



And you, O tower of the flock,  
hill of the daughter of Zion,  
to you shall it come,  
the former dominion shall come,  
kingship for the daughter of Jerusalem.

MICAH 4:8

*We gather to worship Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd.*

**Preparatory Hymn**                      “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

**Welcome**

**Scriptural Call to Worship**                      Isaiah 43:1-2

**Prayer of Praise**

**Hymn**                      “How Firm A Foundation”

**Hymn**                      “Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

**Scripture Reading**                      Psalm 23

**Scripture Reading**                      Matthew 2:1-12

**Prayer of Confession**

**Scriptural Assurance of Pardon**                      Isaiah 43:25

**Hymn**                      “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

**Prayer of Petition**

**Sermon**                      Micah 4:6-5:15  
The Shepherd’s Remnant

**Hymn**                      “God Leads Us Along”

**Hymn**                      “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

**Hymn**                      “Doxology”

**Benediction**                      Numbers 6:24-26

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

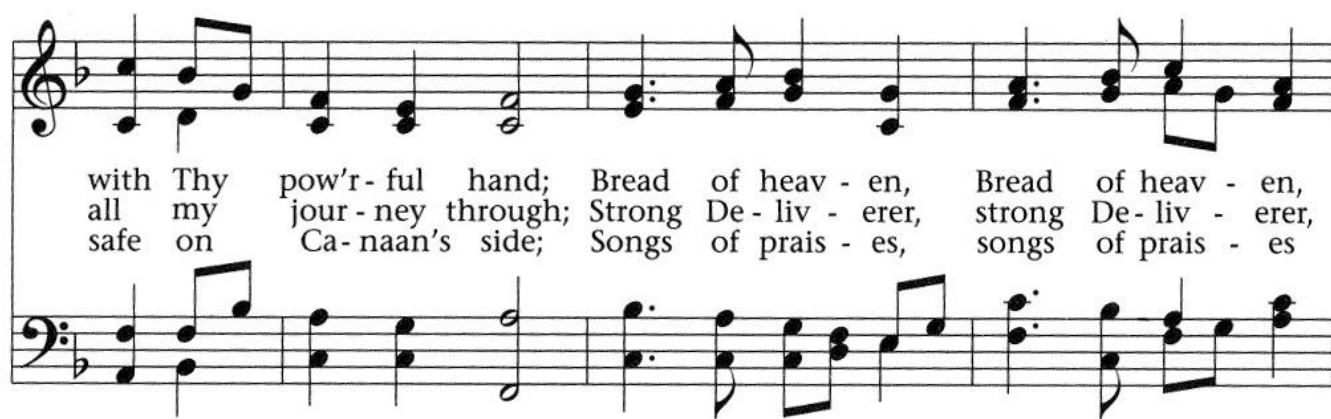
# PREPARATORY HYMN: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH



1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal of foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me  
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me  
 fears sub - side; Bear me thro' the swell - ing cur - rent, Land me



with Thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through; Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.  
 Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

