

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MARKET SQUARE

Presbyterian Church

20 South Second Street ■ Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

AUGUST 9, 2026 ■ 11:00 A.M.

Jezebel



John Byam Liston Shaw (1872–1919), *Jezebel*, 1896. Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum, Bournemouth, UK. Public domain. Jezebel is shown in opulent clothing with her arms raised, exuding a defiant energy as she fixes a rose in her red locks. The setting emphasizes the lavish luxury and moral corruption associated with her reign. 2 KINGS 9:30-31.

Elijah



Icon of Elijah created between 1400 and 1500. Exhibited at the Museum of Byzantine Culture, Thessaloniki, Greece. Public domain. The scroll reads: "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars..." 1 KINGS 19:10



OUR MISSION

To proclaim and live the Good News of Jesus Christ by welcoming friend and stranger alike into our diverse and inclusive family of faith regardless of race, class, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or worldly condition of any kind as we celebrate our gifts, work for justice, peace, and a sustainable environment, reach out in mission, and witness to God's transforming love.

Children's Ministry

Children of all ages are always welcome! There are two shelves in our Narthex (at the back of the Sanctuary) with sequin boards, crayons, markers, coloring sheets, and puzzles as well as a few library books that go along with the theme of the worship service. From September through Memorial Day, education for children K-6 is offered in the Children's Education Room (Level 4) immediately following the children's sermon (around 11:15 a.m.). Every Sunday, nursery care is available for children (infants through 5-year-olds) in the nursery on the fourth floor. The nursery is staffed by Sidney Dame, our nursery caregiver, and volunteers.

The Beacon Light

Want to stay in the loop? The *Beacon Light* is our weekly email that goes out every Wednesday, featuring sermon previews, upcoming events, music for Sunday worship, and updates on our church family and friends. To sign up, simply contact Nancy in the church office or you may do it through our website.

Parking Validation

Market Square Presbyterian does not own the garage, but is pleased to subsidize parking for worshipers as our gift to you today. Parking validation is available in the atrium before you leave. Please have your license plate number ready to give to a staff member. The garage has a new procedure this year, and we want to make sure you get out smoothly!

Welcome, Visitors!

We're so glad you joined us for worship today! Please take a moment to fill out the yellow visitor card in your pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you have any questions during your visit, our ushers are here to help. You'll find them at the back of the sanctuary wearing "Usher" name tags. They'd be happy to answer your questions, direct you to the restrooms or a drinking fountain, explain our parking arrangements, or help in any way they can.

If you'd like to learn more about our community, the best place to start is our website at marketsquarechurch.org or our Facebook page at facebook.com/MarketSquareChurch.

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When you see this symbol † preceding a part of the worship service, please rise in body or spirit.

Bold type denotes parts spoken or sung by the congregation.

WE APPROACH GOD

TOLLING OF THE BELL

This week we turn to 1 Kings 19:9–18, where Elijah, fleeing for his life after a violent confrontation with the prophets of Baal and the wrath of Queen Jezebel, encounters God not in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. As we reflect on fear, conflict, and the ways religious and cultural differences can divide us, we are reminded that God does not call us deeper into hostility, but gently invites us toward faithfulness, understanding, and peace. Alongside Paul's words in Romans 10:5–15, which proclaim that the good news is meant to be shared with all people, we are invited to listen for God's quiet voice and respond with trust, courage, and grace. We are glad you are worshiping with us today. This is holy ground.

Please silence your electronic devices.

WELCOME

The Reverend Allison R. Smith

VOLUNTARY

To God Be the Glory

William H. Doane (1832 – 1915)
arr. Karen Kuehmann

† CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on 1 Kings 11-13*)

Deacon Barbara Jewett

Leader: Upon Mount Horeb, Elijah heard the voice of God, not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence.

