

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MARKET SQUARE
Presbyterian Church

20 South Second Street ▪ Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

JULY 19, 2026 ▪ 11:00 A.M.

Now hope that is seen is not hope,
for who hopes for what one already sees?



But if we hope for what we do not see,
we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:24-25



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'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 hear the story of Jacob's dream — a ladder reaching from earth to heaven, with angels ascending and descending, and God's promise spoken over him even in a lonely, unlikely place (Genesis 28:10-19a). And in Romans 8:12-25, Paul reminds us that all of creation is groaning, waiting with eager hope for what God is bringing to birth.

Into all of it, we ask: what does it mean to hold onto hope, even when the way forward is unclear?

*We are glad you are worshiping with us today. This is holy ground. **Please silence your electronic devices.***

WELCOME

The Reverend Stanley J. Jenkins

VOLUNTARY

Fairest Lord Jesus

Ruth Elaine Schram

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Trustee John Dame

Leader: Surely the Lord is in this place, and we did not know it.

People: We do not know when and where God's glorious presence will show up.

Leader: Surely we are the Body of Christ.

People: We cannot say to one another, "I have no need of you."

Leader: Surely our God is a mystery that cannot be contained.

People: Let us worship our unpredictable and uncontrollable God!

HYMN SING

This morning we gather the way God's people always have: with song. Be ready to call out a favorite hymn; we'll lift our voices together on two verses of three congregational favorites.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Reverend Allison R. Smith

Lord, you have searched us and found us wanting. You have known our inmost thoughts and called us to better things. You have set us in this world to love and serve you by loving and serving one another, to worship you by tending to those most vulnerable among us. When we fail, do not abandon us. When we go astray, call us back home. Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. Root out the wicked ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

† 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.

† 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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Genesis 28:10-19a

(p. 25 in the Old Testament section of the pew Bible)

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson (1735 – 1790), text
John Cornish, arranger

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer: "hither by thy help I've come;"
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 8:12-25

(p. 158 in the New Testament section of the pew Bible)

SERMON

"The Present Age and the Age to Come"
The Reverend Stanley J. Jenkins

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

† RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from the Second Helvetic Confession)*

**The Church is an assembly of the faithful,
Called or gathered out of the world.
They are all citizens of the one city,
Living under the same Lord,
Under the same laws,
And in the same fellowship with all good things.
Those who are in the Church have one faith and one spirit;
They worship but one God,
And in God alone they worship in spirit and truth.
Hence, we must be very careful not to judge before the time,
Nor undertake to exclude, reject, or cut off
Those whom the Lord does not want to have excluded or rejected,
And those whom we cannot eliminate without loss to 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Market Square Matters!

Deacon Marianne Flickinger

INVITATION TO GIVING

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OFFERTORY

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey (1899 – 1993), text and music
Jack Schrader (b. 1942), arranger

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

† 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. 56

Sing Out with Joy to God Our Strength

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

† 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."

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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

Prelude and Fugue in Baroque Style on 'Nettleton'

Ethan Haman (b. 1997)

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Worship Leaders This Morning

Rev. Stanley J. Jenkins, Pastor/Head of Staff
Rev. Allison R. Smith, Associate Pastor
Trustee John Dame, Liturgist
Tyler A. Canonico-Dilley, Minister of Music and Worship
The Summer Choir
Louise Poorman, piano
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Flowers

The chancel flowers are given by Mrs. Chong Horowitz to the glory of God and in loving memory of her late sister Chong Ok Lee (April 3, 1939-July 20, 2017).

