



And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

GENESIS 15:5-6

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*We gather to worship the Lord, who is faithful to His promises.*

**PREPARATORY HYMN**

Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal

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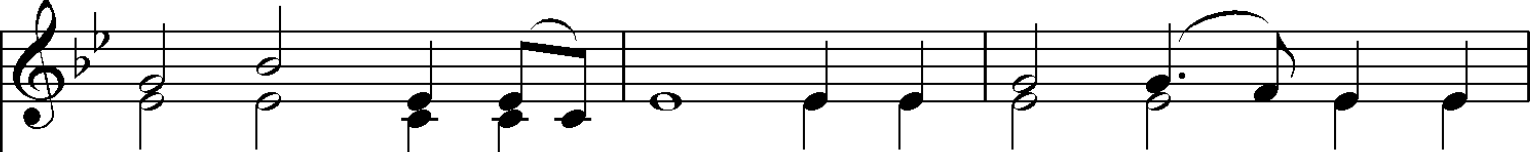
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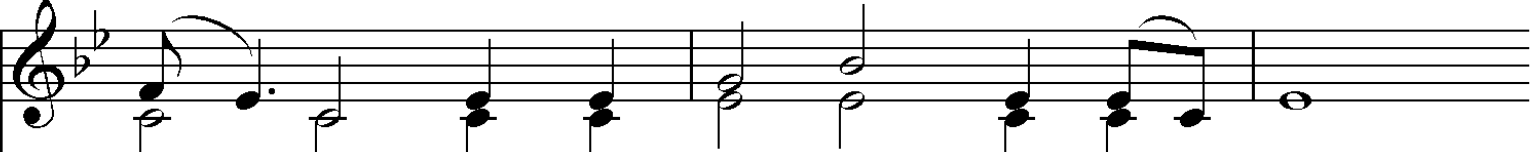
# PREPARATORY HYMN: HARK, I HEAR THE HARPS ETERNAL



1. Hark, I hear the harps e - ter - nal, ring - ing  
2. And my soul, though stain'd with sor - row, fad - ing  
3. Some have cross'd be - fore us safe - ly to that  
4. Might - y Je - sus, bear us o - ver, there to



on the far - ther shore, As I near those swol - len  
as the light of day, Pas - ses swift - ly o'er those  
land of per - fect rest. Can you hear them sing - ing  
kneel be - fore thy throne. May we join Thy saints for -



wat - ers, with their deep and sol - emn roar.  
wat - ers to that ci - ty far a - way.  
faint - ly in the man - sions of the blest?  
e - ver prais - ing Thee, and Thee a - lone:

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

lu - jah, praise the Lamb. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

lu - jah, glo - ry to the great I AM!

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## **SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