People: Holy God, quiet our minds and our hearts, rid us of distraction, so we can hear you and know you among us.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 806

I'll Praise My Maker

OLD 113TH

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Reverend Anne M. Ross

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and exaggerate critique. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness. We are willing to sacrifice compassion for order. We harden our hearts toward the beautiful complexity of the world we have. We pray for your forgiveness.

† SILENT CONFESSION

† KYRIE

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
F C F B^b C F

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

CORE VALUES: FAITH – COMMUNITY – COMPASSION – JUSTICE – SERVICE

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† GLORIA

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Passing of the Peace is an ancient Christian practice, a reminder that before we go any further in worship, we turn to one another and declare: you are seen, you are welcome, you belong here.

As the congregation passes the peace, children are invited forward for the Time with Our Children.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE

Romans 10:5-15
(p. 160 in the New Testament section of the pew Bible)

ANTHEM

Blessed Assurance

Phoebe Knapp (1839 – 1908)
arr. K. Kuehmann

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19-9-18
(p. 326 in the Old Testament section of the pew Bible)

SERMON

“Foreign Wives and the Fall of Israel”
The Reverend Allison R. Smith

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

† RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 214

You Are My Refuge, Faithful God

MORNING SONG

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from a Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

INVITATION TO GIVING

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OFFERTORY

Near to the Heart of God

arr. Brant Adams (b. 1955)

† DOXOLOGY NO. 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† SENDING HYMN NO. 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE

As a sign of our unity in Christ, we invite you to join hands, or simply remain where you are and hold one another in prayer, in whatever way feels comfortable to you as we sing the first verse of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.

† VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on 'Solid Rock'

Canonico-Dilley

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Worship Leaders This Morning

Rev. Allison R. Smith, Associate Pastor
Rev. Anne M. Ross, Pastoral Asst. for Congregational Care
Deacon Barbara Jewett, Liturgist
Tyler A. Canonico-Dilley, Minister of Music & Worship
Brian Buterbaugh, cello
Sean Meara, Crucifer
Newman Stare, Audiovisual Technician
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Flowers

The chancel flowers are given by Ann Marie Judson to remember the bombing victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; and to say “Never Again” to the use of nuclear weapons.

The bowl of flowers is given by Hylda & Danny Hendriksma in loving memory of Hessel (1923-2019) and Mary (1924-2024) Hendriksma.

Staff Notes

Rev. Stan Jenkins is on vacation from August 3 through August 16.

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, August 9, 2026 (11th Sunday after Pentecost)

First Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 16, 2026 (12th Sunday after Pentecost)

First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm: Psalm 133
Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

Our Ministry Today

Breakfast Coordinator: Elizabeth Terry

Breakfast Preparers: Table Life Church of the Nazarene (New Cumberland)

Breakfast Servers: Jim Terry, Janet Bargh, Rose Zampogna, John Dickinson, Jodie & Chris White

Nursery: Wendy Shearer

Ushers: Jeremy Bair, Dale and Gail Laninga

Deacon flowers: Mary Martin

August 14 Friday dinner:

Shift #1: Sean Meara, Dae Allen, Guy Kehler, Ray and Janet Kunkel

Shift #2: Dae, Joel Lopez, Friar Ishmael, Rizi R., Dolores G.

Please come forward

As we continue using our temporary sound system, we’ve roped off the back pews to encourage everyone to sit a little closer together. You’ll have a much better listening experience if you move toward the front.

We appreciate your flexibility and look forward to having our permanent sound system in place. Thank you for helping create a better worship experience for everyone.

Elevator Modernization

Our elevator modernization project is here! Today, you’ll notice some changes around the building as we prepare for construction. Furniture and stored items have been relocated, Fellowship Hall will look very different, and some ministries may need to pivot to other spaces. We’re still figuring that out.

As of press time, the elevator is scheduled to be out of service August 17 through September 28, although those dates are subject to revision. We’re working hard to make sure everyone can continue to participate in worship and church life during that time. We’ll keep you informed as plans are finalized.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we make this long-overdue improvement to our building.

