

United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri
Rev. Michael Matheny
Mr. Jess Medlin

Pastor
Organist

July 26, 2026 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude - “*Tannhauser March*” - Community Band

Lighting of the Candles Amelia Howard & Lee Bieri

Gathering Chorus No. 7 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
(1st verse)

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to God and call on God’s name.

People: Sing to God; sing praises to God!

Leader: Make known God’s deeds among the people.

People: Sing to God; sing praises to God!

Leader: Seek God’s presence and God’s strength.

People: Sing to God; sing praises to God!

Leader: Let us worship our God, for God is faithful.

*Hymn No. 382 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*Prayer of the Day (unison)

**Our gracious and ever loving God,
we come in the midst of summer looking for refreshment.
We rest in the knowledge of the wonderful works you have
done for us, and of the deep and abiding love you have for us
and for all God’s people.**

*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)

Invitation to Children’s Time

Hymn for Children “B-I-B-L-E”

*The B-I-B-L-E,
Yes, that’s the book for me;
I stand alone on the Word of God,
The B-I-B-L-E*

Children’s Time

Puppets

Special Music “*Nearer, My God, To Thee*” - Community Band

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Carole Barbour

God of Hope, by faith we know that you created the world, and that what is seen is made by things that are not visible. Open our eyes to your presence among us that we may hear your word with clarity and sureness of hope, as we follow you in all righteousness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Psalms 105:1-11, 45b p. 523

Second Lesson: Matthew 13:31-35, 44-52 p. 847

Sermon

**“All Things Work Together”
Romans 8:26-39**

Hymn No. 413 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation to the Offering- "*A Mighty Fortress Is our God*" -
Community Band

*Response "*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*"

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 377 "*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*"

*Benediction

With a song of praise on our lips,

we go forth with God.

With the love of God in our hearts,

we go forth with God.

With a commitment to usher in God's kingdom,

we go forth with God.

With all that we are and all we can be,

we go forth with God.

*Congregational Response "*God Bless America*"- *Community Band*
God bless America

Land that I love.

Stand beside her, and guide her

Through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies,

To the oceans, white with foam,

God bless America, my home, sweet home.

God bless America, my home, sweet home.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude – "*Side By Side March*" - *Community Band*

Activities: July 26, 2026 – August 2, 2026

Sunday, July 26, 2026

9:30 a.m.... Sunday School

10:30 a.m.... Worship

Monday, July 27, 2026

7:00 p.m.... Brotherhood

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

9:00 a.m..... Prayer Cell

Sunday, August 2, 2026

9:30 a.m.... Sunday School

10:30 a.m.... Worship - Communion

Looking ahead ~

Monday, August 3 – Sunday School Teacher and Officer Meeting 6:30pm

Tuesday, August 4 - Quilters will NOT meet

Monday, August 10 – Consistory 6pm

Wednesday, August 19 – Women's Guild cleaning day

Saturday, August 22 – Salem Ice Cream Social

Monday, August 24 – Brotherhood Fish Fry

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Ushers: Larry Schoeneberg and Anny Roll

Greeters: Carla Clennin and Larry Rohrbach



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## **Food Pantry Items Needed**

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

## **California Community Band Roster**

Flute – Chris Hurt, California

Clarinet – BrookeLynn York, Jamestown

Alto Saxophone – Mary Hoelscher, Jefferson City

Alto Saxophone – Leonard Vader, Jefferson City

Tenor Saxophone – David Jungmeyer, California

Trumpet – Roger Hager, Jefferson City

Trumpet - David Garnett, California

Trumpet – Daniel Aggeler, California

French Horn – Meagan VanDam, California

Trombone – Anita Schroeter, California

Trombone – Elias Welch, Jamestown

Baritone – Charles Lamoreaux, Jefferson City

Baritone – Simon Schroeter, California

Tuba – Norman Rohrbach, California

Director – Gretta Lieser, Jamestown

The 17th Annual Moniteau County Back to School Fair will be held from 4–6 p.m. on **Tuesday, July 28, 2026**, at California High School. This event provides free school supplies and resources to students across Moniteau County.

