

Carmel Presbyterian Church
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 24, 2022
10:00 AM



Order of Worship

** Please stand, as able.
Congregation voices **Bold** responses.*

WE GATHER TOGETHER

We gather as a community of faith to meet God in new ways, and we reflect on the hope and promise of God's gift to us through Jesus Christ.

Welcome and Greetings –

Prelude

Liebster Jesu

**Michael Bedford
(b. 1949)**

*** Call to Worship (Spoken responsively; Psalm 130) –**

Out of the depths, we cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our voice.

If you kept account of all our sin, O Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you: Therefore, you shall be feared and worshiped

I wait for you O Lord; My soul waits for in your word is hope

Wait for the Lord, O people of God, for with the Lord there is mercy.

The Lord is our salvation, For God has power to redeem us from all our sins.

*** Hymn 454**

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Liebster Jesu

Call to Confession (Seated) –

Prayer of Confession (In unison; From Call to Worship, 2002-2002, p. 179) –

Let us pray.

Ruler of all, we confess that we have sought to please ourselves instead of glorifying you. We have set aside the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom, and have relied upon our own strength rather than upon your Spirit. Forgive our stubborn insistence on doing things our own way and serving you on our own terms. Teach us to seek your kingdom first, and your justice before all else, confident that your promise to care for us is fully trustworthy, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(A moment of silence for personal reflection & confession...)

Amen. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (Read responsively) –

Receive the forgiveness offered to us in Christ.

We rejoice in the redemption God provides.

Friends: believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia. Amen.

* **Gloria Patri – Hymn 567**

“Glory to the Father”

John Weaver

* **Passing of the Peace (Spoken responsively) –**

Grace and peace to you!

Grace and peace to one another.

Grace and peace to the world!

Let us share this peace today as we pass the peace of Christ.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also, with you.

(Greet one another sharing God’s peace now and throughout the week.)

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

We hear the stories of our faith in scripture, song, prayer, and sermon.

Children’s Message –

(Following the Children’s message, children are invited to sit with their families as Children’s Church is on hiatus.)

Unison Prayer for Illumination (In unison) –

Let us pray.

Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Guide us, Holy Spirit, through your Word read and proclaimed today. Amen.

First Reading –

The first reading is Luke, chapter 8, verses 4-8; p. 63). The Parable of the Sower; also known as, The Parable of the Soils. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

When a great crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from one city after another, he spoke to them in a parable: “A farmer went out to scatter his seed. As he was scattering it, some fell on the path where it was crushed, and the birds in the sky came and ate it. Other seed fell on rock. As it grew, it dried up because it had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorns grew with the plants and choked them. Still other seed landed on good soil. When it grew, it produced one hundred times more grain than was scattered.” As he said this, he called out, “Everyone who has ears should pay attention.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

* **Hymn 247**

“I Will Give Thanks with My Whole Heart”

Herr Jesu Christ

(The hymn is based on the lectionary Psalm of the day: Psalm 138; p. 545. I give you thanks, O Lord; through I walk in trouble, you deliver me.)

Second Reading –

The second reading is Hebrews, chapter 11, verses 29-34; p. 212. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

By faith they crossed the Red Sea as if they were on dry land, but when the Egyptians tried it, they were drowned.

By faith Jericho's walls fell after the people marched around them for seven days.

By faith Rahab the prostitute wasn't killed with the disobedient because she welcomed the spies in peace.

What more can I say? I would run out of time if I told you about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. Through faith they conquered kingdoms, brought about justice, realized promises, shut the mouths of lions, put out raging fires, escaped from the edge of the sword, found strength in weakness, were mighty in war, and routed foreign armies.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Third Reading –

The third reading is Judges, chapter 6, verses 11-24; p. 213. The call of Gideon. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Then Gideon realized that it had been the Lord's messenger. Gideon exclaimed, "Oh no, Lord God! I have seen the Lord's messenger face-to-face!"

But the Lord said to him, "Peace! Don't be afraid! You won't die."