Next Sunday: August 16, 2026

Worship

KOREAN LANGUAGE WORSHIP: 9:30 am, Davis Chapel

The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching

ENGLISH LANGUAGE WORSHIP: 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Rev. Allison R. Smith preaching

Tyler Canonico-Dilley leading

Mission

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST: 8:00 am in Fellowship Hall (1st floor)

HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR BREAKFAST GUESTS: Beginning at 8:30 am, Dr. Rahul Shenoy, Nurse Practitioner Deidania Rosado, and team from UPMC will provide medical evaluations, including physical exams, diagnosis of basic medical and mental health conditions, blood glucose checks, preventative health and nutrition education, mental health counseling, and referrals to clinics and social services. Dave Volkman's office (3rd floor)

CHARGING CENTER: 9:00 am-10:45 am in Fellowship Hall

Breakfast guests are invited to remain to charge their devices and keep warm/cool and dry.

Music Ministry

SUMMER CHOIR: 9:30 a.m. in the first floor Music Suite

You don't have to be a trained singer to join Summer Choir; you just need a willingness to sing! Once a month, we welcome anyone who would like to experience the joy of making music together in worship. We'll rehearse before the service, sing with the choir during worship, and have a great time along the way. Join us August 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the first-floor Music Suite. If Summer Choir has been on your "maybe someday" list, this is your last chance until next summer!

Education

KOREAN LANGUAGE BIBLE STUDY: 11:00 am, Davis Chapel (3rd floor) Join Rev. Ki Nam on the third and fourth Sundays of each month for Bible study. Rev. Ki Nam invites participants to deepen their faith through Scripture and to put God's Word into practice through acts of mercy, care, and everyday faithfulness.

Youth Ministry

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS ADVENTURE: This summer, Pastor Allison and Dungeon Master Tyler Chancey are leading youth on an epic D&D adventure! Eight sessions of fun, fellowship, and dragon-slaying await; remaining sessions are August 16, 23, and 30, from 12:30 to 3:00 pm in the Youth Room (4th floor).

Music This Week

Good morning! Today is the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. We welcome Brian Buterbaugh back to Market Square this morning!

The opening voluntary is an arrangement of “To God Be the Glory.” This hymn is probably one of the most beloved hymns of the Christian faith, with words by Fanny J. Crosby and music by William H. Doane. It was first published in 1875. Crosby’s text is a joyful proclamation that all honor and praise belong to God for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. The hymn’s refrain – “Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!” – invites the entire church to respond with gratitude and worship. In this expressive arrangement for cello and piano by Karen Kuehmann, the familiar melody is presented with warmth and beauty. The rich, singing voice of the cello offers a reflective interpretation of the hymn, allowing us to meditate on its message of grace while still capturing the triumphant spirit of praise.

Our processional hymn, “I’ll Praise My Maker,” is a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 146 written by the English hymn writer Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748). Drawing on the psalm’s message of steadfast trust in God, Watts contrasts the fleeting nature of human power with the eternal faithfulness of the Lord, who is the Creator, Defender of the oppressed, and Keeper of every promise. The hymn is a joyful affirmation that our hope rests not in earthly rulers or passing circumstances, but in God’s unchanging love and sovereign care. This text is most often paired with *Old 113th*, a noble tune adapted from the Genevan Psalter of 1551 and traditionally associated with the Reformed church’s rich psalm-singing heritage. Its dignified, flowing melody complements the confidence and praise expressed in Watt’s text, inviting us to lift our voices in gratitude to the God whose reign endures forever.