PSALM 105:1-3

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

## **PRAYER OF PRAISE**

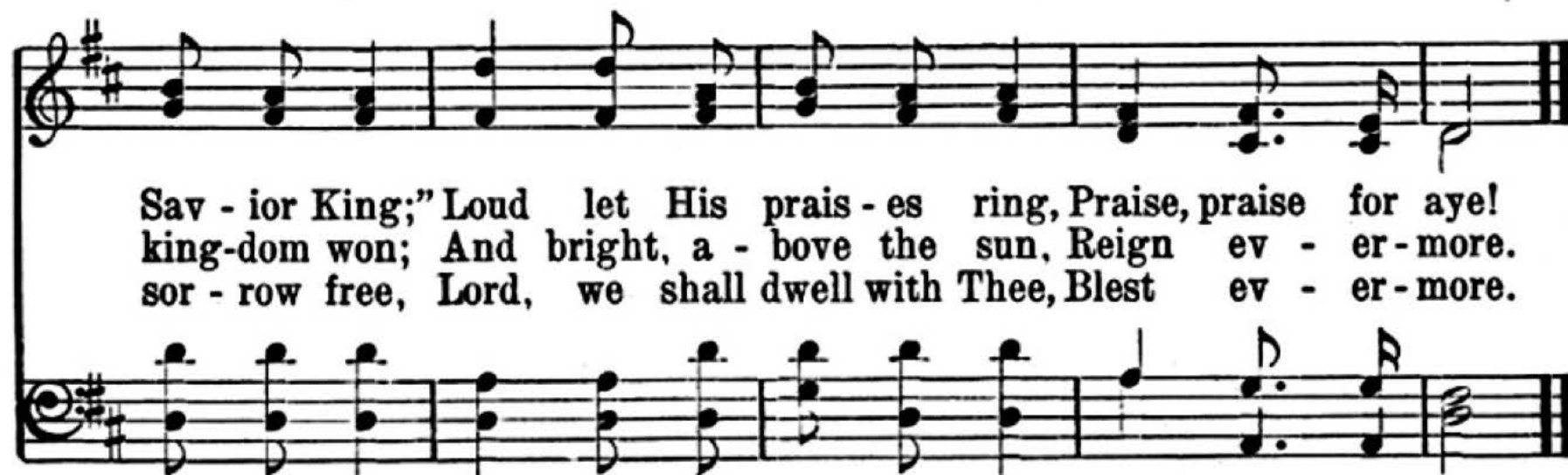
# There is a Happy Land



1. There is a hap-py land, Far, far a-way, Where saints in glo-ry stand,  
2. Bright, in that hap-py land, Beams ev-'ry eye; Kept by a Father's hand,  
3. Come to that hap-py land, Come, come a-way; Why will you doubting stand?



Bright, bright as day; Oh, how they sweet-ly sing, "Wor-thy is our  
Love can-not die. Oh, then, to glo-ry run; Be a crown and  
Why still de-lay? Oh, we shall hap-py be, When from sin and

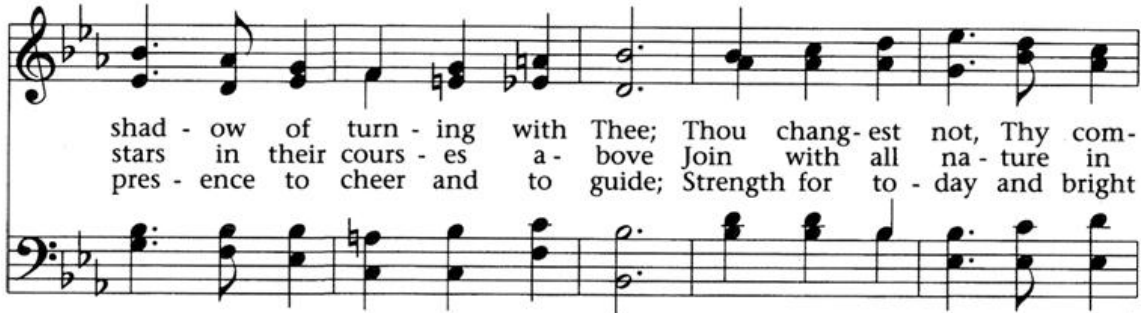


Sav-ior King;" Loud let His prais-es ring, Praise, praise for aye!  
king-dom won; And bright, a-bove the sun, Reign ev-er-more.  
sor-row free, Lord, we shall dwell with Thee, Blest ev-er-more.

# GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS



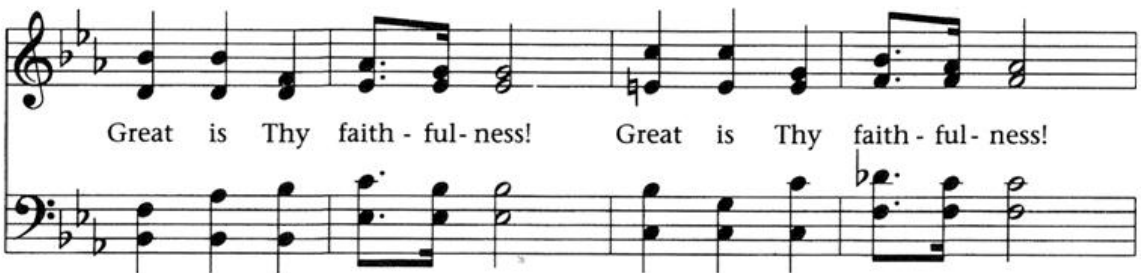
1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, my Fa - ther, There is no  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest, Sun, moon, and  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove Join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 hope for to - mor - row, Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed, Thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