So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and called it "The Lord makes peace." It still stands today in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Belief...Believe"

Pastor Pauline Sexton

"If the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? (V.12)"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Inspired by the promise of God's Word, let us give our thanks and praise – so we may continue God's work as we move into God's week.

*** Hymn (See bulletin insert.)**

"Jesus Calls Us"

Galilee

(From the "Glory to God" Hymnal)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns –

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and The Lord's Prayer (Using 'debts' & 'debtors') – Pastor Pauline

Invitation to the Offering –

(Our hearts are open, and our ministries are continuing seven days a week. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community—both local and global. Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary, give it online, or mail your offering envelope to the church office.)

Offertory

**“Be Thou My Vision”
Joelle Stein, soloist**

**Irish ballad
Harm. David Evans, 1927**

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence by light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

(Text: Irish poem; translated by Mary E. Byrne, 1905,
verses. Eleanor Hull, 1912, altered)

*** Doxology 592**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Old Hundredth

(An Usher will bring the Offering Plate forward, returning it to the rear of the Sanctuary.)

*** Prayer of Dedication of Time, Gifts, and Tithes –**

God of abundance, you give generously to provide for our needs. May these gifts be a blessing to others just as we have been blessed by you. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD

Renewed and refreshed by our experience with God and God's congregation, we go into the world to share God's love.

*** Hymn 446**

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Austrian Hymn

*** Charge and Benediction –**

God calls.

Christ walks with us. The Holy Spirit guide us.

As we enter this new week may we go with the grace and blessings of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Chimes – (You may sit in silent, reflective prayer as the worship leaders recess.)

Postlude

**Processional
(From: Music for the Royal Fireworks)**

**G. F. Handel
(1685-1759)**

Announcements

Guests: You Are Welcome Here

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE VISITING TODAY. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission, and programs; we are happy to share our ministry with you. We'd like to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to a person nearby and be sure to join us in Fellowship Lounge for refreshments and conversation after worship! We hope your worship experience is meaningful and you will gather with us again soon. Should you wish for Hearing Devices and/or Large Print Bibles & Hymnals, they are available from an usher. Sign our guest book at the sanctuary entrance (or share your email/contact information in the offering plate for a weekly email of future worship and activities). We invite you to speak with the Pastor if you are interested in membership. A Virtual Fellowship Time is also possible on Zoom. And, restrooms are located down the long hallway just past the Church Office in the Education Building.

CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS of our congregation by offering **Nursery Care and Children's Worship** (third grade and below) during the Sunday 10:00 am worship service. They are led by two of our committed and dedicated volunteers, Marleen Heintz for **Nursery Care** and Melissa MacFarland for **Children's Worship**. At this time, we request that if you desire nursery care for your child during Sunday worship, **please call the Church Office by Friday noon**, so that the nursery is staffed. **Children's Worship** will meet in Carmel Hall for larger spacing and does not require reserving ahead. Children from Grades K-3 leave the Sanctuary after the **Children's Message**. We welcome our young families, either in person or in virtual worship. Any questions may be addressed to Janet Simon, Christian Education Committee chair; Marleen, or Melissa.

THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY this morning are in celebration of **Don Strike, Sr.**, who was a kind man loved by all, especially his daughter, **Kerri Strike-Stahler**.

REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP – Refreshments and Fellowship will be held in Fellowship Lounge at the end of the hall from the Church Office.

CARMEL WELCOMES THE REVEREND PAULINE J. SEXTON AS GUEST PREACHER – The Rev Pauline J. Sexton is Honorably Retired as a member of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. Prior to retirement, Pauline served the Presbytery as an Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Ambler, Neshaminy Warwick PC, Supplee Memorial PC, The Anchor PC, and for a few months, as chaplain at Rydal Park Retirement Community. For 6 years she was the Director of Pastoral Care at Doylestown Hospital, Doylestown, PA. Pauline has three grown children and two grandchildren. Reading mysteries, poetry, gardening, traveling, and watching and discussing movies, are a few of her passions.