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, July 19, 2026 (8th Sunday after Pentecost)

First Reading: Genesis 29:15–28
Psalm: Psalm 105:1–11, 45b (or Psalm 128)
Second Reading: Romans 8:26–39
Gospel: Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

Sunday, July 26, 2026 (9th Sunday after Pentecost)

First Reading: Genesis 29:15–28
Psalm: Psalm 105:1–11, 45b (or Psalm 128)
Second Reading: Romans 8:26–39
Gospel: Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

Cover Art

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Our Ministry Today

Breakfast Coordinator: Janet Kunkel

Breakfast Preparers: the Market Square Team

Breakfast Servers: Ray Kunkel, Marty Shifflett, Jeff Row, Gail and Dale Laninga, Alice Hamilton

Nursery: Trudy Mumper

Ushers: Jeremy Bair, Kirk Ney, Sally Harris, Caleb Stelle

Deacon flowers:

July 24 Friday dinner:

Shift #1: Nancy Snyder and Team

Shift #2: Dae Allen, Dave Volkman, Friar Ishmael, Joel Lopez

Staff Notes

Revs. Allison and Stan are both off on Monday, July 20. Please contact the church office if pastoral concerns arise.

Michelle Sheaffer is taking the day off on Wednesday, July 22.

Nancy Sheets is taking vacation time Thursday, July 23 through Monday, July 27.

Banners

As we prepare for Pride Sunday on July 26, you'll notice banners in the sanctuary, out front, and along the exterior of the church. These are not merely decorations; they are a public witness to the radical welcome we believe is at the heart of the Gospel. We are reminded that Christ ate at tables with those the world cast aside, that Paul proclaimed there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for all are one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28), and that God's house is to be called a house of prayer for all people (Isaiah 56:7).

These banners extend that welcome visibly, not only to our siblings who identify as LGBTQIA+, but to all people, whatever their "worldly condition" may be. As a Matthew 25 congregation, we take seriously Christ's call to see and welcome him in the stranger, the marginalized, and the overlooked (Matthew 25:35-40). These banners are our way of saying, in a language the whole city can read: all are beloved here, and all belong.

Next Sunday: July 26, 2026

Worship

KOREAN LANGUAGE WORSHIP: 9:30 am, Davis Chapel
The Reverend Ki Nam Lee preaching

ENGLISH LANGUAGE WORSHIP: 11:00 am, Sanctuary
Pride Sunday
Revs. Stan Jenkins and Allison Smith leading; Tyler A. Canonico-Dilley preaching
Music by Marty and Lucy Schlenker

Mission

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

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 July 5, 12, and 26; and August 16, 23, and 30, from 12:30 to 3:00 pm in the Youth Room (4th floor).

Witness for People & Planet

On Friday, July 24, join the Reverend Kevin Long for a walk and witness through Harrisburg supporting the livability of the world we inhabit. This is a focused, interfaith event supporting ecological justice. Bring your signs with messaging supporting the health of our environment (and policies doing the same). Need an idea for a sign? Check out [this site](#) or search "Getty images climate change signs."

Participants will meet at the City Island end of the Walnut Street foot bridge. They will carry their signs across the bridge, then along the river to Kunkel Plaza, then down State Street to the state capitol steps, where they will be led in prayer by local faith leaders.

The purpose of this witness is to demonstrate that people of faith support policies that will protect the livability of the planet we inhabit, to call out the corruption that prevents those policies from being enacted, and to leave space for the divine in our efforts to defend God's good creation.

Logistical information: Note that parking on City Island is free and it is approximately 0.8 miles from City Island to the capitol steps.

Music This Week

Good morning! “Fairest Lord Jesus” is one of Christianity’s most beloved hymns, cherished for its gentle melody and its heartfelt expression of devotion to Christ. Also known as *Beautiful Savior*, the hymn praises Jesus as the source of all beauty, truth, and grace, contrasting the splendor of creation with the surpassing glory of the Savior. In this piano arrangement, Ruth Elaine Schram presents the familiar melody with warmth, lyricism, and expressive harmonies that invite quiet reflection.

Written in 1758 by English pastor Robert Robinson, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” is a beloved hymn that celebrates God’s unfailing grace and the believer’s continual need for divine guidance. Its memorable phrases, including “streams of mercy, never ceasing” and “here I raise mine Ebenezer,” reflect gratitude for God’s faithfulness while acknowledging the human tendency to wander from His ways. Today’s anthem by John Cornish brings renewed vitality to the familiar hymn through expressive harmonies and sensitive musical craftsmanship. The arrangement preserves the hymn’s timeless message while inviting us to reflect on God’s abundant blessings, steadfast love, and the grace that continually calls God’s people home.