## **SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

ISAIAH 43:1-2

But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

## **PRAYER OF PRAISE**

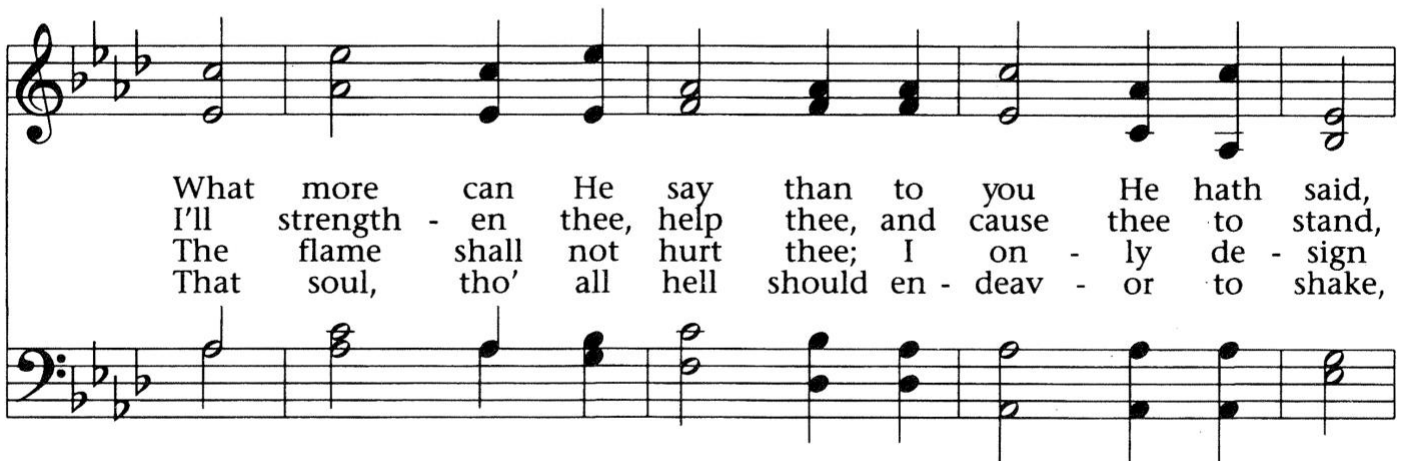
# HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed,  
 3. "When thro' fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 4. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;



What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 That soul, tho' all hell should en - deav - or to shake,




To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"


# CHRIST THE SURE AND STEADY ANCHOR



1. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, in the fu - ry of the storm;  
 2. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, while the tem - pest rag - es on;  
 3. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, through the floods of un - be - lief;  
 4. Christ, the sure and stead-y an - chor, as we face the wave of death;



When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn.  
 When temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle, and it seems the night has won,  
 Hope - less, some - how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry.  
 When these trials give way to glo - ry as we draw our fi - nal breath.



In the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few;  
 Deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac - cused;  
 This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see His love for - ev - er proved.  
 We will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cure;  
*D.S.* Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true.



*D.S. for refrain*

I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 And the calm will be the bet - ter for the storms that we en - dure.  
 We will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### PSALM 23

**23** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### MATTHEW 2:1-12

**2** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### ISAIAH 43:25

“I, I am he  
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,  
and I will not remember your sins.



# COME, BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY



1. Come, be - hold the won-drous myst-'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King;
2. Come, be - hold the won-drous myst-'ry, He the per - fect Son of Man;
3. Come, be - hold the won-drous myst-'ry, Christ the Lord u - pon the tree;
4. Come, be - hold the won-drous myst-'ry, slain by death the God of life;



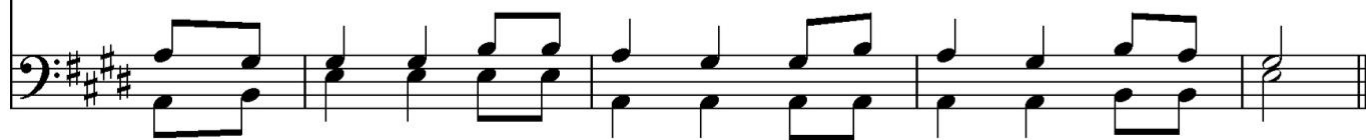
He the theme of heav-en's prai - ses, robed in frail hu-man-i - ty.  
In his liv - ing, in his suf-fring, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.  
In the stead of ruin - ed sin - ners, hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.  
But no grave could e'er re - strain Him, praise the Lord, He is a - live!



In our long-ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come;  
See the true and bet-ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man;  
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fath - er's plan un - fold;  
What a fore-taste of del - iv - erance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope;



Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.  
Christ, the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.  
Bring - ing ma - ny sons to glo - ry, grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.  
Christ in po - wer res - sur - rect - ed, as we will be, when he comes.



