen and mighty like the might of cloud and fiery pillar; be thou present in me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT
GOSPEL

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

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NT P. 213
NT P. 81

SERMON

"On Humility"

Rev. Mari Turner

*HYMN 727

Will You let Me Be Your Servant

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
INVITATION TO OFFERING



I appeal to you, siblings in Christ, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord. You may present your offering at the front of the sanctuary, or if you prefer to contribute electronically, you can do so using the PayPal QR Code in your bulletin or visit our website at fpcmilledgeville.org.



OFFERTORY

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Gordon Young

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have chosen the poverty of the world to make your people rich in faith. Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives—giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh. Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 697

Take My Life

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

I, the Lord of wind and flame

GTG #69, vs. 3

POSTLUDE

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Johann G. Walther

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*At this time all are invited to rise in body or in spirit.



Lord, hear our prayers

CHURCH FAMILY:

Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns
Charles Burrell, recovering from knee surgery
Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns
Sunda Coleman, recovering from surgery after a fall
Ellen Thompson, recovering from a broken hip at home

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Darryl Allen, Andrew Allen's father, ongoing health concerns
Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues
Wesley Applebury, hospitalized after reconstructive neurosurgery on Sept. 10.
Mark Archer, Sunda Coleman's brother-in-law, hip replacement, recovering at home
Bob Bishop, Mari Turner's father, recovering from fall
Michael Bledsoe, Mary Lucik's grandson, multiple health concerns
Taylor Croghan, Craig Callender's niece, EDS diagnosis
Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer
Kathy Hall, Gini Wilkerson's mother, on hospice care for brain cancer
Alonzo Kelley, Craig Callender's father, Stage 4 Melanoma
Velma Kelley, Craig Callender's grandmother, ongoing health concerns
Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns
Charles Morgan, Jennifer Flory's father, ongoing health concerns
Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues- at Carlyle House in Macon
John J. Murphy, Kathy Carroll's father, recovering from kidney operation
Paul Orman, Barbara Orman's husband, ongoing health concerns
Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, recovering at home; dialysis
Renee Pearson, Sunda Coleman's daughter-in-law, diagnosed with congestive heart failure, at home
Runette Pounds, Sunda Coleman's mother, ongoing health concerns
Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis
Windy Spaide, Craig Callender's sister, ongoing health concerns
Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards' son-in-law, ongoing health concerns
Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments
Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care
Wayne Woodard, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

IN ASSISTED LIVING

Nan Carpenter, PO Box 527, Jefferson, GA 30549
Jude Hirsch, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place
Maryanne Morris, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place
Runette Pounds, The Cottages, 1010 Fernwood Dr, Rm 206, Milledgeville, GA 31061
Suzy Smith, The Oaks Peake, 400 Foster Rd., A2, Macon, GA 31210

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: October 19 – October 26

Today	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Youth Group
	1:30	Homeless Awareness Club
	2:00	SESSION Meeting (parlor)
	4:00-5:00	NA Women's Meeting
	6:15-8:00	PFLAG (fellowship hall)
Monday	7:00	Oconee Recovery Coalition
Tuesday	7:00	Milledgeville Singers Guild
	9:15	Samaritan Ministry
	9:30	Food Pantry
	12:00	Kiwanis
Wednesday	7:30	NA Meeting
	6:30	Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study
Thursday	4:30	BICENTENNIAL Planning meeting (parlor)
	7:30	NA Meeting
Saturday	7:30	NA Meeting
Sunday	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service ~ Reformation Sunday
	12:00	Youth Group (Youth Room)

Nursery Schedule for October:

Oct. 19 Anne Smart/Laurie Peebles

Oct. 26 Joel Burns/Nancy Miller

Liturgist:

Bill Werts

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Please contact Anne Smart if you are unavailable on the date you are listed to serve.

Offerings in October	\$12,589.48
Anticipated October expenses:	\$18,290.00
(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)	



Join us for worship in-person or online on Facebook Live every week.