Our responsive hymn, “For the Fruit of All Creation,” was written in 1970 by English hymn writer Fred Pratt Green. This is a hymn of thanksgiving that celebrates God’s abundant gifts in both creation and human community. The text moves beyond gratitude for the harvest to recognize the blessings of honest labor, justice, compassion, and faithful stewardship, reminding us that all good things ultimately come from God. The text is paired with the beloved Welsh folk melody *Ar Hyd Y Nos* (“All Through the Night”), whose graceful, flowing character lends warmth and reverence to Green’s text. The union of these timeless words and melody creates a reflective expression of praise, inviting us to give thanks not only for the bounty of the earth but also for God’s enduring presence and the call to share God’s blessings with others.

One of the most treasured hymns of the gospel tradition, “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” was written by Thomas A. Dorsey in 1932 during a period of profound personal grief following the loss of his wife and infant son. Drawing inspiration from a nineteenth-century hymn, Dorsey crafted a heartfelt prayer for God’s comfort, strength, and guidance through life’s darkest moments. Its message of trust has brought hope to generations of believers and has made the hymn a lasting source of comfort in worship and times of remembrance. In today’s offertory anthem, Jack Schrader honors the hymn’s deep emotional and spiritual resonance with expressive harmonies and sensitive voicing. The familiar melody unfolds with warmth and dignity, inviting us to rest in God’s abiding presence and to find renewed assurance in God’s faithful leading.

Based on the joyful words of Psalm 81, “Sing Out with Joy to God Our Strength” is a vibrant hymn of praise that calls God’s people to worship with gratitude and celebration. The text invites us to remember God’s faithfulness, rejoice in God’s saving power, and respond with heartfelt thanksgiving for God’s enduring care. The text is paired nicely with *Shepherds’ pipes*, a lively English folk melody adapted by the renowned composer and arranger Percy Grainger. Its buoyant rhythm and energetic character beautifully complement the psalm’s exuberant call to joyful worship. Together, text and tune encourage all who gather to lift their voices in praise, celebrating the steadfast strength and faithfulness of God.

In “Prelude and Fugue in Baroque Style on ‘Nettleton,’” contemporary composer Ethan Haman pays tribute to the rich traditions of the Baroque era while reimagining one of America’s most beloved hymn tunes. The opening Prelude presents the familiar tune with energetic rhythms, expressive harmonies, and idiomatic keyboard writing inspired by the music of composers such as Johann Sebastian Bach. The accompanying Fugue then transforms fragments of the hymn into an intricate tapestry of imitative counterpoint, demonstrating both technical craftsmanship and creative imagination. By blending a cherished hymn melody with the formal elegance of Baroque style, Haman’s work offers a fresh perspective on a timeless expression of faith!

Music next week – The hymns for the morning will be, “Help Us Accept Each Other” and “Let Us Build a House.” It will be the last Sunday of our hymn sing, so if we haven’t sung your favorite hymn(s) yet, you have to be extra ready and loud when calling it out this week!

~ Tyler Canonico-Dilley

Tonight: Sunday Evening Worship

Join us for a special Sunday Evening Worship service this evening at 7:00 p.m. at Emory Grove Tabernacle, 102 Waugh Avenue, Glyndon, Maryland. Tyler’s grandparents were longtime members of this historic Methodist camp, and for those familiar with our own Mt. Gretna, one of Emory Grove’s lovely volunteers has described it as “Emory Grove on steroids”!

We hope you’ll join Revs. Stan and Allison, Tyler, the Summer Choir, and Ethan Draper on piano for a moving, old-timey outdoor service in a lovely setting. Brochures about Emory Grove’s history are available in the narthex if you’d like to learn more before you go. We’d love to have you there!

MSPC at Central PA Pridefest — A Few Volunteers Still Needed!