# SERMON

## THE SHEPHERD'S REMNANT

MICAH 4:6-5:15

- <sup>6</sup> In that day, declares the LORD,  
I will assemble the lame  
and gather those who have been driven away  
and those whom I have afflicted;  
<sup>7</sup> and the lame I will make the remnant,  
and those who were cast off, a strong nation;  
and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion  
from this time forth and forevermore.
- <sup>8</sup> And you, O tower of the flock,  
hill of the daughter of Zion,  
to you shall it come,  
the former dominion shall come,  
kingship for the daughter of Jerusalem.
- <sup>9</sup> Now why do you cry aloud?  
Is there no king in you?  
Has your counselor perished,  
that pain seized you like a woman in labor?
- <sup>10</sup> Writhe and groan, O daughter of Zion,  
like a woman in labor,  
for now you shall go out from the city  
and dwell in the open country;  
you shall go to Babylon.  
There you shall be rescued;  
there the LORD will redeem you  
from the hand of your enemies.
- <sup>11</sup> Now many nations  
are assembled against you,  
saying, "Let her be defiled,

and let our eyes gaze upon Zion.”

<sup>12</sup> But they do not know  
the thoughts of the LORD;  
they do not understand his plan,  
that he has gathered them as sheaves to the threshing floor.

<sup>13</sup> Arise and thresh,  
O daughter of Zion,  
for I will make your horn iron,  
and I will make your hoofs bronze;  
you shall beat in pieces many peoples;  
and shall devote their gain to the LORD,  
their wealth to the Lord of the whole earth.

**5** Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops;  
siege is laid against us;  
with a rod they strike the judge of Israel  
on the cheek.

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup> And he shall be their peace.

When the Assyrian comes into our land  
and treads in our palaces,  
then we will raise against him seven shepherds  
and eight princes of men;

<sup>6</sup> they shall shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword,  
and the land of Nimrod at its entrances;  
and he shall deliver us from the Assyrian  
when he comes into our land  
and treads within our border.

<sup>7</sup> Then the remnant of Jacob shall be  
in the midst of many peoples  
like dew from the LORD,  
like showers on the grass,  
which delay not for a man  
nor wait for the children of man.

<sup>8</sup> And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations,  
in the midst of many peoples,  
like a lion among the beasts of the forest,  
like a young lion among the flocks of sheep,  
which, when it goes through, treads down  
and tears in pieces, and there is none to deliver.

<sup>9</sup> Your hand shall be lifted up over your adversaries,  
and all your enemies shall be cut off.

<sup>10</sup> And in that day, declares the LORD,  
I will cut off your horses from among you  
and will destroy your chariots;

<sup>11</sup> and I will cut off the cities of your land  
and throw down all your strongholds;

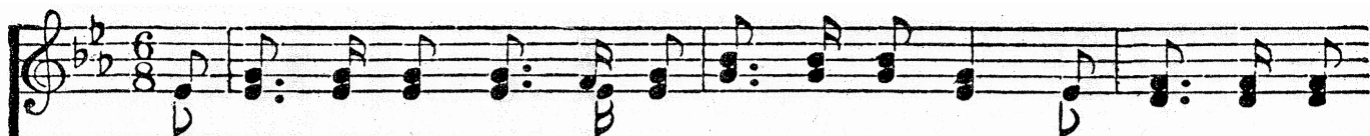
<sup>12</sup> and I will cut off sorceries from your hand,  
and you shall have no more tellers of fortunes;

<sup>13</sup> and I will cut off your carved images  
and your pillars from among you,  
and you shall bow down no more  
to the work of your hands;