Sunday: 9:30AM **Sunday School Class** (meets in parlor), we are studying *The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently* by Amy Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler. Please contact Joel Burns

joelburns@gmail.com if you are interested in attending via Zoom.

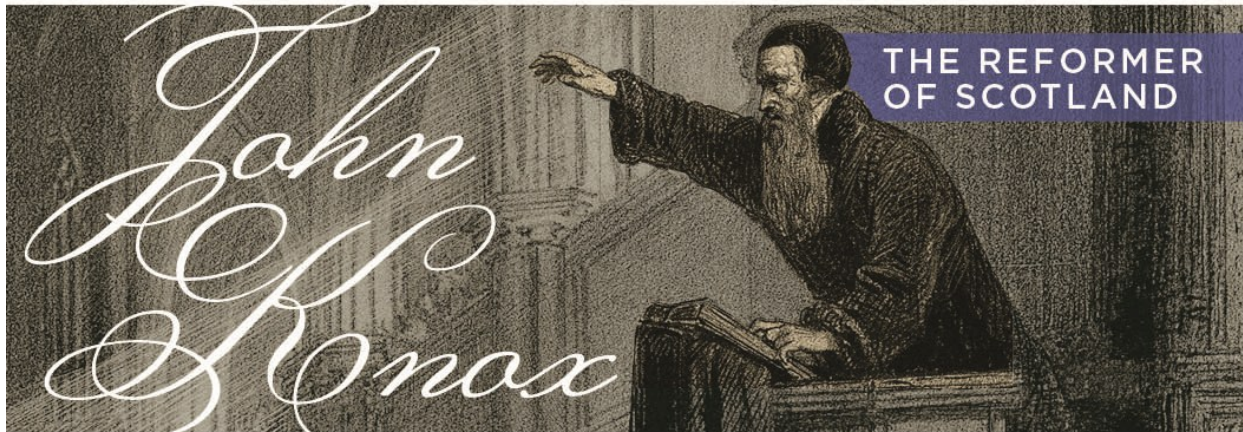
Fellowship Sunday School Class (meets in small room next to office at end of hall), studying *Being a Presbyterian in the Bible Belt* by Ted V. Foote Jr. & P. Alex Thornburg.

10:15AM **Children's Sunday School Class**, singing, crafts and stories, (meeting in the Craft Room upstairs)

12:00PM **Youth Group** (Youth Room)

Wednesday: 6:30PM **Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study**, studying *The Righteous Mind, Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion* by Jonathan Haidt, meeting in the Fellowship Hall

REFORMATION SUNDAY: OCTOBER 26



PHS provides resources each year for Reformation Sunday, a day of celebration set aside by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

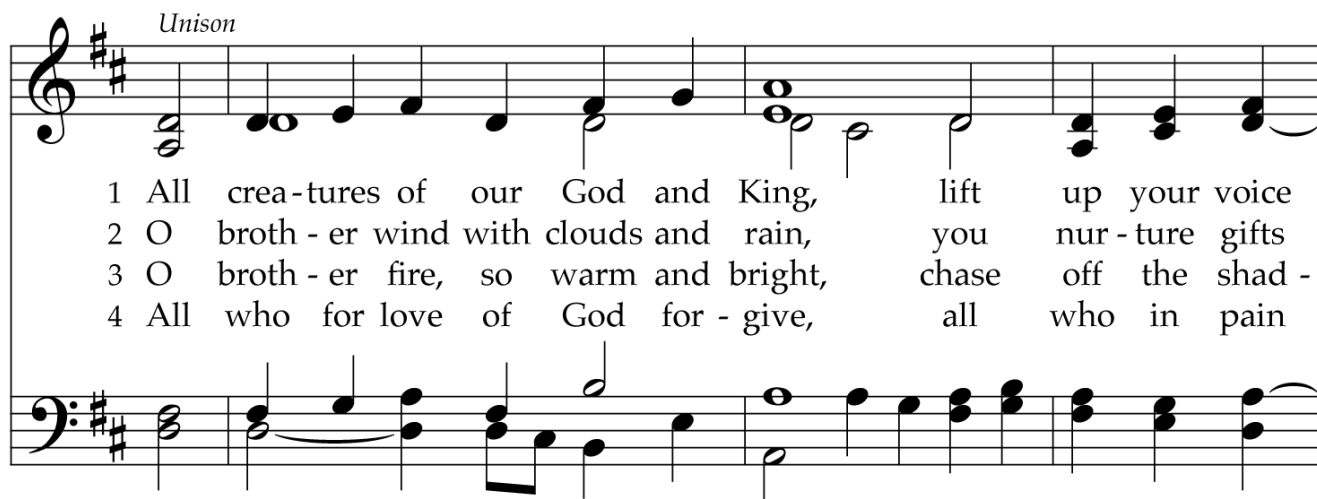
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 **PRESBYTERIAN**
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The National Archives of the PC(USA) 

Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that grounds their faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

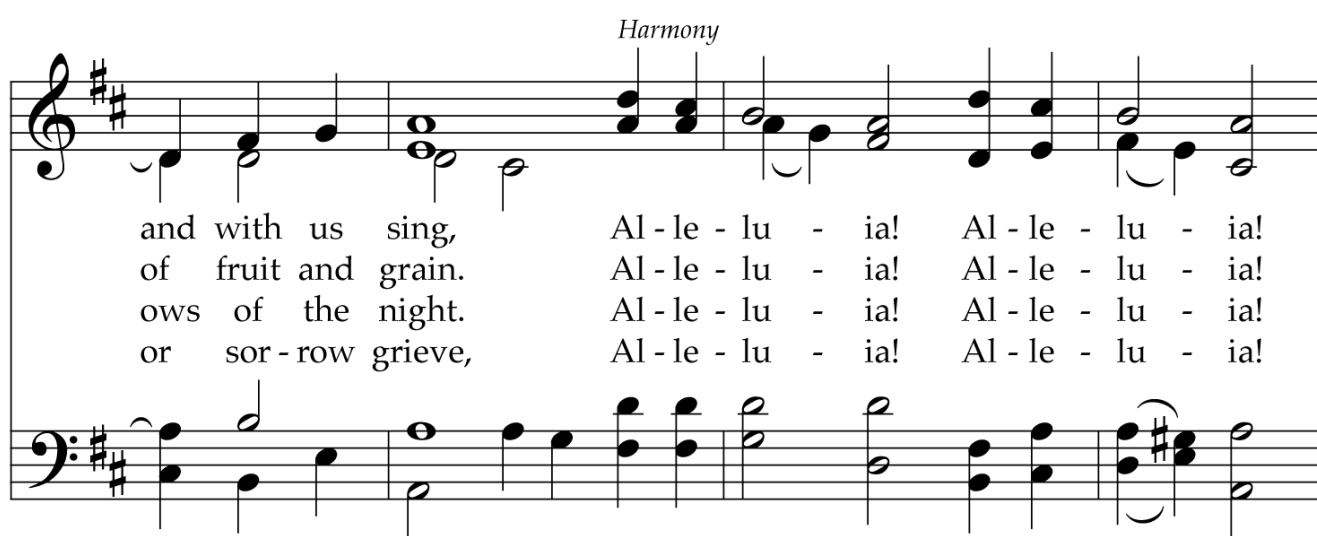
15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison



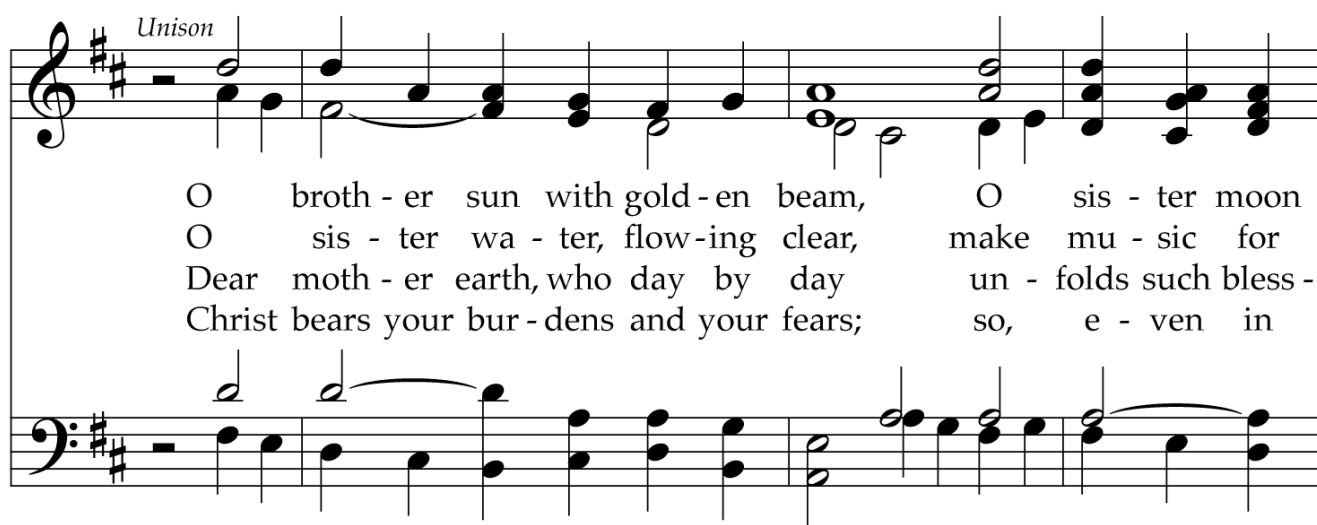
1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth - er wind with clouds and rain, you nur - ture gifts
 3 O broth - er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad -
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain

Harmony



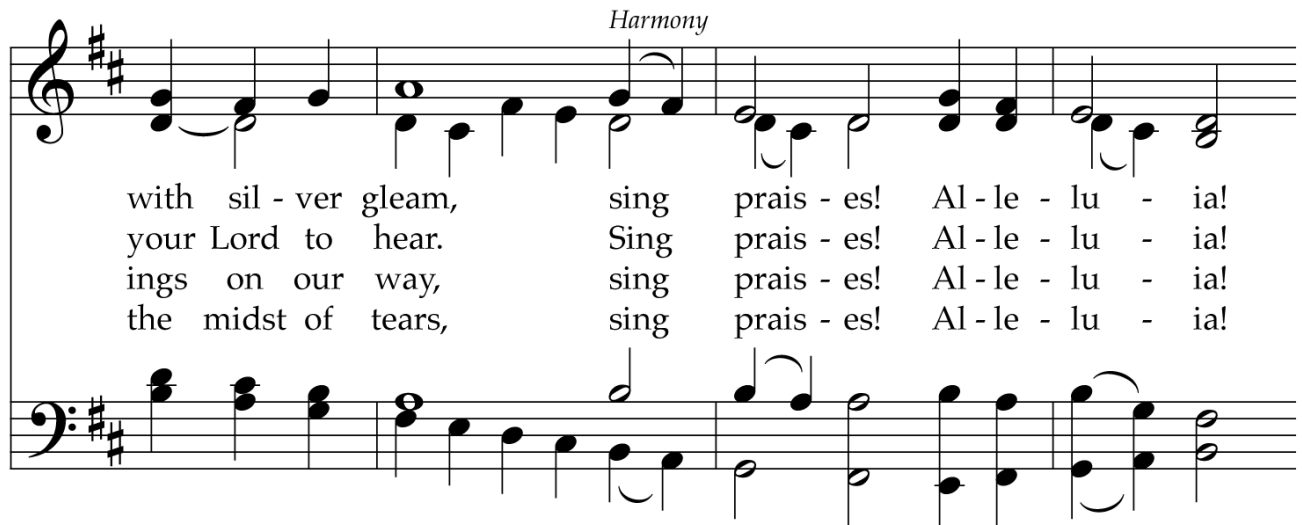
and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ows of the night. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 or sor - row grieve, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



