

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 24th, 2021

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION: *Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as “Son of David” he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won’t give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus’ question, “What do you want me to do for you?”*

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 24, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sins in the presence of one another and to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God our comforter,

C To us, our sins are known and unknown, things done and left undone. Like lost sheep, we have gone astray. Free us from our sins, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. To the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes us righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all our sins.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign”

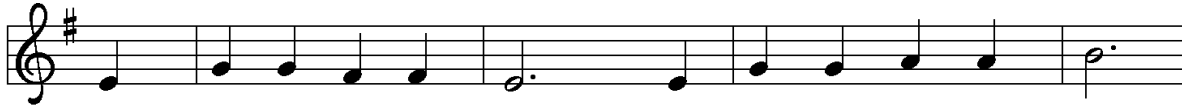
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* GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY *(In Unison)*

P Let us pray...

C Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom ("Israel" or "Ephraim") and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.

FIRST READINGJeremiah 31:7-9

⁷For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 126 *(Responsively)*

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.

SECOND READING..... Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of

the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

* GOSPELMark 10:46-52

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)**

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)**

SERMON

Vicar Sam Leister

HYMN OF THE DAY

"How Firm a Foundation"

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* APOSTLES' CREED (*In Unison*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and

was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

OFFERING PRESENTATION

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful God,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HOLY COMMUNION

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

* THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P The Body of Christ given for you. (Wafer)

P The Blood of Christ shed for you. (Juice)

* COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray,

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* SENDING HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Barb Geedey

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith (9/27/21—10/31/21)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Thea Beward & Haley Mummah

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING PRESENTERS – Brea Beward & Braedon Walton

WELCOME TO ALL!

JUST A THOUGHT – Fredrick von Hugel, Christian Thinker: Behind every saint stands another saint.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Dan and Michelle Stoner's Anniversary by Butch and Sandy Pines and Braedon Walton.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Vicar Leister at sleister@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or mlchurchoffice@gmail.com. If you have anyone who is a “last minute” addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not “overbooked” in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email mlchurchoffice@gmail.com for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at sleister@gmail.com.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - We will be using communion kits that are pre-packaged and sealed that include a wafer and grape juice. Each person desiring to share in the meal will take a packaged kit when you receive a bulletin.

COPIES OF AUGUST 15, 2021 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

OCTOBER'S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will continue to be for Lutheran Disaster Relief. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Lutheran Disaster Relief by way of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ's love beyond the walls of our church building.

WEIS AND GIANT GIFT CARDS are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

JAM HOUSE NEED: We need a volunteer to perform the treasurer duties at JAM HOUSE. The position requires about one hour per week to pay bills and make other financial reports. The treasurer would also need to attend our quarterly board meeting. Please contact Larry Wise at 717-436-6629 if you have an interest or know someone who does. Thank you.

ATTENTION SINGERS!!! MESSIAH CHOIR NEEDS YOU!!! No matter the age, voice, height, weight, or your SAT score, **WE NEED YOU!!!** We have had no one show up for rehearsals for the past 3 weeks and Andrea, Bob, and Slone can only sing and dance so much! Please consider coming to join us each Wednesday evening at 7 PM for some musical fun! We especially would like to have a weekly choir for the holiday season, beginning with Reformation Sunday, October 31st, so please consider joining us. The more who attend, the less musical pressure on everyone who attends! We know there are people with good voices out there in our midst – so please join us for one hour each week to bring our choir back to full speed. (If choir attendance continues to be low or nil, the choir will be dissolved and may never form again – do we really want that to happen at Messiah??)

REMINDER: The ELCA Youth Gathering, “Boundless: God Beyond Measure,” is coming up on July 24-28, 2022. It will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Registration for the ELCA Youth Gathering starts on September 22. There are registration worksheets on the gathering website on the resources page. The forms are helpful to have when sitting down at the computer to input all information for church groups, the youth, and the leaders. New this cycle is that the ELCA is taking payment online for the gathering. The getting ready material is also on the gathering website. It is helpful to use these materials with youth groups to enhance their whole gathering experience. The material is very flexible on how it can be used with groups. For more information, go to the website at www.elca.org/youthgathering

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:

October 17, 2021 Worship Attendance – (in person 47) (online 102)
 Sunday School Attendance - 15

