

United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Mr. Allan Mortenson

Guest Speaker

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

Mrs. Connie Bestgen

God's Singers Director

October 26, 2025 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

**All those who are able, please stand.*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Amelia Howard & Georjie Peck

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

I will praise the Lord at all times.

I will constantly speak His praises.

I will boast only in the Lord.

Let the humble hear and be glad.

Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness.

And, let us exalt his name together!

*Hymn No. 47 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Prayer of the Day

May this gathering be a blessing to you, O Lord! May our prayers and praises rise to your throne and bring you great joy. May our faith and love for you overflow to the desperate places of earth, so that others will find your healing and hope in their lives. All glory and love and thanks be to you, O Lord Jesus Christ! Amen.

*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*Act of Praise – “Gloria Patri”

(printed on laminated card in hymnal or back page of large print)

Invitation to Children's Time

Hymn for Children “Jesus Loves Me”

Children's Time Holly Bieri

Anthem “You’re a Great Big God” God’s Singers

Prayer for Illumination Alan Chambers

O Lord when we are blind, give us sight to see the needs of the world.

Father when we are deaf, return to us hearing, so that we may hear the cry of the hungry.

God, fill us now with your spirit, and open our hearts and our minds to your word, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we humbly pray. Amen

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Romans 5:1-8 p. 980

Second Lesson: 1 John 4:13-21 p. 1067

Sermon “Be the Church”

Hymn No. 484 “The Church’s One Foundation”

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

(printed on laminated card in hymnal or back page of large print)

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

(printed on laminated card in hymnal or back page of large print)

Invitation to the Offering

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory

*Response *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*
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*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 343 “I Am Thine, O Lord”

*Benediction

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Congregational Response –

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (p. 497) verse 1 & 4
 *“Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
 The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.
 When we are called to part, It give us inward pain,
 But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again.”*

*Postlude



Wednesday Evening Meal, October 29, 6:00 p.m.
Eggs, Sausage, Ham, Cinnamon Rolls and Biscuits and Gravy

Please Sign Up for Wednesday Evening Meals

Sign up on the clip board at the office window or at the back of the sanctuary.

Or by 4:00 Monday: Call the church office (796-4885)

Email Rhonda: rhonda@calmo-ucc.org

Food Pantry Items Needed

Each month the Food Pantry is requesting a different food item. For the **month of October, Cake Mix** is the food item requested. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.

Activities Calendar: October 26, 2025 ~ November 2, 2025

Sunday, October 26, 2025, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

3:00 p.m. – Middle School Fall Party at Bestgens

6:00 p.m. – Sr. High Youth at Ingrams- *We hope to see you with your pumpkin and something yummy to share!*

Monday, October 27, 2025

7:00 p.m. - Brotherhood

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

9:00 a.m.- Prayer Cell

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

6:00 p.m. – Wed. Night Meal/Confirmation

6:30 p.m. - R.O.K./God's Singers/ **NO Practice** for Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. - Sr. Choir practice

Sunday, November 2, 2025, - Daylight Savings Time Ends

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost- All Saints Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship-Communion/Lina Eddy

Looking ahead.....

November 3- Sunday School Teacher and Officers Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

November 4 – Quilters meet

November 5 – Youth Taco meal 6 p.m.

November 7 – Men's Bible Study at the Crossroads 6 a.m.

November 10 - Consistory 6 p.m.

November 16 – MSYF packing Operation Shoeboxes after Church

November 19 – Women's Guild 1 p.m.

November 23 – Totenfest Sunday

November 24 – Brotherhood 7 p.m.

November 26 - No Wed. night meal or activities

November 27 - Thanksgiving Meal at Nutrition Center at Noon

Holiday-Church office closed

November 28 - Church office closed

November 30 – First Sunday of Advent - Communion

Thank you to Allan Mortenson for delivering the message this morning and leading our worship! Starting next Sunday, November 2, 2025, Lina Eddy will be leading the services and will continue through November and December.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Confirmands: Lena Bieri, Megan Carlock, Royce Everett, Logan Milligan and Meredith Wolford

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Charles Velazquez (Dolores Burger's brother-in-law), Diane (Henry) Jobe, Michael and Tammy Rex, Becky Zuidervaat, Bill Schacht, Jenine Baker, Alan Chambers, Courtney Cassil, Jo Suggs, Judy Kilmer, Jaden Perry (*Janice Anderson's grandson*)

All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)
Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of the late Jack & Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY*)
Dakota Meyer (*grandson of Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO*)
Madelynn Perry (*granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – Europe*)
Dylan Ash (*spouse- Jasmine Ash and son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, Great Lakes Naval Base, North Chicago, IL*)
Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Italy*)
Blake Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Drum, NY*)

Giving Made Easy

Online giving is available for both Church and
Sunday School!