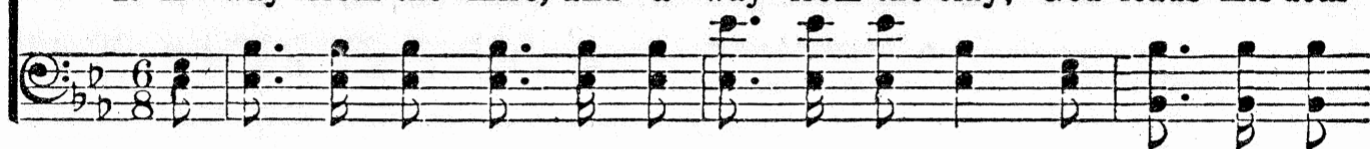
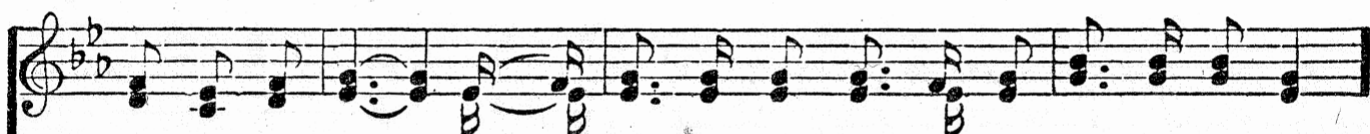
<sup>14</sup> and I will root out your Asherah images from among you  
and destroy your cities.

<sup>15</sup> And in anger and wrath I will execute vengeance  
on the nations that did not obey.

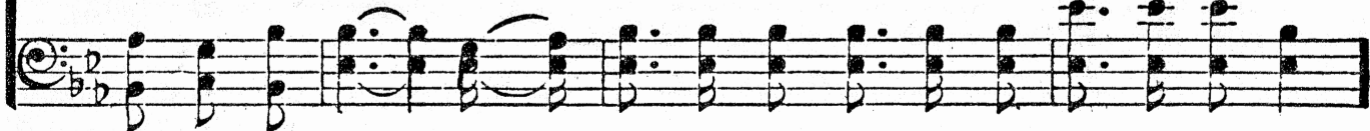
# GOD LEADS US ALONG



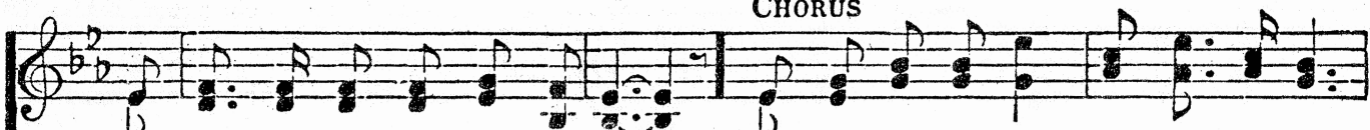
1. In shad - y, green pas-tures, so rich and so sweet. God leads His dear  
 2. Sometimes on the mount where the sunshines so bright, God leads His dear  
 3. Tho' sor - rows be - fall us, and Sa - tan op - pose, God leads His dear  
 4. A - way from the mire, and a - way from the clay, God leads His dear

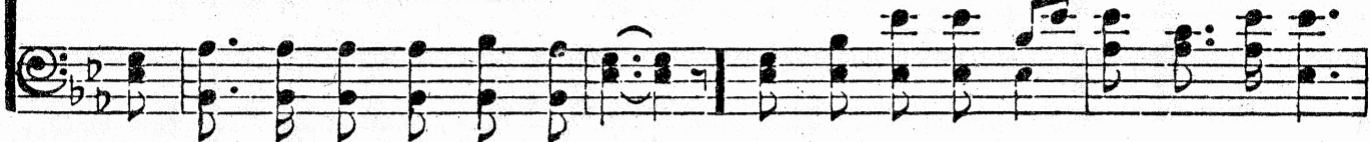
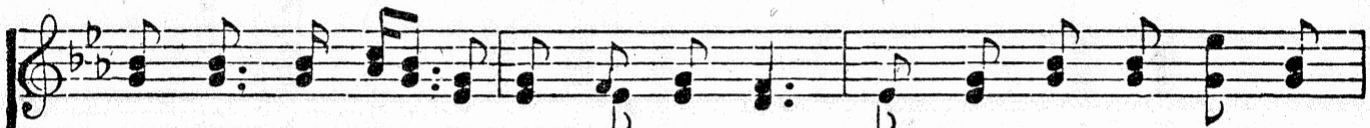
chil-dren a - long; Where the wa-ter's cool flow bathes the wea-ry one's feet,  
 chil-dren a - long; Some - times in the val - ley, in dark-est of night,  
 chil-dren a - long; Through grace we can con-quer, de - feat all our foes,  
 chil-dren a - long; A - way up in glo - ry, e - ter - ni - ty's day,



