

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 23, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude *Adagio from Sonata No. 2* Felix Mendelssohn
Dan Lawhon

Welcome Eric Clark

Choral Introit *Make a Joyful Noise to God!* DIX

Processional Hymn No. 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN
[Hymn sheet on page 3](#)

Call to Worship Miles Looney

One: Come and worship, all you who love and serve our God —

All: Who surrounds us with unfailing love, and answers us when we call,

One: Who cares for the humble and lowly, and never abandons those in need.

All: This is our God, worthy of our worship and praise!

– Based on Psalm 138

Prayer of Invocation Brian Berthiaume

Hymn No. 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID
[Hymn sheet on page 4](#)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Sermon on the Steps TJ Hunt-Felke

Hymn No. 310 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS
[Hymn sheet on page 5](#)

Psalter Reading Psalm 138 Larry FitzGerald

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

Call to Prayer *I Call, O Lord, on You* ST. BRIDE

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer Paxton Vaughn

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.

Reading from the Torah Exodus 1:8-2:10 Eric Atcheson

One: For the Word of God for the people of God,

All: We give thanks to God.

Anthem

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me
Covenant Choir

K. Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me,
I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see,
I would be like thee;
and , with words that help and heal,
Thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek,
For Christ, my Savior, speak.
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me,
I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see,
I would be like thee;*

*And, with wisdom kind and clear,
Thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions lovingly,
Speak Christ’s sincerity.
Holy Spirit, dwell with me,
I i would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly,
Make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would
And cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be
Give him who gave me thee.*

*Mighty Spirit, dwell with me,
I would mighty be;
Help me now thy power to see,
I would be like thee;
‘Gainst all weapons hell can wield,
Be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be,
Lord, thine the victory.
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me,
I would be like thee!*

Sermon

Proof of Delivery

Eric Atcheson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Invitation to Christian Commitment

Eric Clark

Hymn of Response No. 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised
[Hymn sheet on page 6](#)

ANGEL’S STORY

Words of Dedication

Miles Looney

Reception of the Offering

Ushers

Giving sacrificially of our money is one tangible expression of a wholehearted self-giving stewardship of all of life.

Monetary offerings may be given online at baptistchurchofthecovenant.org/giving.