MUSIC NOTES FROM THE BALCONY – Our soloist today is **Joelle Stein**. Joelle has been a member of our Carmel Children's Choir and Junior Choir. She is active in her school choirs and the Philadelphia Girls' Choir. Joelle will be a Freshman at Upper Dublin High School this Fall. Thank you for sharing your gifts of music with us today.

CALLING ALL REFUGE KIDS IN GRADES 3-8 – We will be assembling meals for the **Caring For Friends** project on Monday, July 25 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. First, we will enjoy a pizza dinner together in Carmel Hall at 6:00. Then we will move to the kitchen to assemble **five dozen meals**. We will end with some dessert and free time until 7:30 pm. Please call or text Katey Schuyler at 267-218-1389, if you are able to attend or have any questions.

CARMEL IS HOSTING A CARING FOR FRIENDS COOK-IN THIS MONTH – The **Caring for Friends Cook-in** is sponsored by the Board of Deacons. Thanks to all who have participated through donations of goods and/or the preparation of meals to meet the goal of 144 meals supporting **Caring for Friends**, an organization that provides food and friendship to homebound seniors and the disabled in the 5-county Philadelphia region. Coordinators are Katey Schuyler and Sue Lohoefer. Thanks in advance for sharing with others.

“CHRIST IS CALLING” FOR THE BREATHING ROOM FOUNDATION – Support the “Christ is Calling” Project for The Breathing Room Foundation. Established in February of 1997, the Breathing Room Foundation was founded to provide care and support to local families affected by cancer, allowing them a bit of “breathing room” from their daily struggle against cancer. The Breathing Room Foundation’s Back to School Program will provide our families with personalized school supplies to start the new school year prepared and confident. They are looking to provide school supplies to over 300 children. Donations can be placed in the bin located in the lobby until Sunday, August 14. Please ask Katey Schuyler if you have any questions.

School Supplies that are needed:

- Crayola Markers
- Crayola Colored Pencils
- Highlighters
- Composition Books
- Mead spiral 1,3 and 5 subject notebooks
- Sturdy Folders (not paper type)
- Pink Pearl Erasers
- Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Ticonderoga Pencils
- Post-It Notes
- Amazon, Target, Walmart Gift Cards (Please give to Katey Schuyler and do not leave them in the bin)

SPREAD THE WORD – CARMEL NURSERY SCHOOL FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN – During the summer months, **Carmel Nursery School** continues to prepare, plan, and organize for our upcoming school year. We are trying to **grow our attendance back to pre-covid numbers** and would **love your support** in this endeavor. If you have a neighbor or see a family who might need nursery school, please share our information with them. We offer school for ages 2 years 7 months to age 5. Our school hours are 9:30 am to 12:00 noon (and we are totally affordable). Our **website** can be found on the www.presbycarmel.org page and we can be found on **Facebook** at **Carmel Nursery School**. “We have survived for 60 years by word of mouth, let’s keep going,” encourages our nursery school **Director Leslie Arrowsmith**.

PDA EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR THOSE FLEEING VIOLENCE IN UKRAINE – Support the Presbyterian Church (USA)’s **emergency relief for those fleeing violence in Ukraine**. The Russian invasion of Ukraine produced the largest refugee crisis in Europe this century. Ukrainians face urgent needs for medical care and basic needs like food, water, and fuel. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** has a specially designated account to supplement the **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** offering to enable a significant response to humanitarian efforts to assist international refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs). Please drop a check marked **“Ukraine22”** on the offering plate or make your direct donation via www.pcusa.org/ukraine22.

SUPPORT THE LOCAL “CHRIST IS CALLING” PROJECT FOR UKRAINE – Session approved the **“Christ Is Calling”** local hands-on-mission opportunity for which Carmel may participate. We have found a new source to continue our Carmel donation project for Ukraine. The **Ukrainian Sisters of St. Basil at Manor College** in

Abington Township expect to be collecting and shipping necessary supplies for Ukraine for some time to come. They desire many of the same items of our original list, plus a few highlighted additions. You can leave your donations in the designated bins in Carmel's lobby for delivery to the Sisters, whom coordinator Mary Ellen Thomas contacted. Contact coordinators Mary Ellen and Janet Simon for more information.