Quilters will not meet in August. We will resume in September at 10:30 on the first Tuesday.

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

Campers This Week: **Charley Medlin, Aspen Laster (Charley's Friend), McKenzie Medlin and McKenna Chambers**

Family and Friends of: Judy Kilmer, Bob Atwell and Isabel Williams

**All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:**

Alan Meyer, Anjanette Volkart, Becky Zuidervaat, Alan Chambers, Joyce Rohrbach, Cindy Ash, Jackie Heather

**California Care:** Jimmy Ford, Amanda Volkart, Ida Barry

**Valley Park:** Jane Burger, Carole Schroeder, Patricia Friedrich

**Heisinger Bluffs:** Charles Goode

**Tipton Oaks:** Jo Suggs

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

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker, Naval Base, San Diego, CA*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of the late Jack & Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY*)

Madelynn Perry (*granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – Europe*)

Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Italy*)

Blake Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Drum, NY*)

Cory Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Marine Reserves, St. Louis*)

Tucker Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Army, Kentucky*)

Walker Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Air Force, Germany*)

### **Prayer from Search Committee**

John 15:1-8 — Pray for church members to continually abide in Christ and produce much fruit that glorifies the Father during the interim period.

# Salem United Church of Christ

## Annual Ice Cream Social



Date: Saturday, August 22

Serving 4:00 until 6:30 p.m.

Located on the Salem church grounds  
on Hwy K, east of California

Dining inside and outside, pick your pleasure.



Ice Cream



Drinks  
Sandwiches



Chips  
Cake Walk



Cake

Everyone welcome! Come and enjoy an evening of  
fun, food and fellowship.

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.



# A NOTE FROM THE CONSISTORY.....

## Church Smoke and Fire Protection

The consistory has contracted with Korsmeyer Fire Protection out of Jefferson City to replace the worn-out smoke and fire alarm system installed with the 2003 Friendship Hall construction project. The replacement system will consist of a new controller and sensors located primarily in the education building and parts of the Friendship Hall building. This repair will cost \$5455.00 and will be completed in late July.

During the evaluation of the problems with the current system, it was recognized that we do not have smoke detectors in the ceiling of the gym or the sanctuary. We are concerned that without proper early smoke detection in these two areas, a fire could progress quite rapidly and do catastrophic damage to our facility estimated at near \$7 million to replace. While we believe we have adequate insurance coverage, we would rather be able to quickly address a fire situation that is starting than rebuild after the damage is done. Our deductible alone for fire is \$50,000.

Due to these missing elements of fire protection, primarily in the gym and sanctuary, and the fact that the wiring in the original sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and basement are quite aged, we have received a bid from Korsmeyer Fire Protection to install additional smoke and heat detectors that will give us a better chance of catching a pending fire.

The bid of \$27,300 would cover installation of additional wired sensors in these high ceilings and heat detectors in the sanctuary, attic and kitchens. This is in addition to the \$5455.00 for the first phase already contracted and includes the wiring and labor to get to these high locations and through the old brick walls and rock foundations.

We believe this investment is a practical and cost-effective approach to early fire detection to minimize the risk of a catastrophic loss. Monitoring would be part of this system and would be performed 24/7 by a third party who notifies the local 911 directly.

The consistory is requesting your comments on this improvement. We plan to schedule a membership discussion and vote in the near future regarding entering into a contract to complete this needed improvement.

Please discuss with your Consistory members and we will schedule a membership meeting in the coming months.

### **Wednesday Night Meals Volunteers Needed**

The Consistory is looking for individuals or groups interested in signing up for a date in the rotation to provide a Wednesday night meal for our church family. We are looking for those interested in providing the labor to prepare the meal as an act of service. The food costs will be paid by the church. This rotation will be separate from the various fundraisers held throughout the year. Sweet Chipotle Catering will continue to be a part of the rotation as well. If interested, please contact a Consistory member to select a date. Wednesday night meals are scheduled to **start Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**.