Follow the E-Giving link, top right-hand corner on our website:
calmo-ucc.org to give today or set recurring gifts

Christmas Cantata
Practices Wednesdays at 7:30pm
Everyone is welcome to come join us!

In honor of Veteran's Day, the Historical Committee would like to display pictures of all our Veterans in the cabinet by the Church office. If you would like to have a picture displayed, please drop it off at the Church office **by November 6th.** Pictures will then be available for pick-up after December 5th.



Operation Shoebox

The Middle School Youth Fellowship will be sponsoring the Operation Christmas Shoeboxes this year! You will be able to fill your own shoebox or if you would prefer to make a donation, the youth will be packing the shoeboxes on **Sunday, November 16th**, right after church. Things that can be used is basically anything that can fit into a shoebox including school supplies, small toys, toiletries for teenagers and small children and list goes on. If you would like to donate to this wonderful cause, please have your items **dropped off by Sunday, November 16th.** The MSYF thanks you for your help in this service project!

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery attendant is **Emma Bestgen**. There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

Need some help with hearing? See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

Notice the "Connection Cards" in the pews. They are for our guests or anyone that has a prayer request or needs more information about the church. Please place it in the offering plate.

Search Committee

**The search committee has met and will continue to do so.
They are asking for prayers that the Lord guides them
through this journey to find our new pastor.**

Darles Vernon, Chairman

Ken Wolken, Vice Chairman

Toni Kueffer, Secretary

Morgan Opie

Larry Rohrbach

Tammy Kilmer

Steven Burger

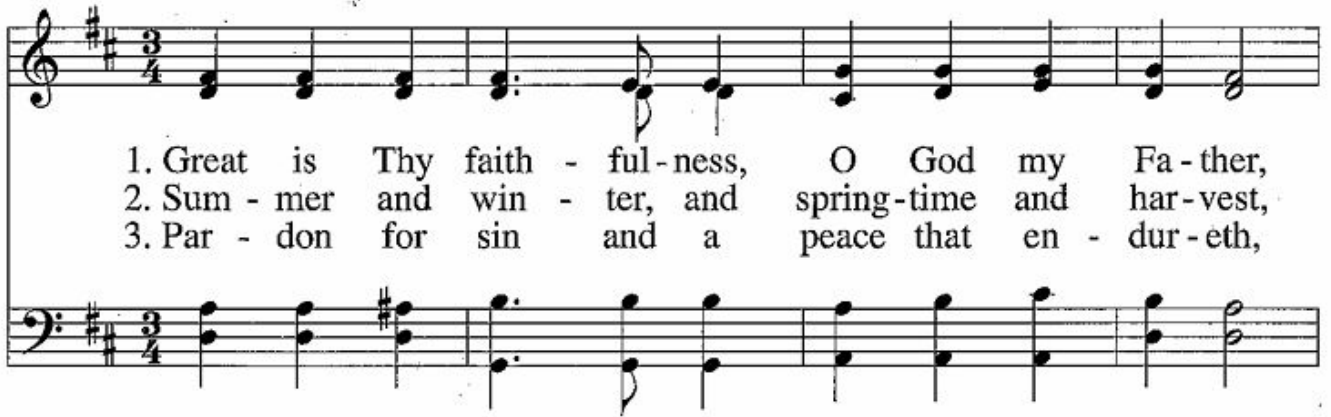
What Is Old Is New

Good morning and free smiles are back! **Starting November 2, 2025,** we will have Greeters at the North and South doors of the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Justin and Tammy Kilmer will be serving in November. If you would be willing to serve as a Greeter, please let the Consistory know.