“Blessed Assurance” is also a well-known and deeply cherished hymn in the Christian tradition. The hymn was composed by Phoebe Palmer Knapp and the text was also by Fanny Crosby. It was first published in 1873. Inspired by the assurance of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, Crosby’s text expresses a profound confidence in God’s promises and the joy of belonging to Christ. Its memorable refrain, “This is my story, this is my song,” has made the hymn a source of comfort and encouragement for generations. In this arrangement, the melody takes on a warm, reflective character. The cello carries the familiar tune with tenderness, while the piano provides a graceful and supportive accompaniment that enhances the hymn’s message of hope, peace, and unwavering faith. Whether we hear this piece as a quiet meditation or a heartfelt expression of praise, this arrangement invites us to reflect on the abiding assurance found in God’s faithful love.

Our responsive hymn, “You Are My Refuge, Faithful God,” is a contemporary hymn based on the themes of Psalm 91, a psalm that has long offered comfort to those seeking God’s protection and peace. It affirms God’s steadfast presence in times of uncertainty, proclaiming the Lord as refuge, shelter, and source of unwavering hope. Its words invite worshipers to place their trust in God’s faithful care, confident that divine love remains constant through every season of life. The hymn is paired with *Morning Star*, a graceful tone composed by Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second (1813). The combination of an enduring American folk hymn tune with words rooted in the timeless promises of the Psalms creates a moving expression of faith, encouraging the congregation to rest securely in God’s abiding presence and to respond with confidence and praise.

The offertory anthem, “Near to the Heart of God,” is a beloved hymn with words and music by Cleland B. McAfee, written in 1901 following the tragic deaths of two young nieces. In the midst of grief, McAfee composed this hymn as a testimony to the peace and comfort found in the presence of Christ. Its gentle refrain, “There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,” has offered hope and consolation to countless believers for more than a century. In this expressive arrangement by Brant Adams, the hymn’s serene melody is presented with warmth and sensitivity, inviting us into a spirit of prayer and reflection. Adams preserves the hymn’s quiet reverence while enriching it with expressive harmonies and flowing accompaniment, allowing the familiar tune to unfold with renewed depth and beauty. As we hear this timeless hymn, we are reminded that amid life’s joys and sorrows, God’s presence remains our refuge, our peace, and our abiding source of strength.

Our sending hymn, “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less,” is one of the Church’s most enduring hymns of faith and assurance. Written by Edward Mote in 1834, its text proclaims the unwavering confidence believers have in Jesus Christ, declaring that no earthly circumstance or human achievement can provide a firmer foundation than God’s redeeming grace. The hymn’s stirring refrain, “On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,” echoes the biblical image of building one’s life upon the unshakable foundation of Christ (Matthew 7:24-27). The hymn is paired with *Solid Rock*, a tune composed by William B. Bradbury in 1863. Its strong, dignified melody underscores the text’s message of steadfast hope, inviting the congregation to sing with confidence and conviction. Together, Mote’s timeless words and Bradbury’s memorable tune offer a powerful affirmation that amid life’s uncertainties, Christ remains the sure and lasting foundation upon whom our faith is built.

Music next week – The Summer Choir will sing “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” arranged by Ovid Young and “Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace” by John Rutter. The hymns for the morning will be, “When the Morning Stars Together,” “O God, in a Mysterious Way,” and “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound.”

~ Tyler Canonico-Dilley

Last Call: Lost Your Water Bottle?

If you’ve misplaced a water bottle recently, please check the plastic bags hanging on the coat hooks just outside the kitchen — and don’t forget to look in the lost & found box in the copy room, too! Any bottles still unclaimed by August 17 will be donated to our breakfast guests.

Many Voices Worship Service – August 30

Join Presbyterians from across our presbytery for the Many Voices Worship Service on Sunday, August 30, at 4:00 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church in Carlisle.

This special service is an opportunity to worship alongside siblings in Christ from congregations throughout Central Pennsylvania—to experience Spirit-filled worship, inspiring preaching, beautiful music, and joyful fellowship as we celebrate the unity of the church.

The Rev. CeCe Armstrong, Co-Moderator of the 226th General Assembly of the PC(USA) and Associate Pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church in Charleston, South Carolina, will preach.