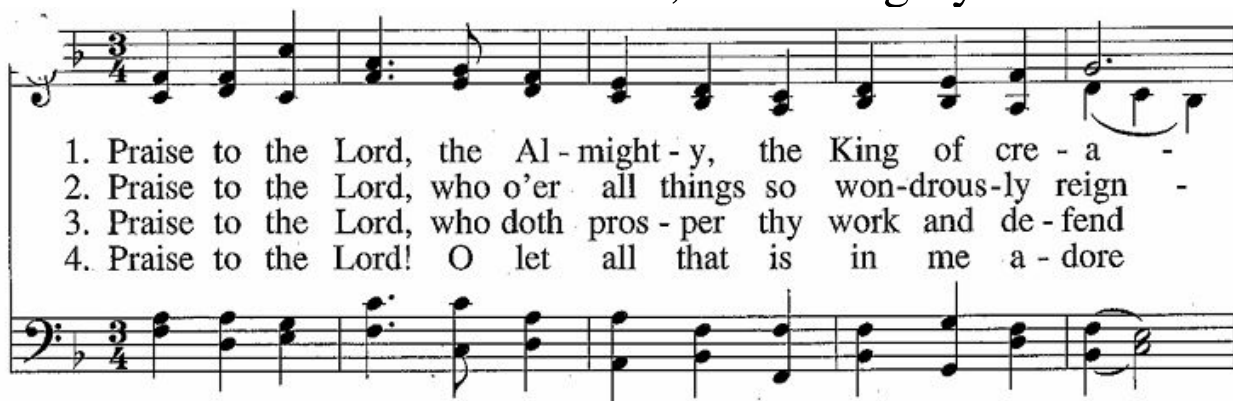
### **Lower-Level Lobby Doors**

In an effort to increase the security of our church facility and family, the glass doors to the lower-level lobby will be locked at 10:45 on Sunday mornings beginning in August 2026. If you need to enter the church after that time, please either use the Oak Street entrance at the front of the church or use your key fob to access the locked doors. If you do not have a key fob to access the church, please contact the office to receive one.

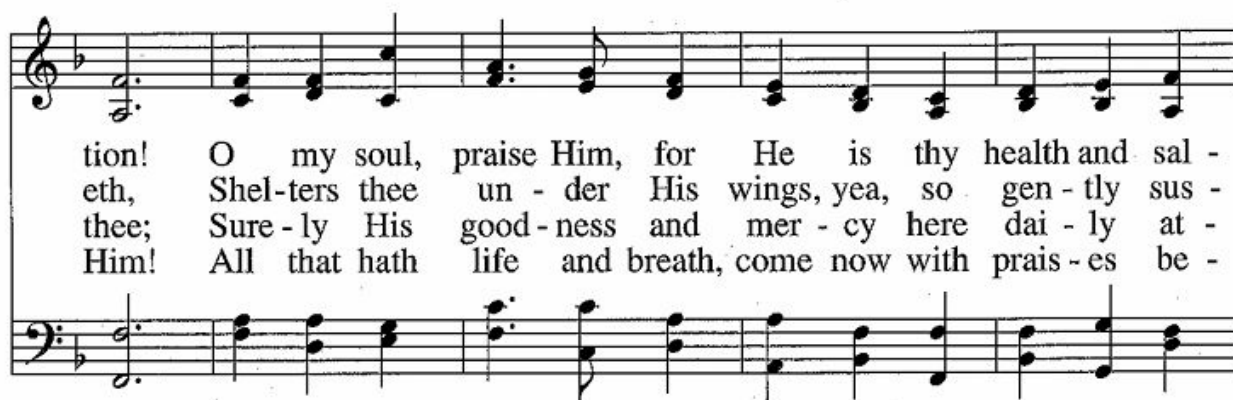
### **Janitorial Services**

After 13 years of dedicated service, Doug and Beth Dampf have made the decision to resign as the janitorial provider for the church facility. The Consistory is seeking a new individual or small group interested in taking on this responsibility. This is a paid position. Please contact a Consistory member for details about responsibilities as well as salary details if you are interested in the position.