## SCRIPTURE READING

### 1 KINGS 4:20-34

<sup>20</sup> Judah and Israel were as many as the sand by the sea. They ate and drank and were happy. <sup>21</sup> Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the Euphrates to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt. They brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.

<sup>22</sup> Solomon's provision for one day was thirty cors of fine flour and sixty cors of meal, <sup>23</sup> ten fat oxen, and twenty pasture-fed cattle, a hundred sheep, besides deer, gazelles, roebucks, and fattened fowl. <sup>24</sup> For he had dominion over all the region west of the Euphrates from Tiphseh to Gaza, over all the kings west of the Euphrates. And he had peace on all sides around him. <sup>25</sup> And Judah and Israel lived in safety, from Dan even to Beersheba, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, all the days of Solomon. <sup>26</sup> Solomon also had 40,000 stalls of horses for his chariots, and 12,000 horsemen. <sup>27</sup> And those officers supplied provisions for King Solomon, and for all who came to King Solomon's table, each one in his month. They let nothing be lacking. <sup>28</sup> Barley also and straw for the horses and swift steeds they brought to the place where it was required, each according to his duty.

<sup>29</sup> And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and breadth of mind like the sand on the seashore, <sup>30</sup> so that Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt. <sup>31</sup> For he was wiser than all other men, wiser than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol, and his fame was in all the surrounding nations. <sup>32</sup> He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005. <sup>33</sup> He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of the wall. He spoke also of beasts, and of birds, and of reptiles, and of fish. <sup>34</sup> And people of all nations came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### ROMANS 4:1-25

**4** What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup> just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup> blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

<sup>9</sup> Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. <sup>10</sup> How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. <sup>11</sup> He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, <sup>12</sup> and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

<sup>13</sup> For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

<sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on

grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,<sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.<sup>18</sup> In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.”<sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.<sup>20</sup> No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,<sup>21</sup> fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.<sup>22</sup> That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.”<sup>23</sup> But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone,<sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,<sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

## **SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

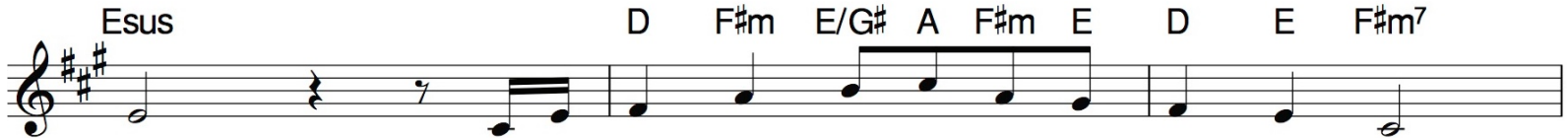
### *ACTS 2:37-39*

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

# BY FAITH



1. By faith we see the hand of God in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de-
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His prom - ise in their
3. By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the longed-for Mes - si - ah would ap -
4. By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spir - it to the
5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre-



sign, in the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,  
 hearts, of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,  
 pear with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
 lost to de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news  
 vail, for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



who walk by faith and not by sight.  
 a place where peace and jus - tice  
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave.  
 in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the  
 for all who call up - on His

reign. } We will stand as chil - dren of the  
 earth. }  
 name.



prom - ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the



work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

# SERMON

## GOD OF THE COVENANT

### GENESIS 15

**15** After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> And he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” <sup>8</sup> But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” <sup>9</sup> He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” <sup>10</sup> And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. <sup>14</sup> But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup> As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. <sup>16</sup> And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