Other Funds

Total Offering	\$2,353.00	Benevolence	\$ 125.00
Other Funds	<u>423.00</u>	Building Fund	60.00
General Fund	\$1,930.00	Lutheran Disaster	20.00
		Sunday School	18.00
		Youth Program	<u>200.00</u>
		Total	\$ 423.00

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

COMMUNITY

AGAIN THIS YEAR the Food Pantry will join forces with the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, and YOU to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to as many Juniata County families living in poverty as possible. When the Boy Scouts come to your door in November for their annual food drive—please give generously. If you can help us to start stockpiling the following foods for the holidays, we would really appreciate it. Our goal is to provide 800 meals: 400 for Thanksgiving and 400 for Christmas.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS:

(THESE ARE THE FOODS THAT ARE HARD FOR US TO GET) – TURKEYS, TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.), INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, CANNED SWEET POTATOES, AND FRUIT COCKTAIL, (OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL).

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-Worship & Music Committee meeting following worship service.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Knitters in Junior Church Room.
-7:00 p.m., AA in Youth Area.
- Wednesday:** -9:00 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.
-7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary.
- Friday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
- Saturday:** -10:30 a.m., Marine Corps meeting in Youth Area.
- Sunday:** -Reformation Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

PRAYER LIST

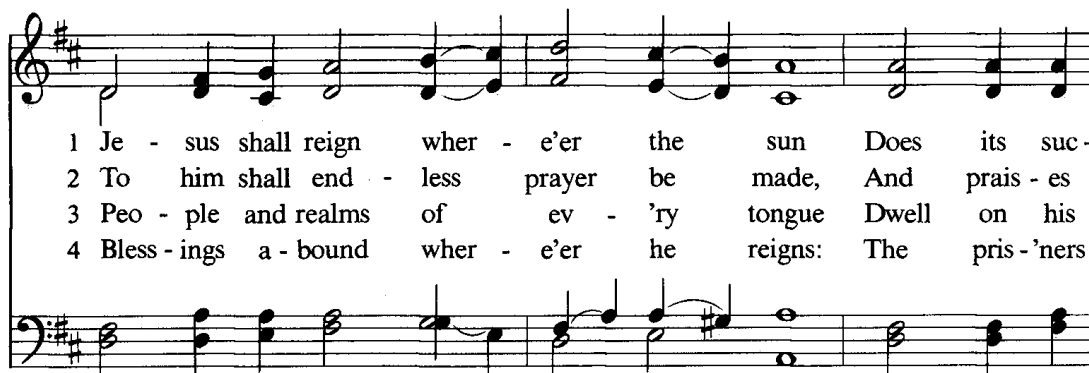
Shirley Aumiller	Beth Harris	Claire Mummah
Steve & Linda Bahorik	Harry & Jennifer Heikes	Ken Mummah
Donna Barton	Sue Henderson	Darve Nace
Donna Bell	John & Karly Henry & family	Paul Ogden
Andy Berrier	Nox Hepburn	Austin Parker
Ken Berrier	Jay Hockenbroch	Noel Peachey
Roxanne Boyer	Dean Hutchinson	Rick & Audrey Peters
Don Bratton	Brenda Imes	Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine
Dan Brown	Annie Ingle	Dave Phelan
Charlotte Burd	Doc Johnston	Butch & Sandy Pines
Andrea Cameron	Guy Kerstetter	Mia Raish
Karen Centini	Denny King	Betty Ranck
Ron Chambers	Darvin Krouse	Keith Ranck
Randy Clark	Pam Lawson	Mike Rhoades
Terry & April Coder & family	Chase Lehman	Claudette Satzler
Vincent Cramer	Michael Lozano	Mackenzie Shearer
Leann Crimmel	Carol Lyter	Ron & Arlene Shearer
Will DeLancy	Zaden Mabey	Mike Sparks
Fred & Dot Dowling	Mike Maclay	Andy Spigelmyer
Renee Dzikowski	Ryan Marker	Vicki Suoja
Tom Ernest	Tammy Marshall	Dorothy Towsey
Neil & Pat Fisher	Anthony Martin	George & Kay Varner
Janie Fogleman	Mike Maugans	Rich Walters
Derek Fry	Carlen McClure	Erma Williamson
Bentley Fulkroad	Alice McClure	Zach Wise
Joan Fulkroad	Messiah Mutual Ministry	Jim Woltman
Terri Gayer	Cecilia Miller	Mackenzie Wray
Eddi Kay Gill	Ellwood Miller	George Zimmerman
Sam & Diane Goshorn	Larry Miller	Linda Zimmerman
Amy Hart	Shirley Miller	
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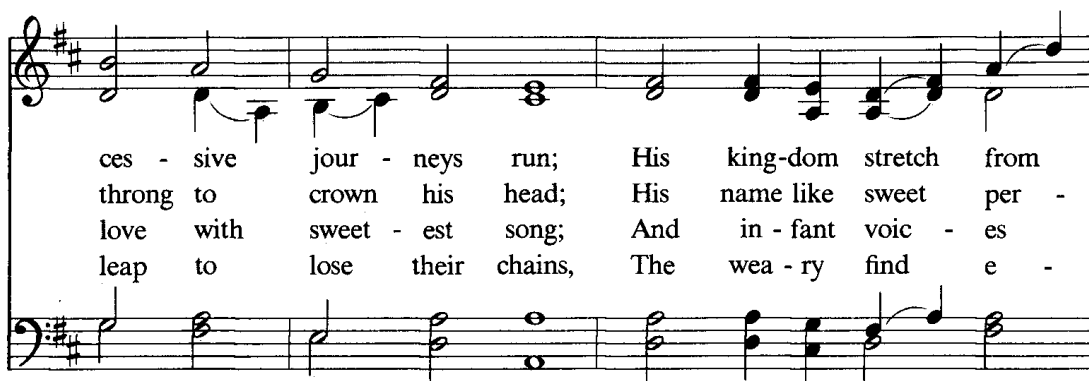
Jane Marhefka – Brookline Retirement Village, 92 Village Drive, Mifflintown, PA 17059
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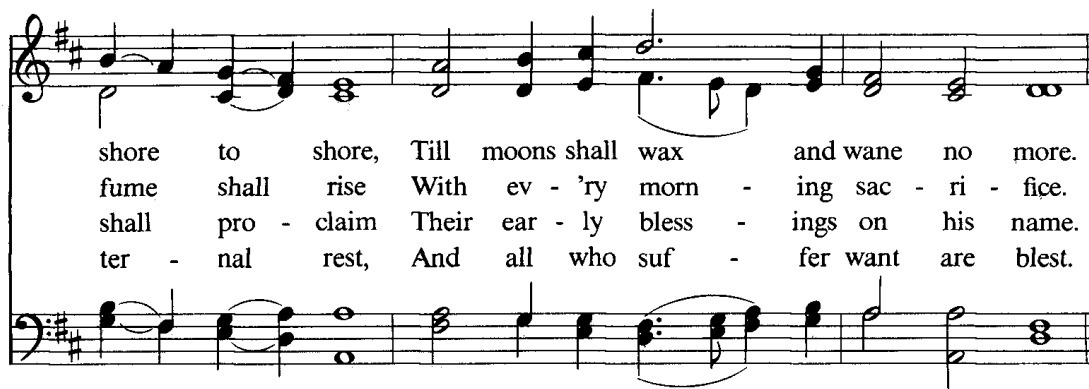
Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, And prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: The pris - 'ners