Ukraine Humanitarian Aid Collection:

Items in high demand are:

- **Army Essentials:** CAT tourniquet, gauze, sleeping bags, blankets, dark thermals, gloves, socks, knee pads, elbow pads, power banks, flashlights, SD cards, yoga mats, and water bottles.
- **Baby Essentials:** Baby wipes, dry baby food, baby food in pouches, baby medicine, baby bottles, and diapers.
- **Medical Supplies:** Crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, OTC meds, first aid kits, bandages
- **Dry Food:** Protein bars, granola bars, canned chicken or fish, pasta, Ramen noodles, fruit rolls.
- **Personal Hygiene Items:** Soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.

Thanks for answering Christ's Call to assist Ukrainians during this very difficult time when needs are great.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT CPC—CONTACT PASTOR PETER – Have you thought about making Carmel your church home? Interested in learning more about what membership at CPC involves? We are planning to schedule our next adult membership class and would love to be in conversation with you about how you can take the next step toward membership. We do not have a date set but would appreciate you letting us know your interest by emailing office@presbycarmel.org or contacting Pastor Peter.

CARMEL'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS CHURCH OFFICERS – The Nominating Committee will meet soon to fill upcoming vacancies on Session, the Board of Deacons, Shepherds, Audit Committee members, and non-church officer-members of the Nominating Committee. If you would like to serve or recommend a member to serve, please fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate or email the Church Office.

WONDER “WHAT’S GOING ON?” CHECK OUT CARMEL’S WEBSITE! Explore the wealth of information at www.presbycarmel.org. Easily find links for the current Livestream worship, past services, the daily lectionary, or to send a prayer request or make a financial donation—and not to miss the latest on the Carmel Calendar. Clicking on the upper circular church photo will always bring you back to the Home Page.

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP; CELEBRATE COMMUNION ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH!

Live Streaming Worship continues on YouTube, via Zoom on the phone, and Zoom for virtual fellowship following worship for those unable to attend in-person worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations.

SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP – EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE several spots you can assist: liturgist, ushers, greeters, and host for coffee hour. We are not all we can be without you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign up online here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>

WELCOME TO SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LIVE STREAMING ON SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM

YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljiDvsRw>

Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409> and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409

“Virtual Fellowship Time” may be accessed on Zoom only after the service ends.

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Participants Serving the Church in Worship

Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor

Pauline Sexton, Guest Preacher

James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus

Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music

Joelle Stein, soloist

Janet Simon, Liturgist

Linda MacFarland and Kristin Waldner, Usher/Greeter

Walter Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CEP) Member

Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, Dave Rice and Kerri Strike-Stahler, Live-Streaming Operators

Leslie Donaghy, Coffee Fellowship Host: Fellowship Lounge (11:00 AM)

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Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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LIEBSTER JESU 7.8.7.8.8.8

Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt. 1972

Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664

Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); alt.

1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your word We are gath - ered
 2. All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
 3. Glo - rious Lord, Your - self im - part! Light of light, from

all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our ears and heart,

Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teach - ings
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; You a - lone to
 Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing; Hear the cry that

true and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
 God can win us, You must work all good with - in us.
 we are rais - ing; Hear, and bless our prayers and prais - ing.