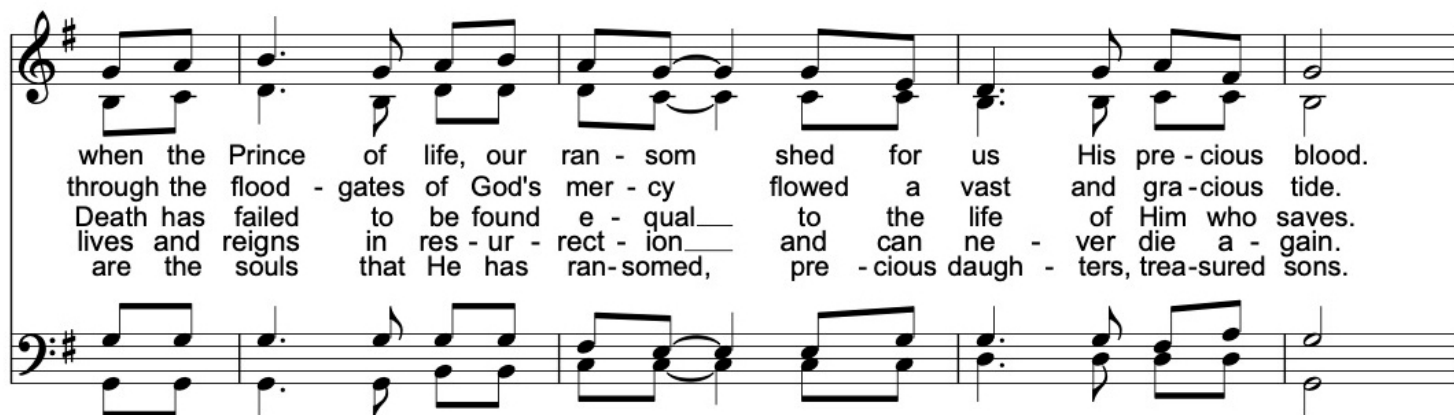
<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD

made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,<sup>19</sup> the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites,<sup>20</sup> the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,<sup>21</sup> the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

# HERE IS LOVE



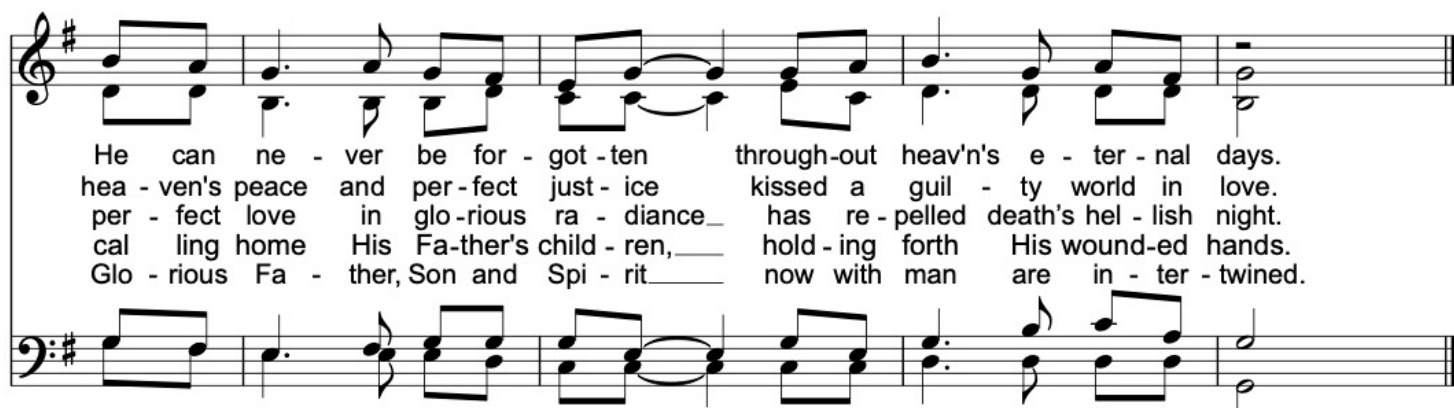
1. Here is love vast as the o - cean, lov - ing - kind - ness as the flood,  
 2. On the Mount of Cru - ci - fix - ion foun - tains op - ened deep and wide;  
 3. Here is love that con - quered e - vil: Christ, the first - born from the grave.  
 4. That same love be - yond all mea - sure, mocked and slain by hate - ful men,  
 5. Here is love vast as the hea - vens; count - less as the stars a - bove