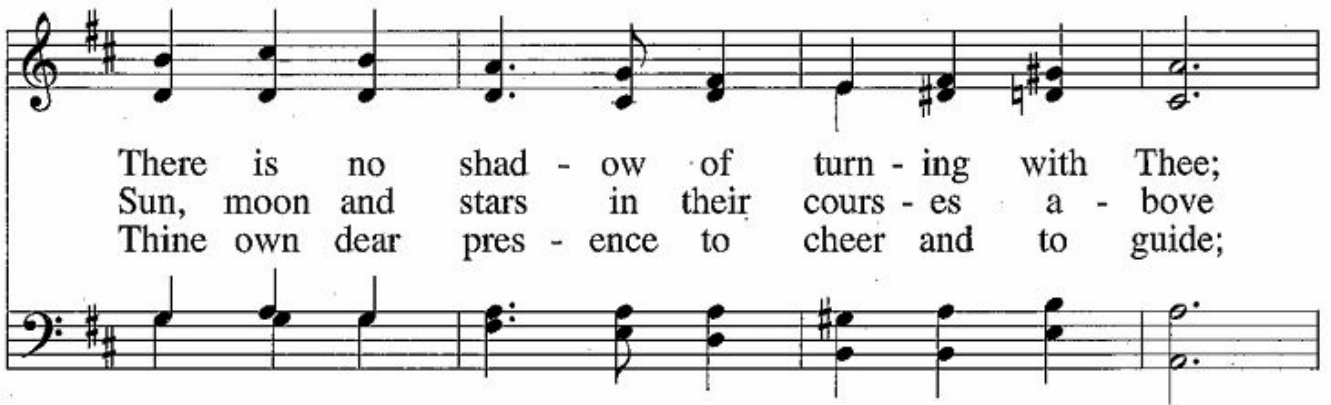
Change is not easy, but when that change is going back to an old tradition, it just feels right. **On November 2, 2025,** we will once again pass the offering plate as a part of Worship. With grateful hearts let's remember that God has given us everything and what we have to give back came from Him.

Volunteers for Sound Booth are still needed. Please let the Consistory know if you are interested or know of someone that is.

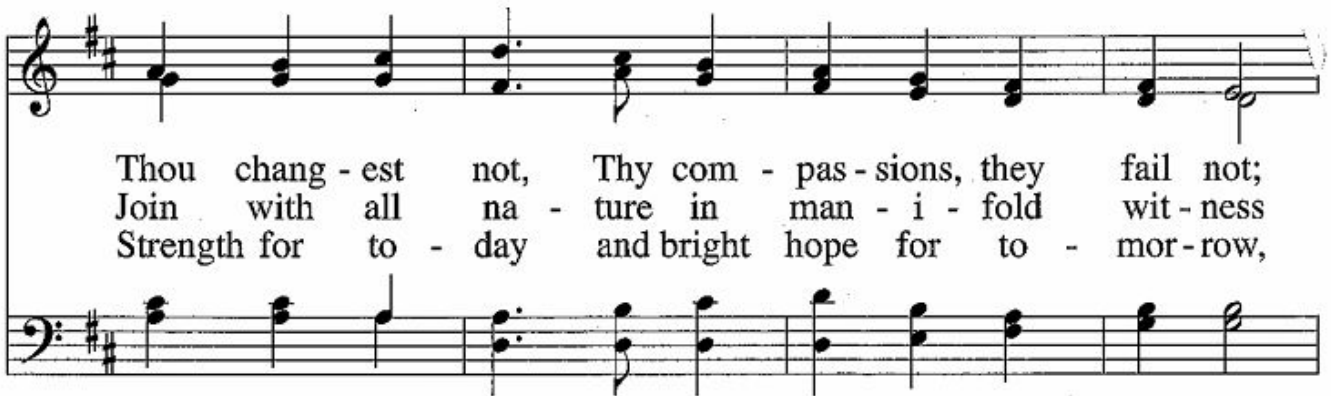
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



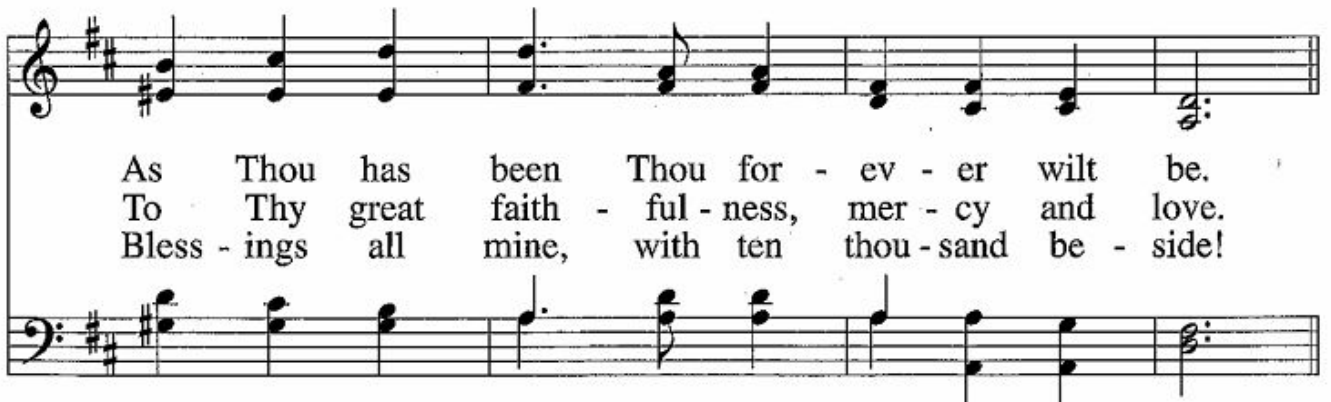
1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou has been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