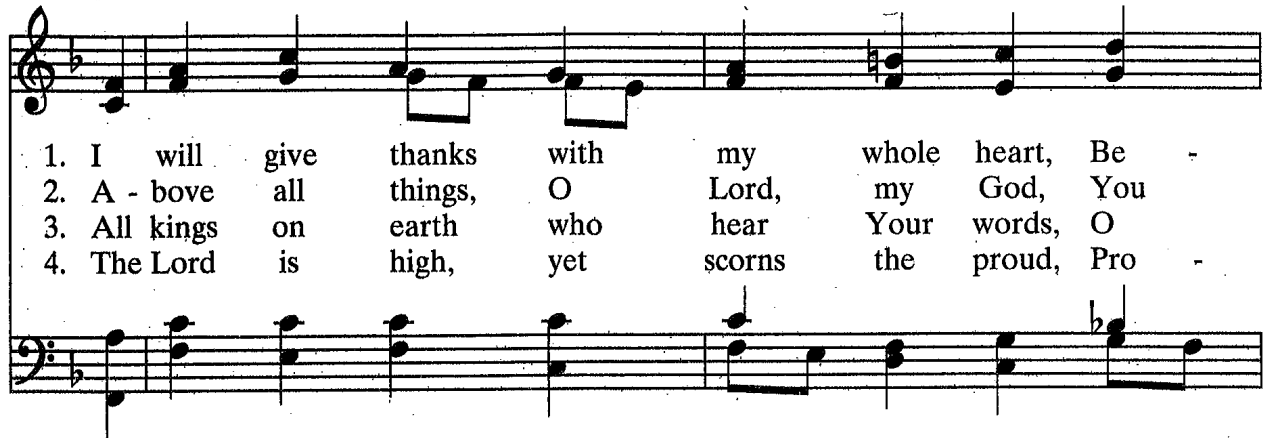
PSALM 138

I Will Give Thanks with My Whole Heart 247

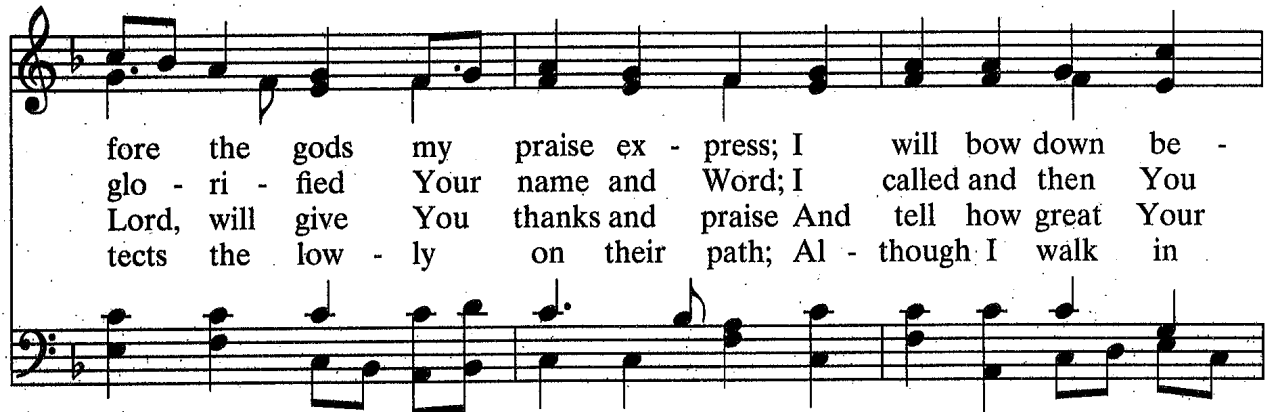
HERR JESU CHRIST LM

Christopher L. Webber, 1986, 1988

Cantionale Germanicum, 1628
Arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, c. 1708



1. I will give thanks with my whole heart, Be -
 2. A - bove all things, O Lord, my God, You
 3. All kings on earth who hear Your words, O
 4. The Lord is high, yet scorns the proud, Pro -



fore the gods my praise ex - press; I will bow down be -
 glo - ri - fied Your name and Word; I called and then You
 Lord, will give You thanks and praise And tell how great Your
 tects the low - ly on their path; Al - though I walk in