when the Prince of life, our ran - som shed for us His pre - cious blood.  
 through the flood - gates of God's mer - cy flowed a vast and gra - cious tide.  
 Death has failed to be found e - qual to the life of Him who saves.  
 lives and reigns in res - ur - rect - ion and can ne - ver die a - gain.  
 are the souls that He has ran - somed, pre - cious daugh - ters, trea - sured sons.

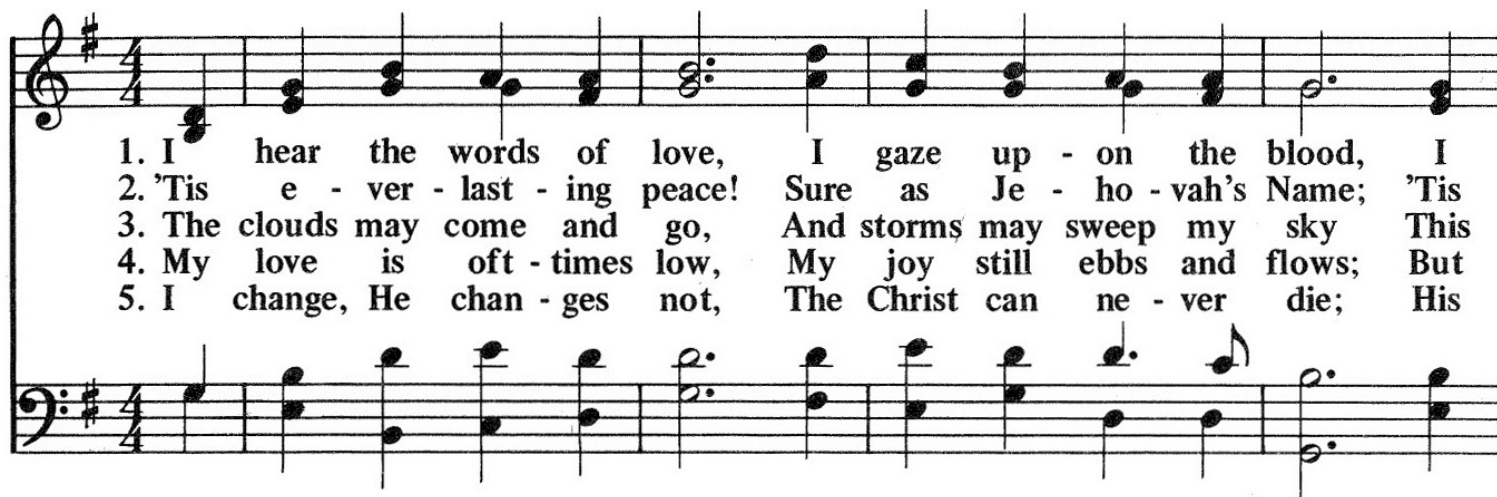


Who His love will not re - mem - ber? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
 Grace and love, like migh - ty ri - vers, poured in - ces - sant from a - bove;  
 In the val - ley of our dark - ness dawned His e - ver - las - ting light;  
 Here is love for all the a - ges, ra - diant Sun of Heav'n He stands,  
 We are called to feast for - e - ver on a love be - yond our time.