Saturday, July 25 from 11 am to 6 pm

For more than 25 years, Market Square has shown up at Pridefest, not as spectators, but as a faith community standing in love with our LGBTQ+ neighbors. This witness is part of who we are, and we can’t carry it forward without you. Allies welcome. All ages welcome. Whether you’ve staffed the booth every year or have never done this before, there’s a place for you.

We currently need set-up and takedown people:

- **Tyler and Sean will set up the booth in the morning but they could use one or two more people.**
- **We need a takedown crew (ideally, at least two people) from 5 pm-ish to 6 pm.**

Revs. Stan and Allison, Tyler, and Sean all will be staffing the booth from noon to 1 pm. Come for an hour or stay all day; every person who shows up helps us continue being a welcoming, loving presence for those who have too often been told they don’t belong. Contact the church office to sign up.

Health Clinic Needs

Dr. Rahul Shenoy's Health Clinic is now operating twice a month here at the church, offering health screenings for our Sunday Breakfast guests. Beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Dave Volkman's office (3rd floor), Dr. Shenoy and his team from UPMC provide:

- Physical exams and basic medical/mental health evaluations
- Blood glucose checks
- Preventative health and nutrition education
- Mental health counseling
- Referrals to clinics and social services

Dr. Shenoy has created an Amazon Wish List for supplies needed for the clinic. Donors can purchase items directly, and purchases are automatically marked as fulfilled to avoid duplicates. The list is updated monthly with seasonal needs.

Current wish list includes: travel-size hygiene kits, toothbrushes and toothpaste, lip balm, hand warmers, rain ponchos, reusable water bottles, backpacks or drawstring bags, socks, gloves, caps, and beanies.

For online readers, view the list here: [Amazon Wish List](#) or watch our socials or contact the church office to get the link.

Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry!

Invitation from Open Source Housing

Open Source Housing Solutions has been at work since earlier this year, and we are grateful for the community support that has helped us get this far. As a grassroots, all-volunteer non-profit, our mission is to provide safe and supportive emergency and transitional housing for individuals and couples experiencing homelessness in the Harrisburg area. Our home in Steelton is now open and welcoming residents — and we would love for you to come see it for yourself! Please join us for an Open House and BBQ on Sunday, July 26, at 1:00 pm at 346 Pine Street, Steelton. Come meet the residents, tour the house, and share a meal with us. To RSVP, please contact PJ Taylor: [this2shallpass46@aol.com](mailto:his2shallpass46@aol.com)

Room for Seven: A Family in Need of a Van

John and Susanne Robinson have befriended an Afghan refugee family through the International Service Center after John met the wife/mother while driving her to and from English classes. They have had many visits with the family of seven, including a now six-month old daughter. This little person and her car seat have made their only car too small for the whole family. Dad uses it for work, and mom is taking driving lessons. Their hope is to find a good used van, like a Toyota Sienna or something like it that will accommodate all seven in the family. If you or someone you know is thinking of selling a similar older vehicle at a reasonable price, or if you know of someone who is a reliable salesperson who might keep an eye out for them, please contact John at (717) 545-2979. Thank you very much.

July 19 - 26

Sun	8:00 am	Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall	Fri	1:00 pm	ISC Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall
	8:30 am	Health Clinic, Dave V's office, Level 3		3:00 pm	MSPC Evening Meal Prep, Kitchen
	9:00 am	Charging Center (until 10:45 am), FH		5:30 pm	Community Dinner, 2nd Street
	9:30 am	Korean Language Worship, Davis Chapel	Sat	11:00 am	Central PA Pridefest, Soldiers Grove
	9:30 am	Summer Choir, Music Suite, Level 1	Sun	8:00 am	Community Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
	10:45 am	Nursery opens, Level 4		9:00 am	Charging Center (until 10:45 am), FH
	11:00 am	English Language Worship, Sanctuary		9:30 am	Korean Language Worship, Davis Chapel
	11:00 am	Korean Language Bible Study, Davis Ch.		10:45 am	Nursery opens, Level 4
	1:00 pm	Market Square Concerts rehearsal		11:00 am	English Language Worship, Sanctuary
	2:30 pm	Piano Tuning, Sanctuary		11:00 am	Korean Language Bible Study, Davis Ch.
	4:00 pm	Market Square Concerts, Sanctuary		12:30 pm	Youth D&D Adventure, Youth Room
	7:00 pm	Outreach & Marketing Committee, Zoom		7:00 pm	Outreach & Marketing Committee, Zoom
	7:00 pm	Evening Worship, Emory Grove (MD)			
Mon	11:00 am	Organ lesson, Sanctuary			
Tues	10:00 am	Worship Staff meeting, Stan's office			
	12:00 pm	Homelessness Task Force, Youth Room			
	7:00 pm	Session & Deacons, Geneva Hall			