Offertory

Andante tranquillo from Sonata No. 3
Dan Lawhon

F. Mendelssohn

Offertory Response

Doxology

OLD 100TH

Life of the Church

Paxton Vaughn

Benediction

Eric Atcheson

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

Postlude

Allegro vivace assai from Sonata No. 1
Dan Lawhon

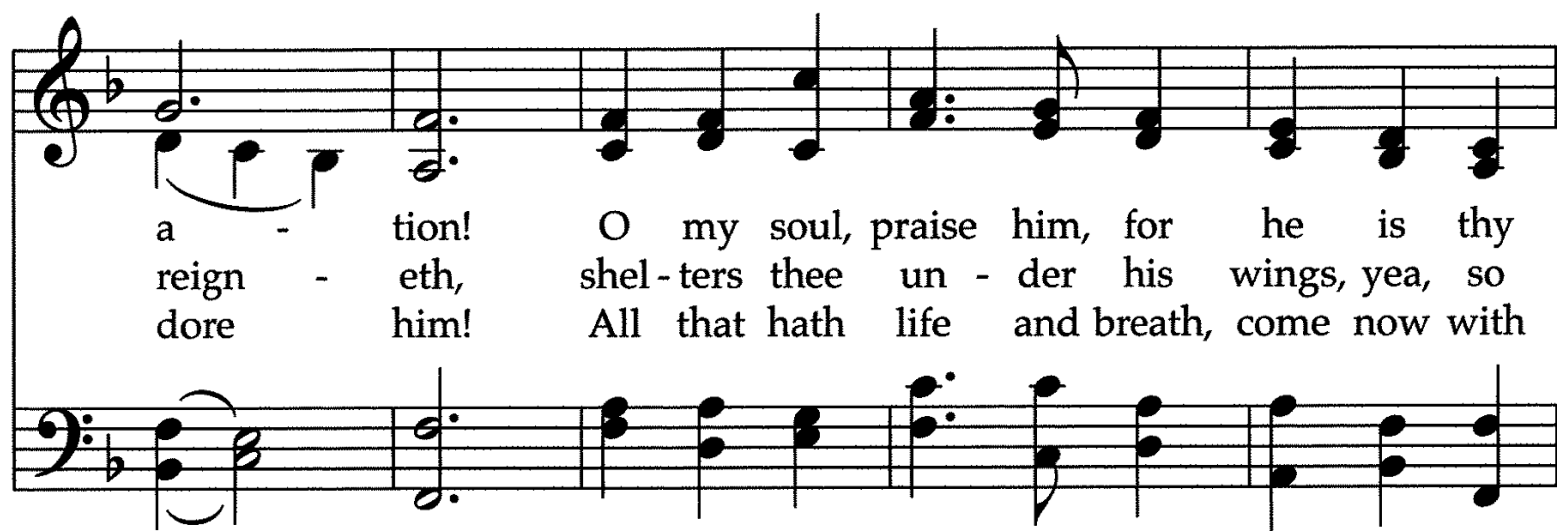
F. Mendelssohn

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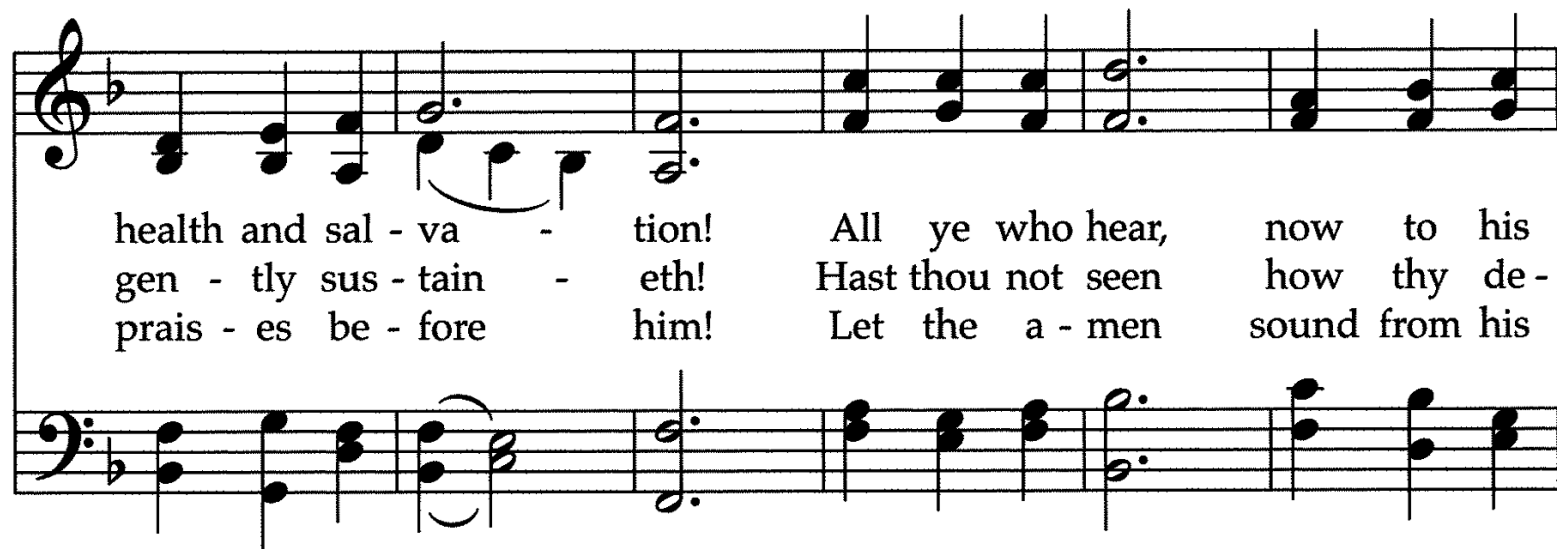
35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