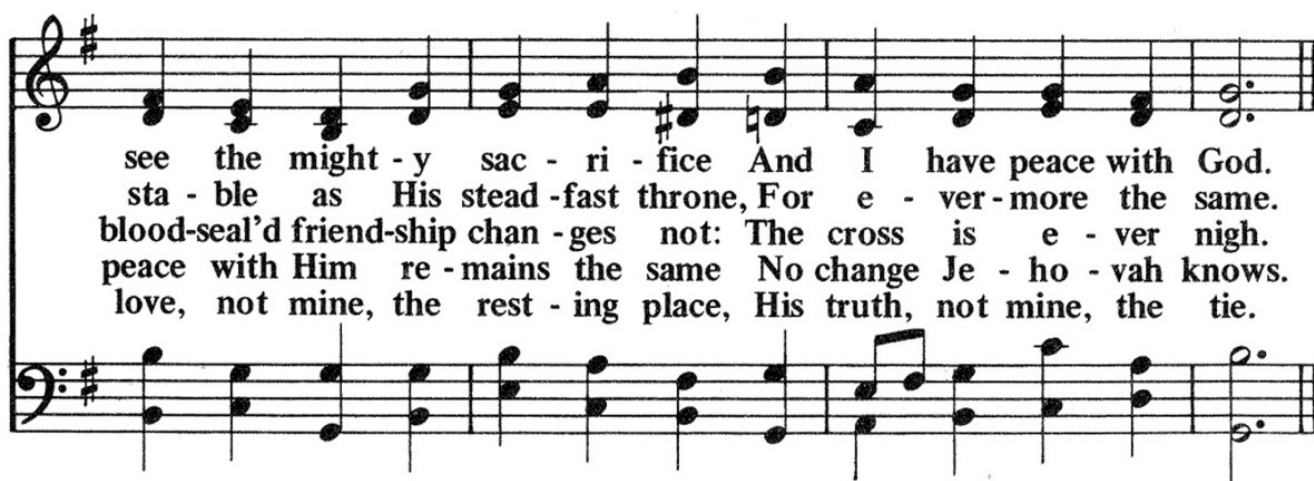


He can ne - ver be for - got - ten through - out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.  
 hea - ven's peace and per - fect just - ice kissed a guil - ty world in love.  
 per - fect love in glo - rious ra - diance has re - pelled death's hel - lish night.  
 cal ling home His Fa - ther's child - ren, hold - ing forth His wound - ed hands.  
 Glo - rious Fa - ther, Son and Spi - rit now with man are in - ter - twined.

# I HEAR THE WORDS OF LOVE



1. I hear the words of love, I gaze up - on the blood, I  
2. 'Tis e - ver - last - ing peace! Sure as Je - ho - vah's Name; 'Tis  
3. The clouds may come and go, And storms may sweep my sky This  
4. My love is oft - times low, My joy still ebbs and flows; But  
5. I change, He chan - ges not, The Christ can ne - ver die; His



see the might - y sac - ri - fice And I have peace with God.  
sta - ble as His stead - fast throne, For e - ver - more the same.  
blood-seal'd friend-ship chan - ges not: The cross is e - ver nigh.  
peace with Him re - mains the same No change Je - ho - vah knows.  
love, not mine, the rest - ing place, His truth, not mine, the tie.

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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 our church or about what it means to be a Christian. Please also take a **Visitor Gift** from the foyer on the way out. We're glad you're here!



**Families with Children** We offer 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

### Members' Meeting - Tonight

Members of FBC, please plan to join us tonight for our regularly scheduled Members' Meeting at 5PM. This is an important time in the life of our church and we look forward to seeing you there!

### Membership Matters Class

If you're interested in membership here at FBC, please plan to join us in the conference room at 9:30 on August 2, 9, and 16th. Contact [office@franconiabaptist.org](mailto:office@franconiabaptist.org) with any questions or to RSVP.

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