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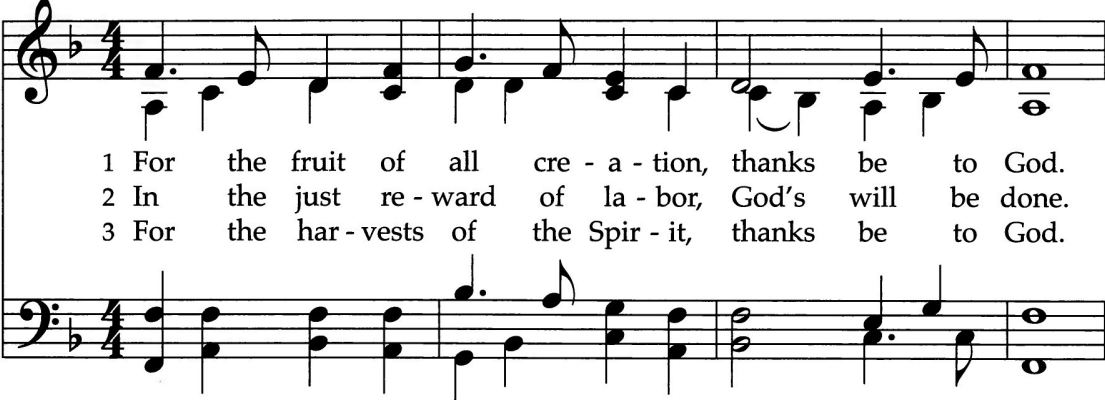
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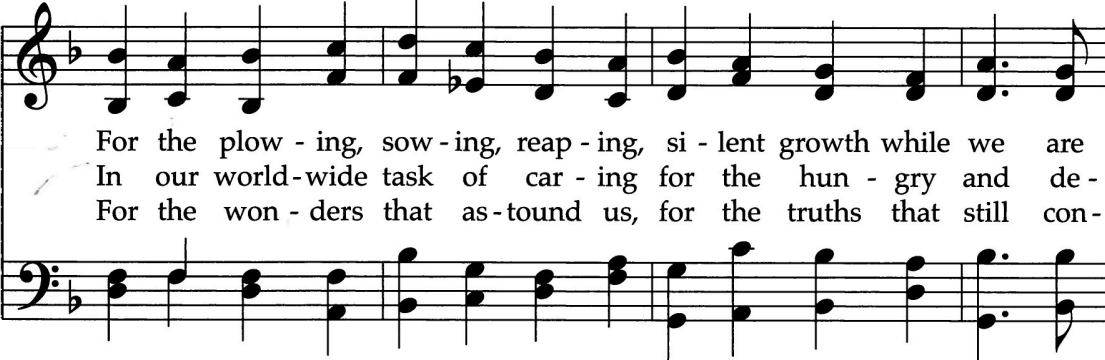
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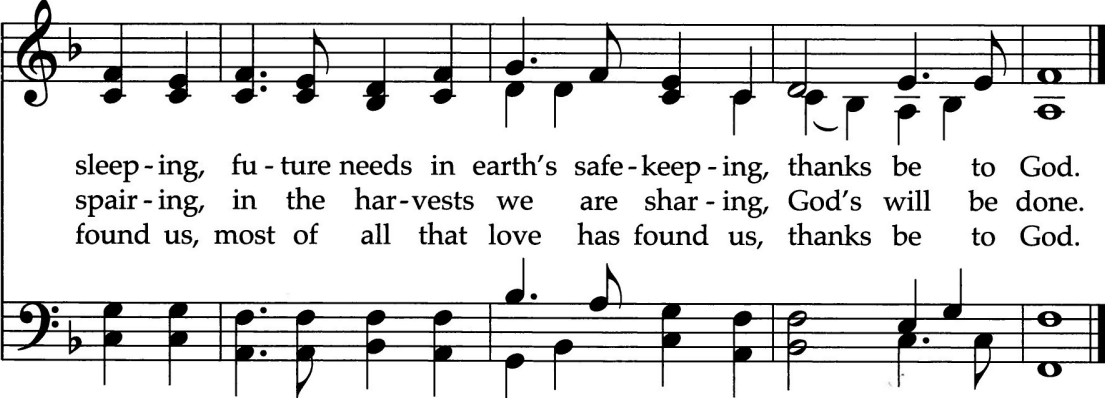
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