O broth - er sun with gold - en beam, O sis - ter moon
 O sis - ter wa - ter, flow - ing clear, make mu - sic for
 Dear moth - er earth, who day by day un - folds such bless -
 Christ bears your bur - dens and your fears; so, e - ven in

Harmony



with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

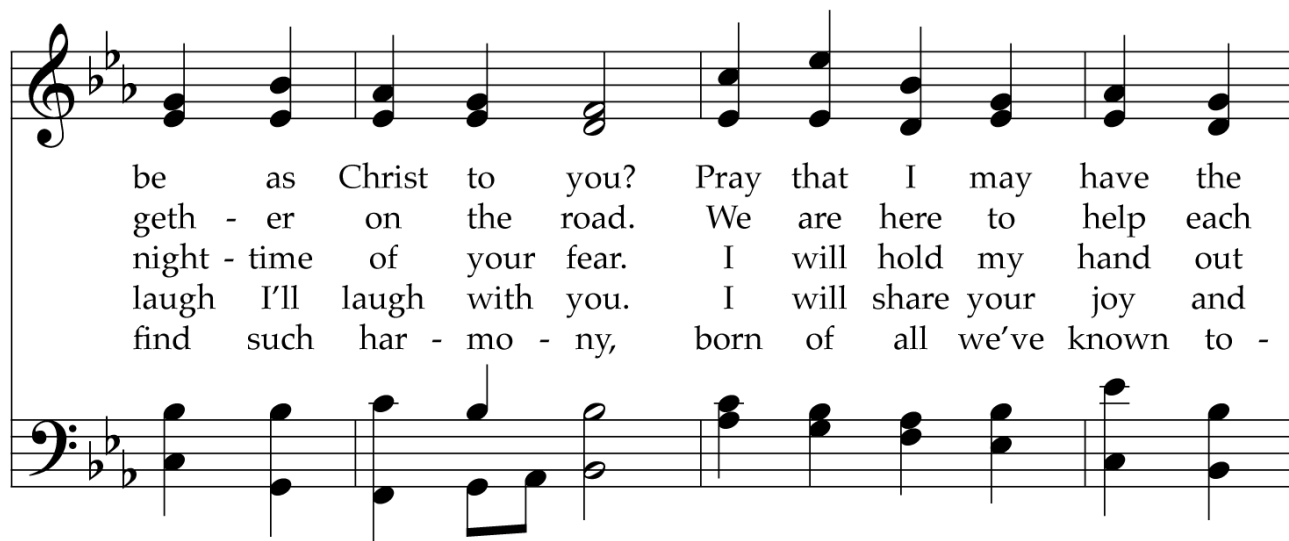
6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