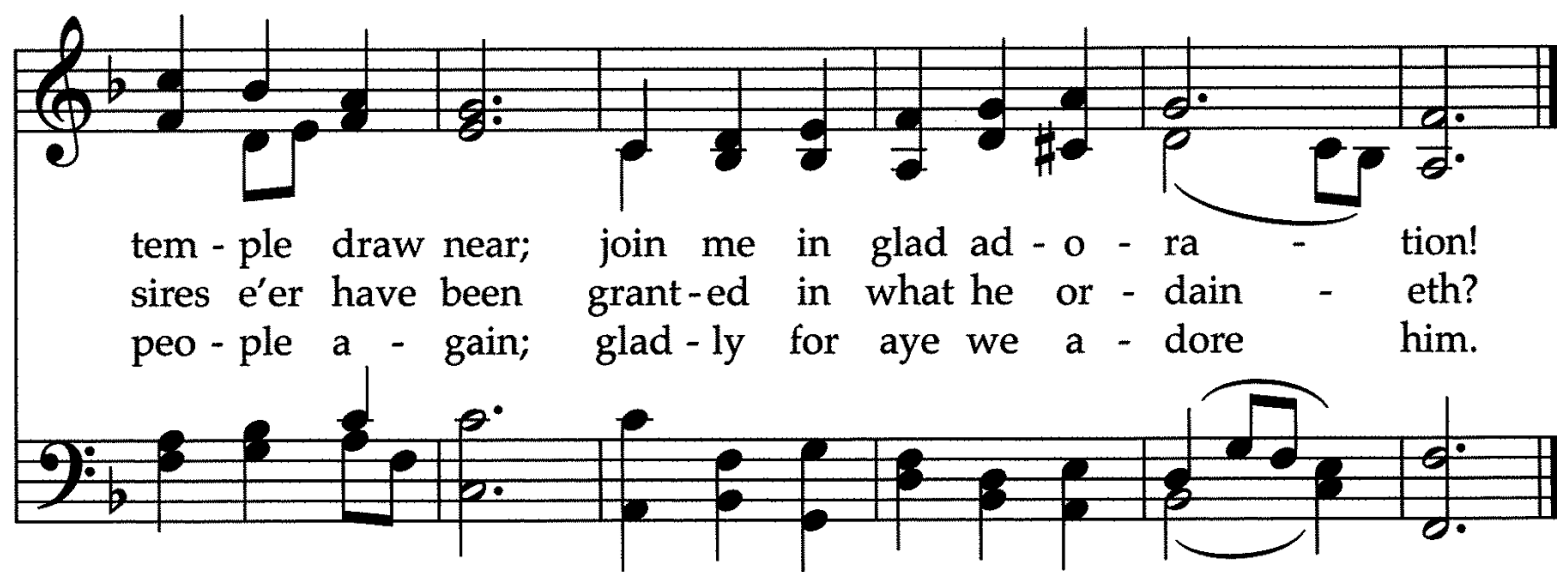
1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