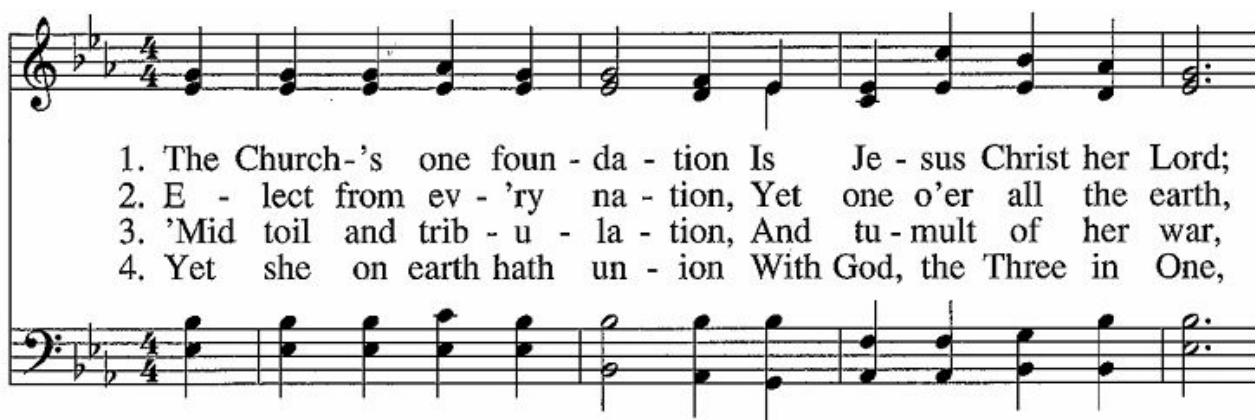
Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

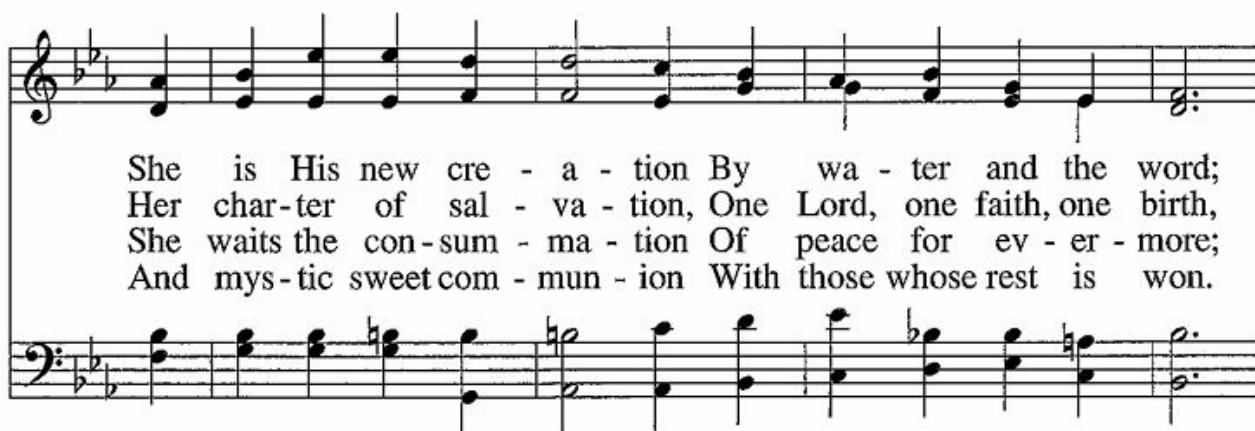
All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed—

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me! A - men.