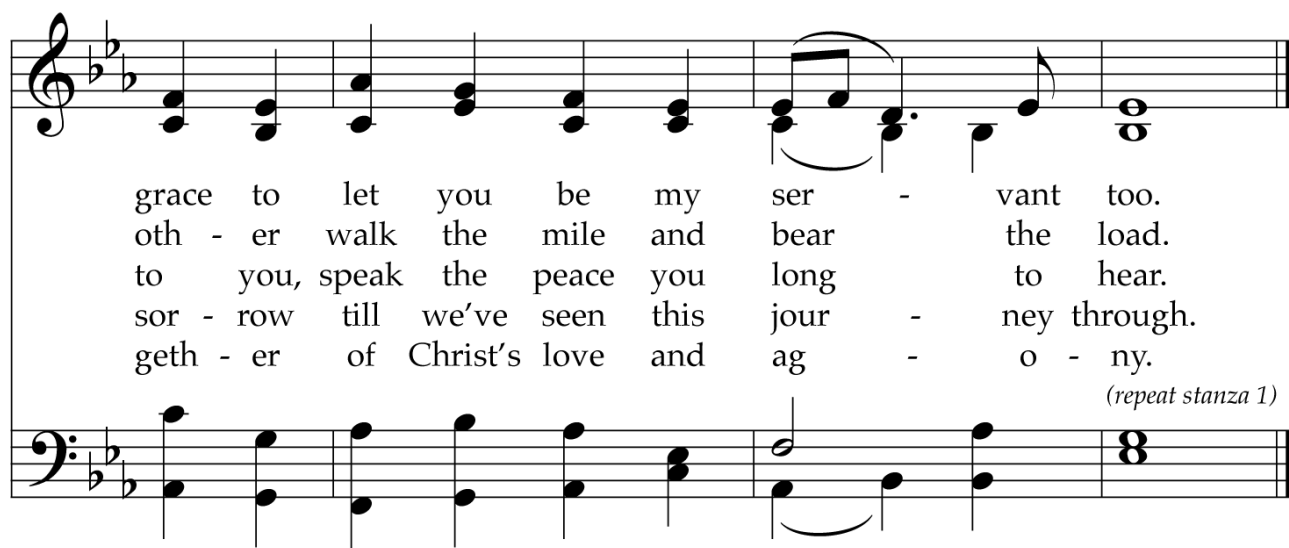
The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

Take My Life

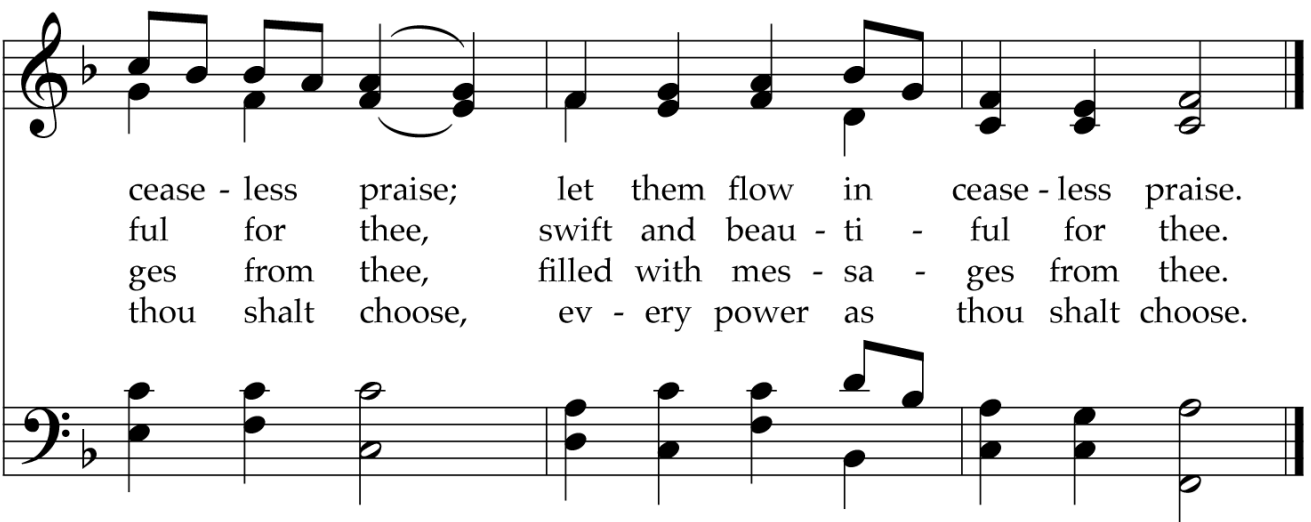
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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.