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; His name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, The wea - ry find e -



shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.

- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
 Honors peculiar to our King;
 Angels descend with songs again,
 And earth repeat the loud amen.

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How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
 2 Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
 3 When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
 4 Through-out all their life-time my people shall prove

Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
 My sov-erign, eternal, unchange-able love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on-ly de-sign
 And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,

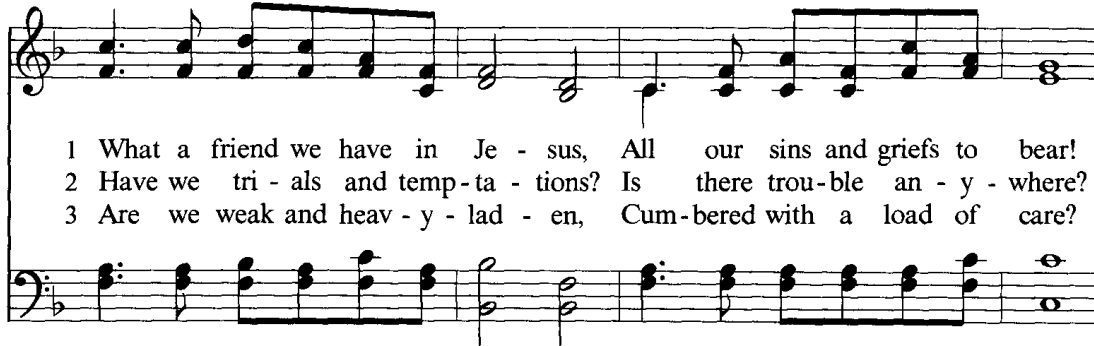
Who un-to the Sav-ior for ref-uge have fled?
 Up-held by my right-eous, om-nip-o-tent hand.
 Your dross to consume and your gold to re-fine.
 Like lambs they shall still in my bo-som be borne.

Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.
 Tune: early American

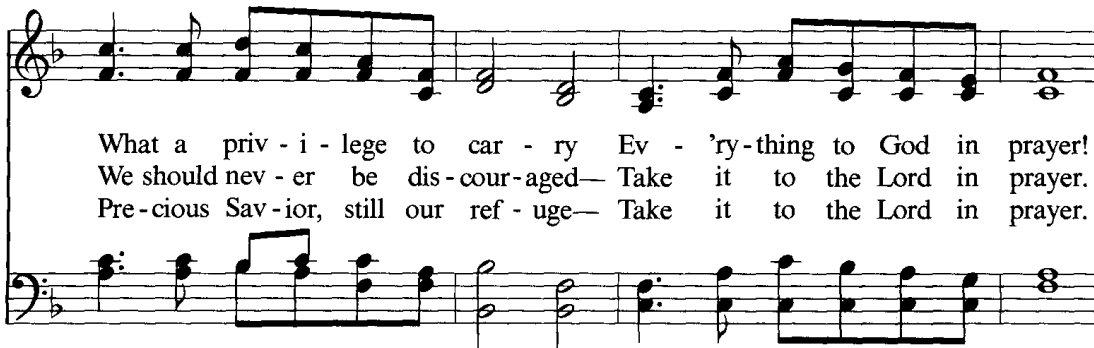
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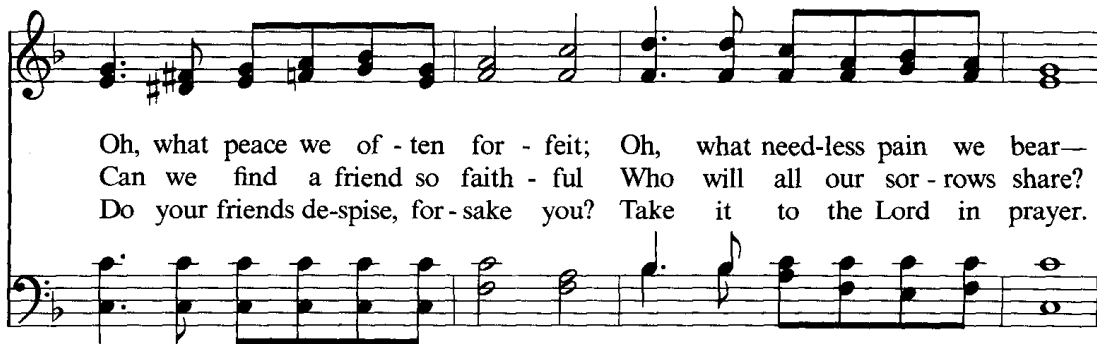
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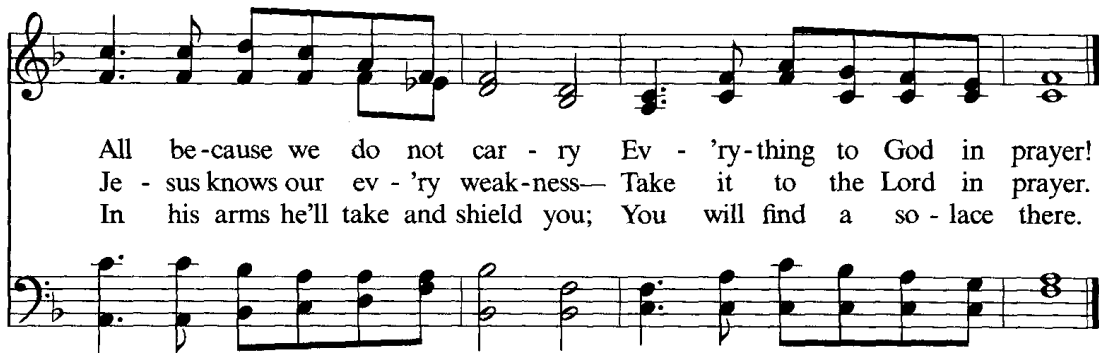
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886
 Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

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