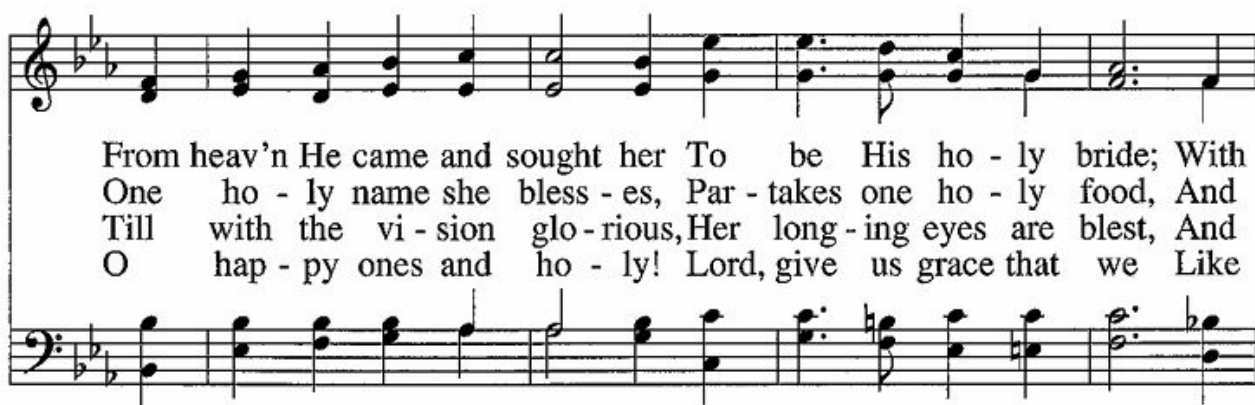
The Church's One Foundation



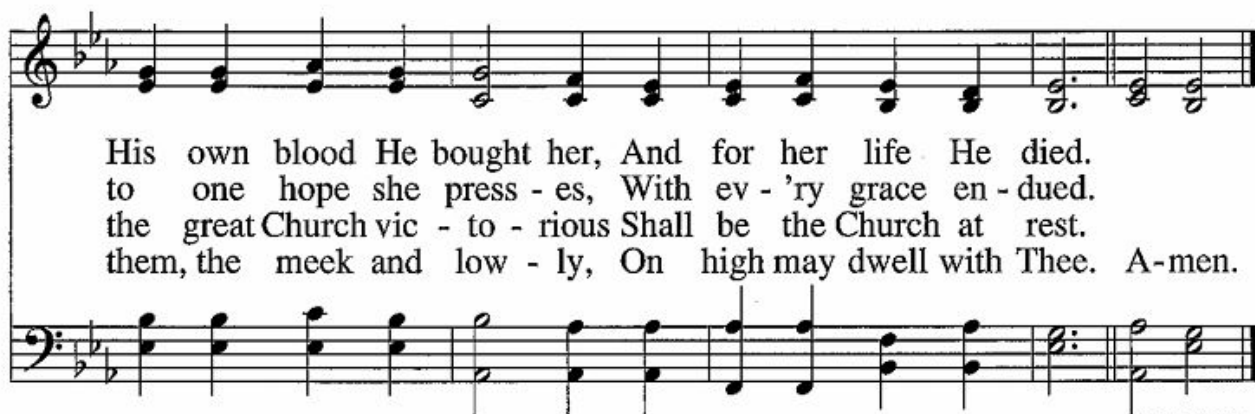
1. The Church-'s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word;
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, One Lord, one faith, one birth,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for ev - er - more;
And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride; With
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, Her long - ing eyes are blest, And
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we Like



His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with Thee. A-men.

I Am Thine, O Lord



1. I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, And it
 2. Con - se - crate me now to Thy serv - ice, Lord, By the
 3. O, the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour That be -
 4. There are depths of love that I can - not know Till I



told Thy love to me; But I long to rise in the
 pow'r of grace di - vine; Let my soul look up with a
 fore Thy throne I spend, When I kneel in prayer, and with
 cross the nar - row sea; There are heights of joy that I



arms of faith, And be clos - er drawn to Thee.
 stead - fast hope, And my will be lost in Thine.
 Thee, my God, I com - mune as friend with friend!
 may not reach Till I rest in peace with Thee.



near - er,
 Draw me near - er, near - er, near - er, bless - ed Lord, To the

near - er,

cross where Thou hast died; Draw me near - er, near - er,

near - er, bless-ed Lord, To Thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'near - er, cross where Thou hast died; Draw me near - er, near - er, near - er, bless-ed Lord, To Thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the second system.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son,
our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he arose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the one
Holy universal Christian Church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 for ever. Amen.



DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings
flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



KYRIE

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation: **Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation: **Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation: **Lord, have mercy upon us.***