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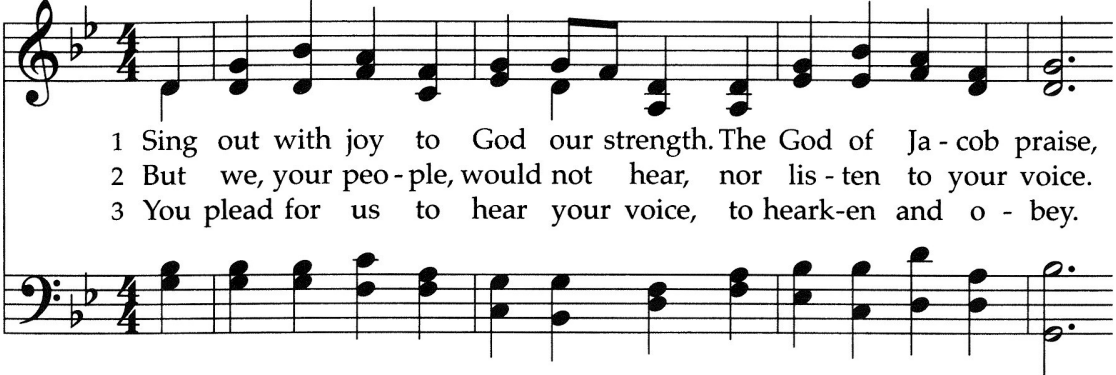


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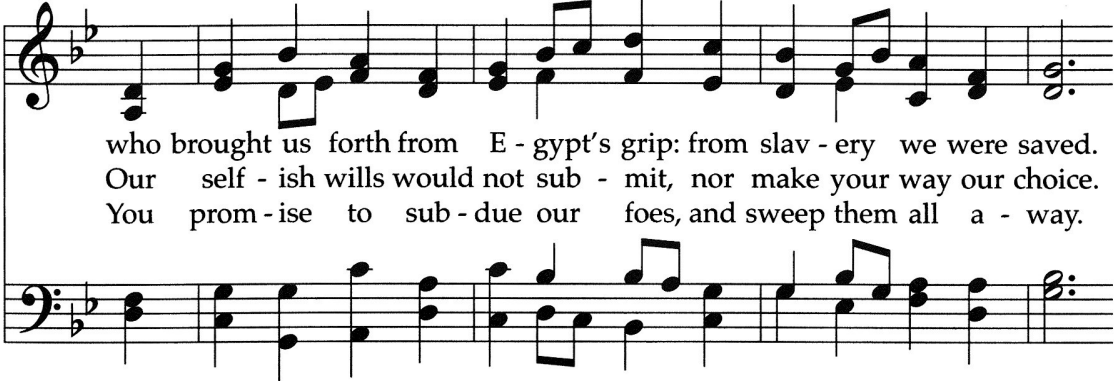
Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