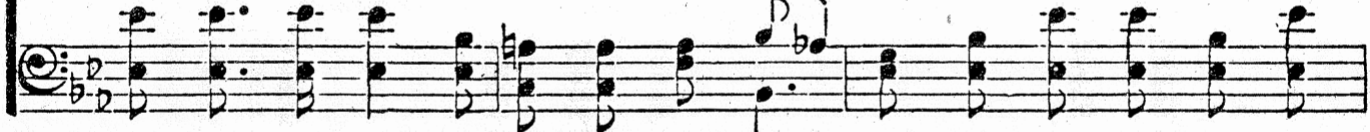

## CHORUS



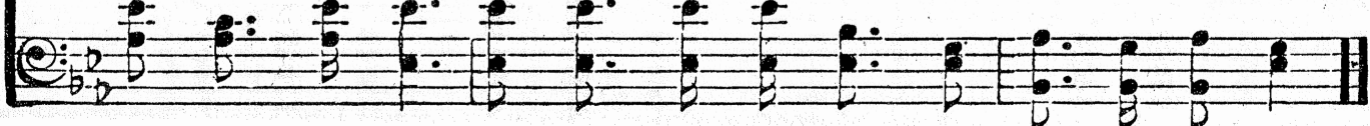
God leads His dear chil-dren a - long. Some thro' the waters, some thro' the flood,

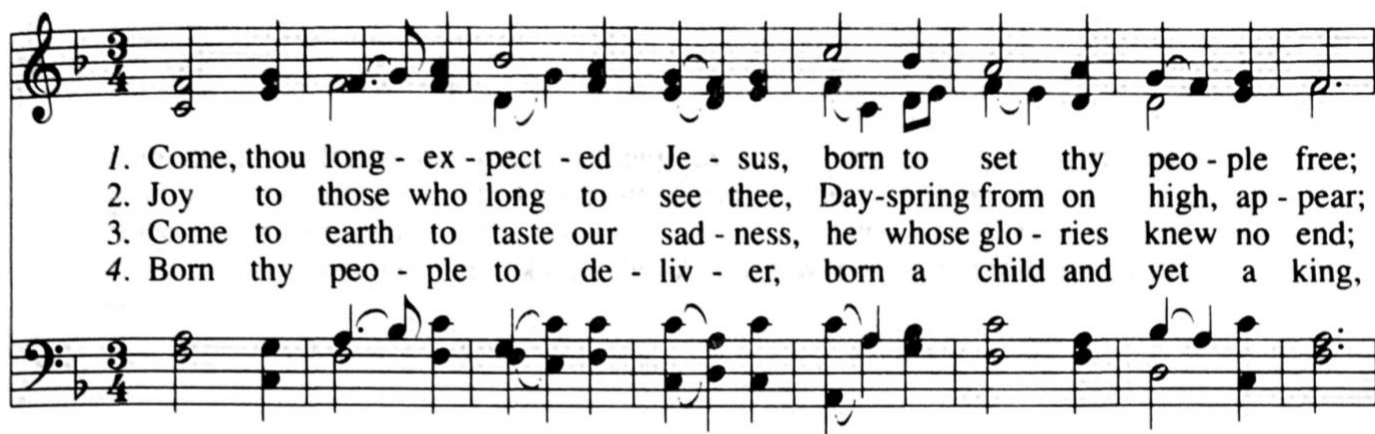
Some thro' the fire, but all thro' the blood; Some thro' great sor-row, but