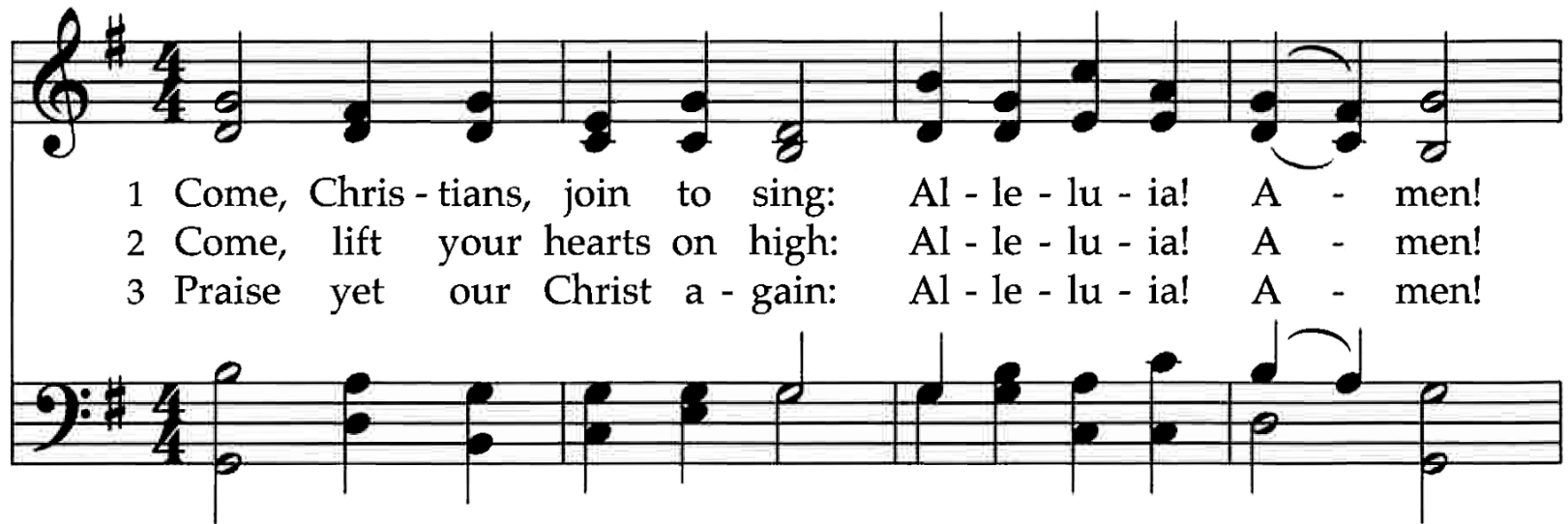


health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

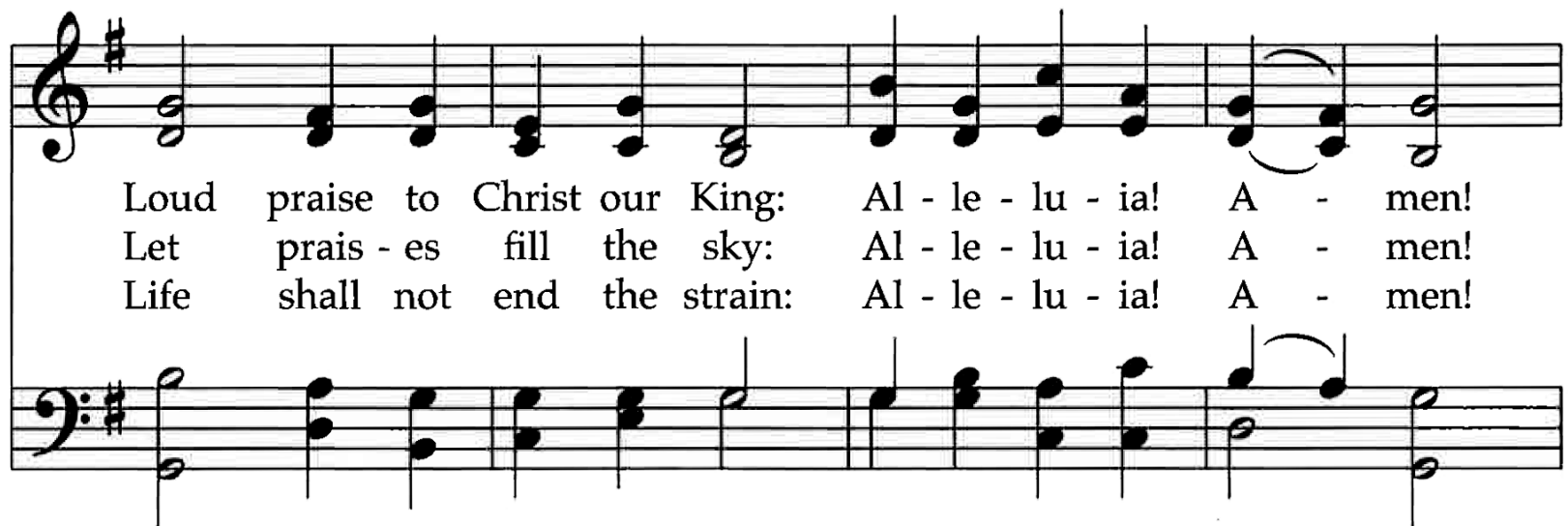


tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

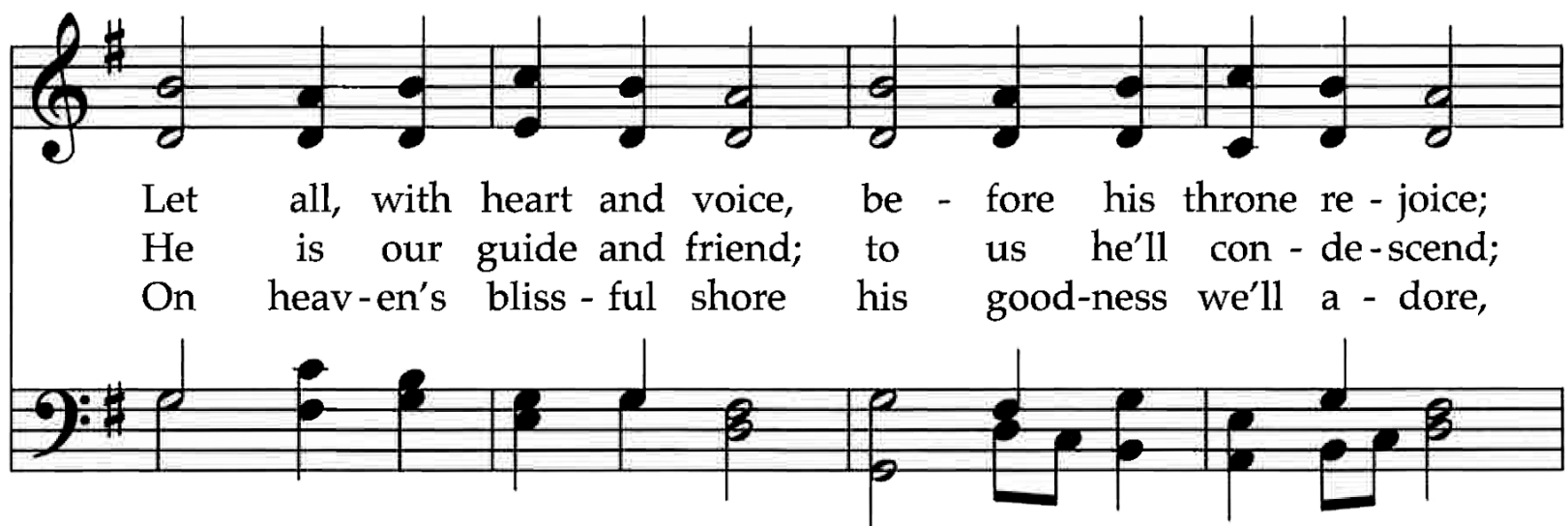
267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing



1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

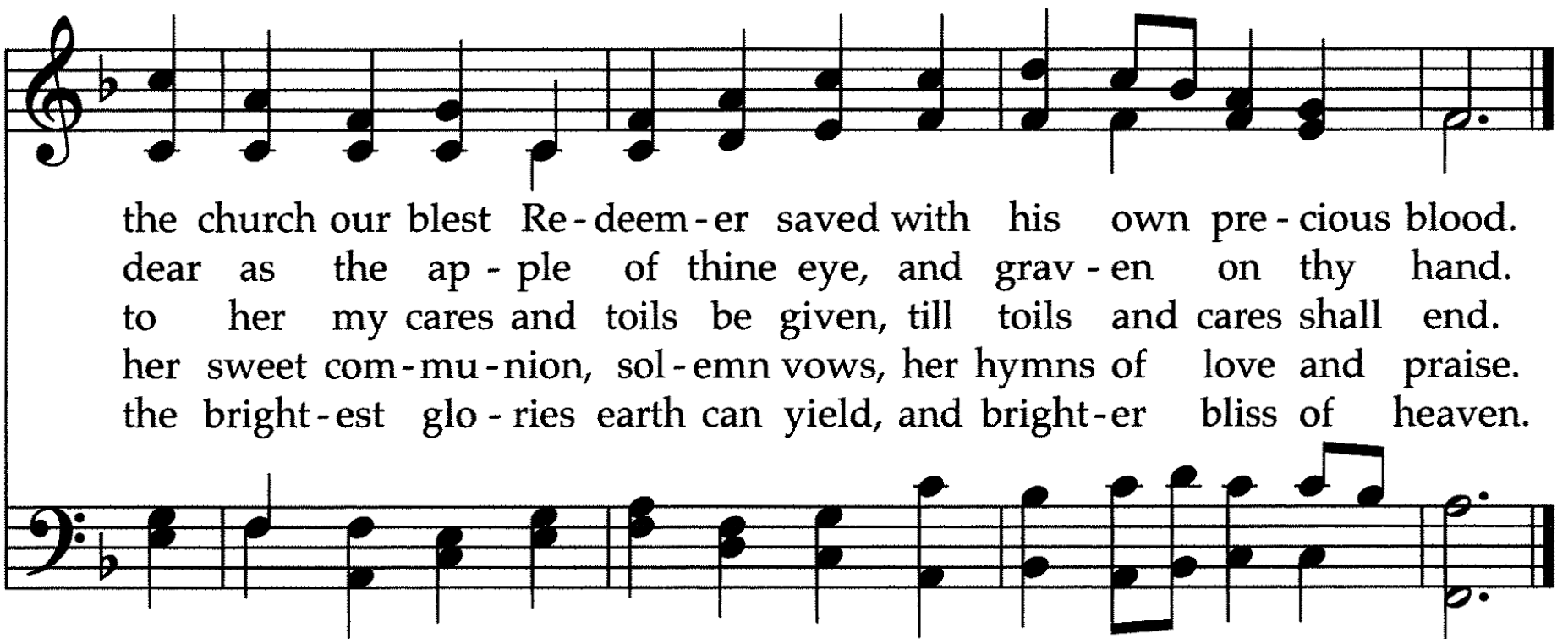


praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310



1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

724 O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEARLY INTEREST SURVEY

Fill out today! Deadline August 25

As we begin to look forward to next year, we want you to tell us how you would like to actively participate in the life of our church. You can complete the Interest Survey by scanning the QR code.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

August 26

Join us for a special two part Wednesday night! We will first introduce a new “First Wednesday” small group option the Education Committee has worked to put together so that everyone can confidently join a group on September 2. Then, we will end our evening with a Hymn Sing, lifting our voices together in community and reflection, a time that we hope will restore our souls!

Our mid-week fellowship meal is in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. You can make a reservation online. Reservations must be in by Monday at noon. Reservations for the first WNF of fall must be submitted by August 17 at noon.