Music will be led by an outstanding team from across the presbytery, including our own Tyler Canonico-Dilley. Market Square is also honored to provide the authentic communion bread for the service, lovingly prepared by Melinda Ormsbee Cree.

We hope you’ll join us for this meaningful afternoon of worship and fellowship with our wider Presbyterian family.

August 9 - 16

Sun	8:00 am	Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall	Fri	1:00 pm	ISC Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 am	Charging Center (until 10:45 am), FH		3:00 pm	MSPC Evening Meal Prep, Kitchen
	9:30 am	Korean Language Worship, Davis Chapel		5:30 pm	Community Dinner, 2nd Street
	10:30 am	Monthly Deacons Coffee Hour, Atrium	Sun	8:00 am	Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
	10:45 am	Nursery opens, Level 4		8:30 am	Health Clinic, Dave's office
	11:00 am	English Language Worship, Sanctuary		9:00 am	Charging Center (until 10:45 am), FH
	12:00 pm	Korean Luncheon, Fellowship Hall		9:30 am	Korean Language Worship, Davis Chapel
	7:00 pm	Outreach & Marketing Committee, Zoom		9:30 am	Summer Choir, Music Suite, & Sanctuary
Mon	10:00 am	Worship Staff meeting, Stan's office		10:45 am	Nursery opens, Level 4
Tues	11:00 am	Full Staff meeting, Conference Room		11:00 am	English Language Worship, Sanctuary
	5:15 pm	AOTS Team meeting, Conference Room		11:00 am	Korean Language Bible Study, Davis Ch.
Wed	5:30 pm	Board of Trustees, Zoom		12:30 pm	Youth D&D Adventure, Youth Room
Thur	7:30 pm	Peacemaking Committee, Zoom		7:00 pm	Outreach & Marketing Committee, Zoom

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I'll Praise My Maker

(Psalm 146)

1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice
 2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God,
 3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports
 4 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice

is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.
 who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train;
 the faint - ing mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace.
 is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought
 whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed
 God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought

and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
 and feeds the poor, and none shall find God's prom - ise vain.
 the par - ent - less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
 and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

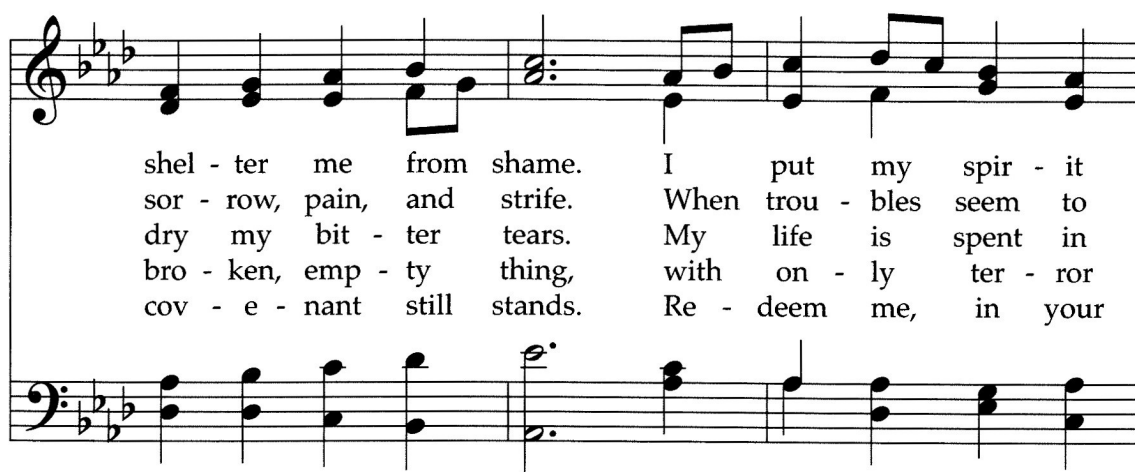
This paraphrase of Psalm 146 was a great favorite of John Wesley: it appeared in his first hymn collection in 1737 (published in Charleston, South Carolina) and was on his lips when he died. The 16th-century tune to which it is set here is the one Watts had in mind for it.