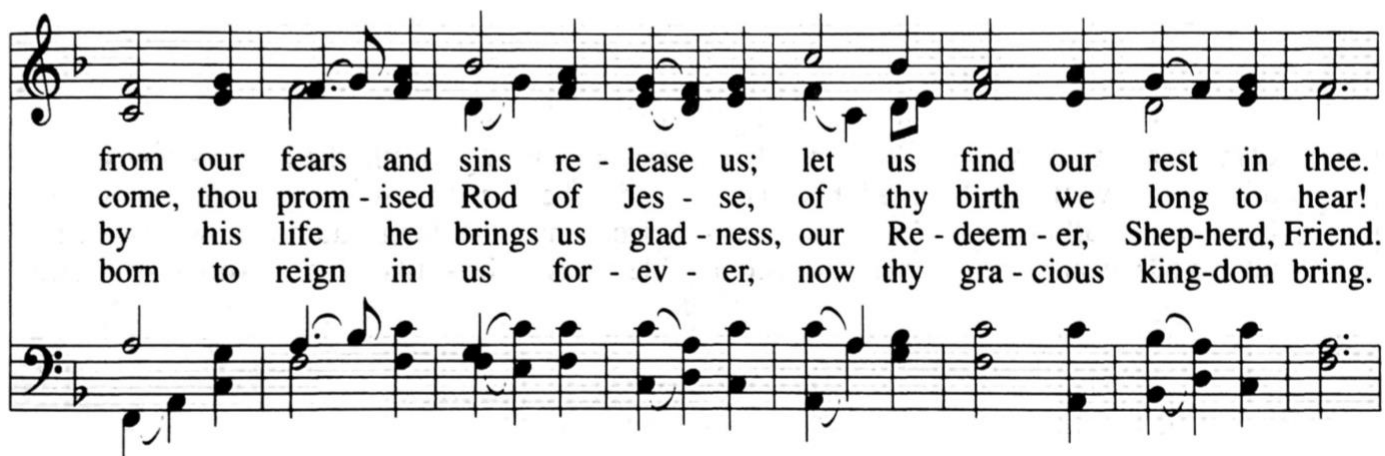
God gives a song, In the night sea - son and all the day long.



# COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;  
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;  
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!  
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep-herd, Friend.  
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:  
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;  
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."  
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

# DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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## WHO IS JESUS?

Our greatest prayer for you is that you would come to know Jesus. Though we have all rebelled against God, He sent Jesus, His only Son, into our broken world. Through Jesus's obedient life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection, sinners can be forgiven and reconciled to God through turning from our sins and trusting in Him.

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## FOLLOWING JESUS

**Baptism** is publicly professing your faith in Jesus and identifying with His people.

**Discipleship** is walking together in life and helping one another follow Jesus faithfully.

**Membership** is our mutual commitment to follow Jesus together in the context of a local church.

**Service** to the church and the world is what characterizes Jesus's followers as we seek to make Him known.

If you would like to learn more about Jesus and what it means to follow Him, we would love to talk with you. Please speak with one of our elders or submit a connect card (scan the QR code below).

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## VISITORS & GUESTS

**Welcome!** If you are new to our church, we invite you to connect with an elder in the foyer after the service so that we can welcome you personally. You can also complete a **Connect Card**, available in the pews or via this QR code, to request more information about this church or about what it means to be a Christian.



**Families with Children** We offer Sunday School classes at 9:30am for grades K-12 and childcare for infants to pre-K during the 10:45 worship service. Canvas 'busy bags' are available in the lobby for children to use during the service. Additional information about our Children's Ministry is available on our website.

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## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### Assist Pregnancy Center Vision Night - October 25th

Assist Pregnancy Center's Vision Dinner will be a great opportunity to learn more about our local ministry partner and the ways we can be involved! More information is available on the back table. See Larry McLeod with any questions.

### Sunday Evening Service – November 3rd

Thank you to everyone who made our inaugural evening service such a success! Mark your calendars for November 3<sup>rd</sup> when we will discuss **God's Word: Reading/Listening** at 5PM.

**Sermon Text for Next Week:** Amos 1:1-2:16

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