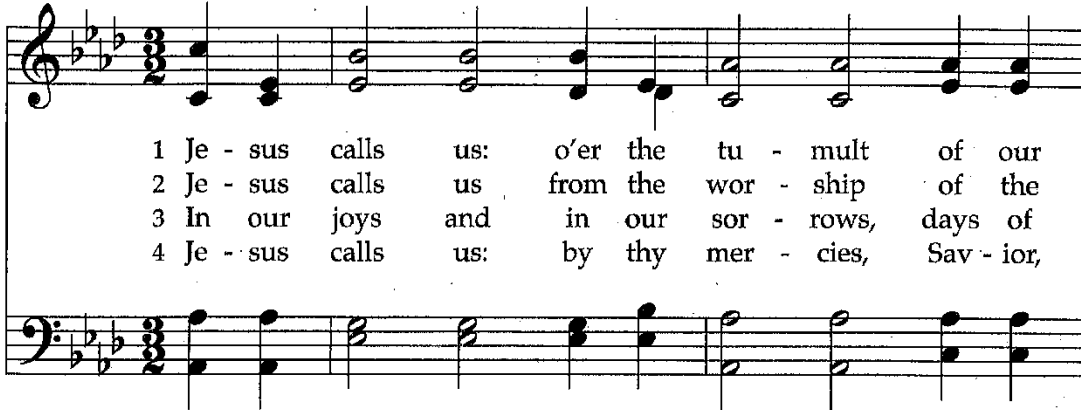


fore Your throne And praise Your love and faith - ful - ness.
 an - swered me And gave me in - creased strength, O Lord.
 glo - ry is, And they will sing of all Your ways.
 trou - ble, Lord, You keep me safe from my foe's wrath.

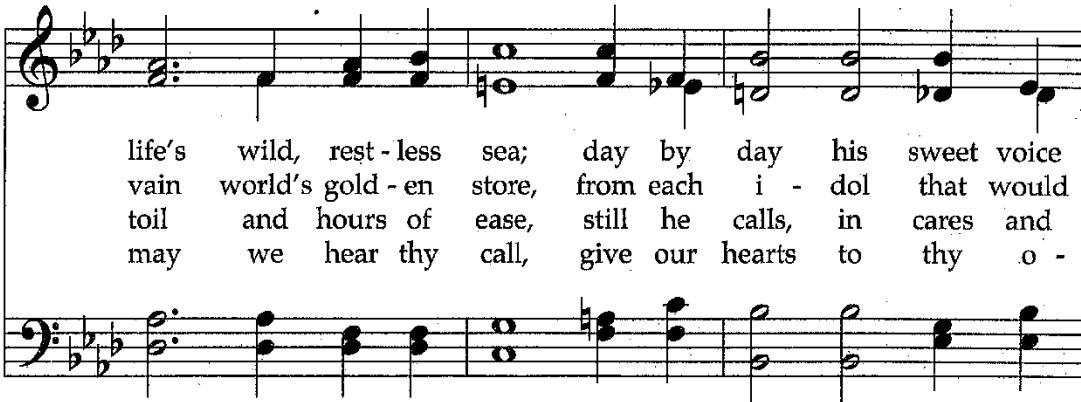
5. Lord, Your right hand shall save my life
 And make Your purpose for me sure;
 Do not forsake what You have made;
 Your love forever will endure.

Jesus Calls Us

720



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

446 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D

John Newton, 1779; alt.

Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797
Desc. Michael E. Young, 1979

Descant

3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, See the cloud and

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, See the cloud and

fire ap - pear For a glo - ry

of our God; God, whose word can - not be
ter - nal love; Well sup - ply thy sons and
fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a

cov - ering, Show - ing that the Lord is near.

bro - ken, Formed thee for a blest a - bode.
daugh - ters And all fear of want re - move.
cov - ering, Show - ing that the Lord is near.

CHURCH: TRIUMPHANT

Thus de - riv - ing light by night and

On the rock of a - ges found - ed, What can shake thy
 Who can faint while such a riv - er Ev - er flows their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner Light by night and

shade by day, Safe they feed on

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst to as - suage? Grace, which like the Lord the
 shade by day, Safe they feed up - on the

man - na Which God gives them when they pray.

round - ed, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na Which God gives them when they pray.