214 You Are My Refuge, Faithful God

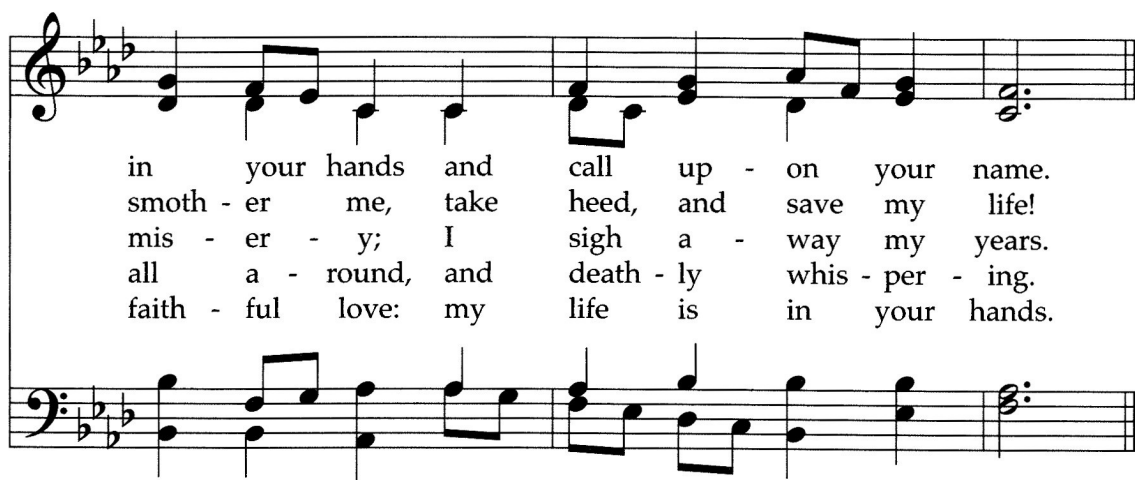
(Psalm 31)



1 You are my ref - uge, faith - ful God; you
 2 De - liv - er me from hid - den snares, from
 3 Be gra - cious, God, in my dis - tress, and
 4 I am a wretch - ed sight to see: a
 5 And yet I trust in you, O God; your



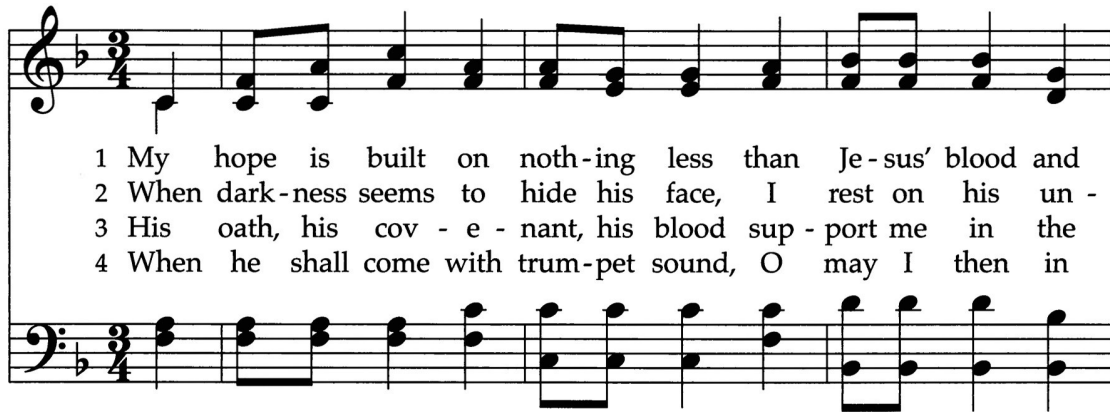
shel - ter me from shame. I put my spir - it
 sor - row, pain, and strife. When trou - bles seem to
 dry my bit - ter tears. My life is spent in
 bro - ken, emp - ty thing, with on - ly ter - ror
 cov - e - nant still stands. Re - deem me, in your