Sing Out with Joy to God Our Strength 56

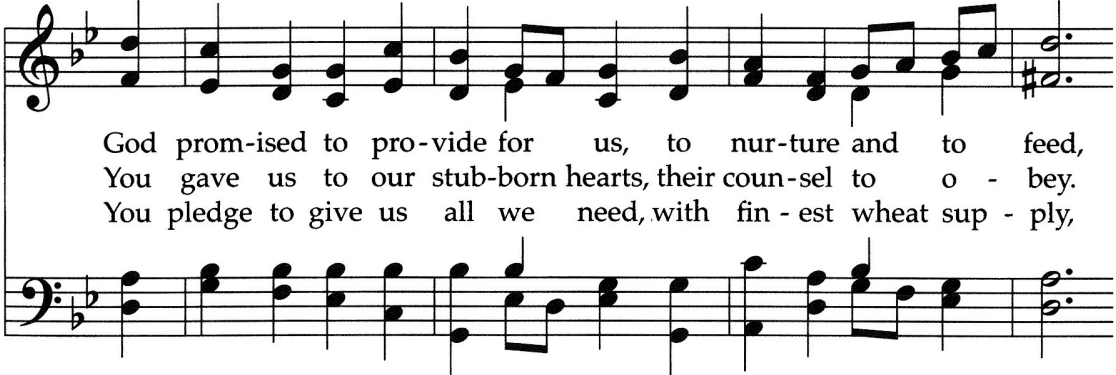
(Psalm 81)



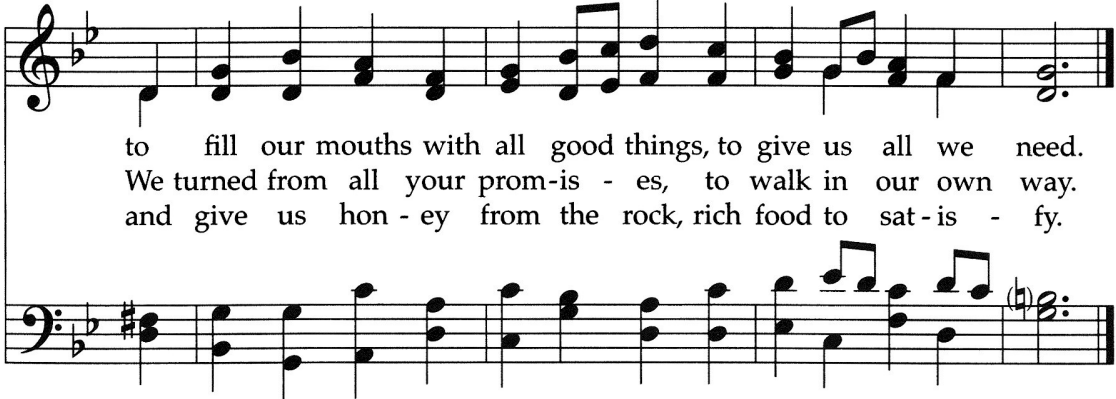
1 Sing out with joy to God our strength. The God of Ja - cob praise,
 2 But we, your peo - ple, would not hear, nor lis - ten to your voice.
 3 You plead for us to hear your voice, to heark-en and o - bey.



who brought us forth from E - gypt's grip: from slav - ery we were saved.
 Our self - ish wills would not sub - mit, nor make your way our choice.
 You prom - ise to sub - due our foes, and sweep them all a - way.



God prom - ised to pro - vide for us, to nur - ture and to feed,
 You gave us to our stub - born hearts, their coun - sel to o - bey.
 You pledge to give us all we need, with fin - est wheat sup - ply,



to fill our mouths with all good things, to give us all we need.
 We turned from all your prom - is - es, to walk in our own way.
 and give us hon - ey from the rock, rich food to sat - is - fy.

A key word running through this paraphrase of Psalm 81 is "promise." The first stanza recalls how God fulfilled the promise of deliverance from Egypt and protection in the wilderness. The final two stanzas admit that God's promises were ignored, but they continue to be offered.