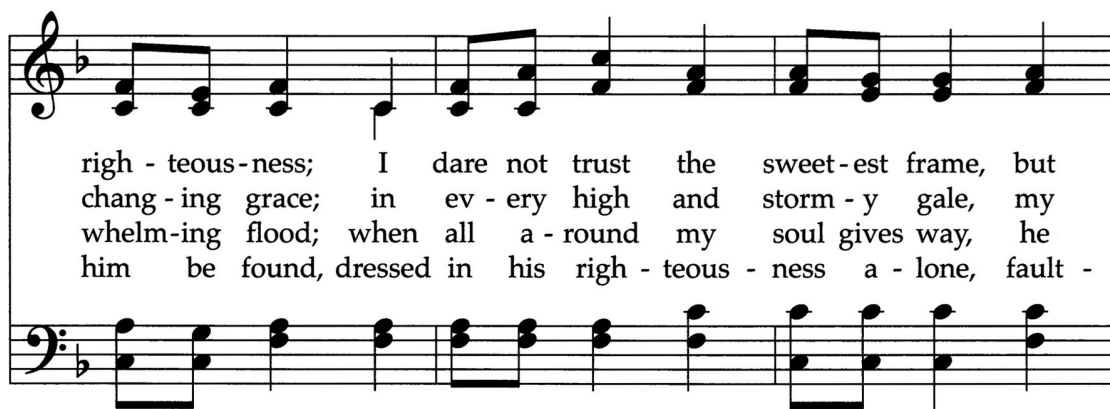
in your hands and call up - on your name.
 smoth - er me, take heed, and save my life!
 mis - er - y; I sigh a - way my years.
 all a - round, and death - ly whis - per - ing.
 faith - ful love: my life is in your hands.

What John Calvin said about Psalm 31:5 can be applied to this paraphrase of the psalm as a whole: it is one of the places in scripture "most suitable for correcting distrust." That verse was on Jesus' dying lips (Luke 23:46), and this psalm is appointed for Passion/Palm Sunday.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

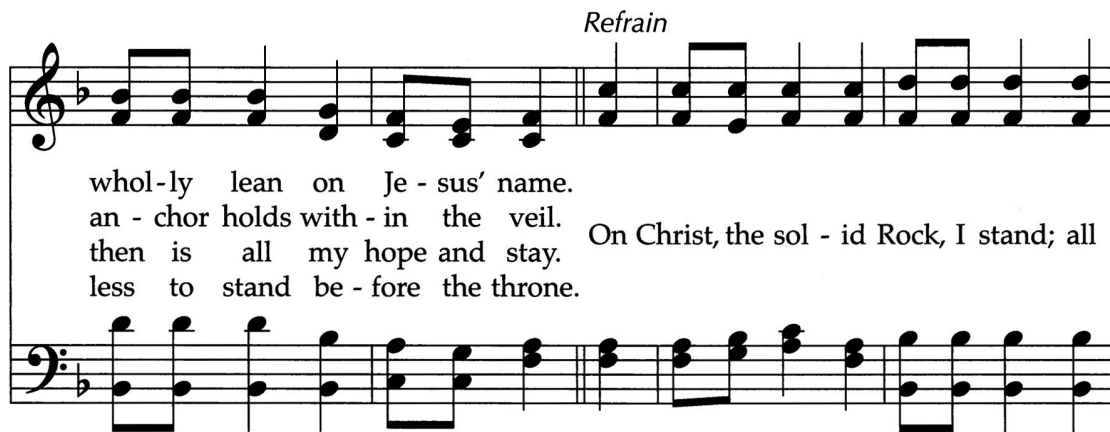


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righteous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and storm-y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righteous-ness a-lone, fault -

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
 an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be-fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27/Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.