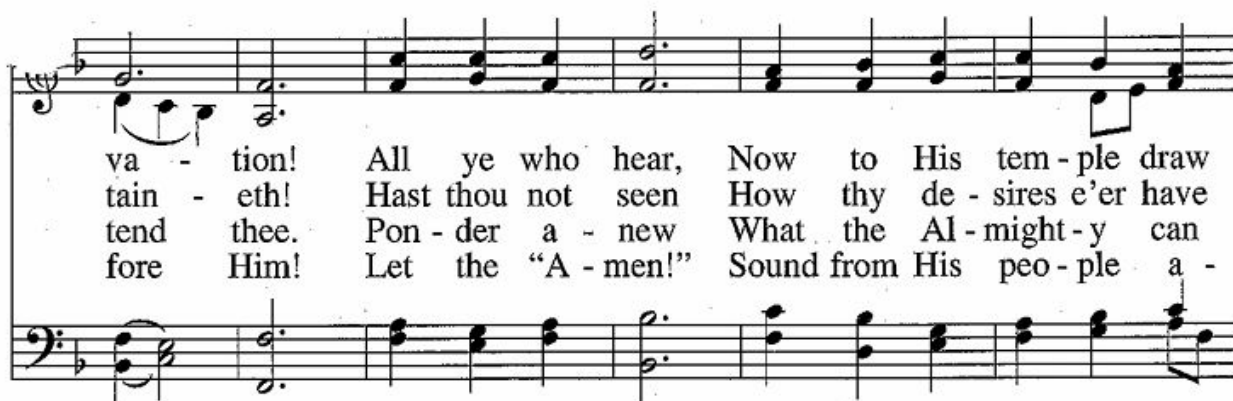
# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign -  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend  
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore



tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal-  
 eth, Shel-ters thee un-der His wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-  
 thee; Sure-ly His good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-  
 Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-



va-tion! All ye who hear, Now to His tem-ple draw  
 tain-eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de-sires e'er have  
 tend thee. Pon-der a-new What the Al-might-y can  
 fore Him! Let the "A-men!" Sound from His peo-ple a-



near; Join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!  
 been Grant-ed in what He or-dain-eth?  
 do, If with His love He be-friend thee.  
 gain: Glad-ly for aye we a-dore Him! A-men.

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should  
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, No



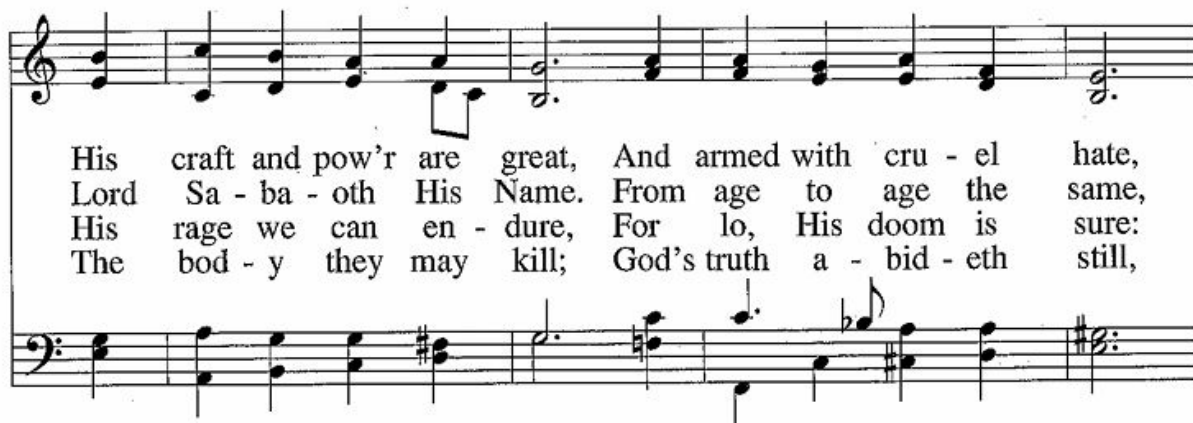
bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; Our help - er He a -  
 striv - ing would be los - ing, Were not the right man  
 threat - en to un - do us, We will not fear, for  
 thanks to them, a - bid - eth; The Spir - it and the



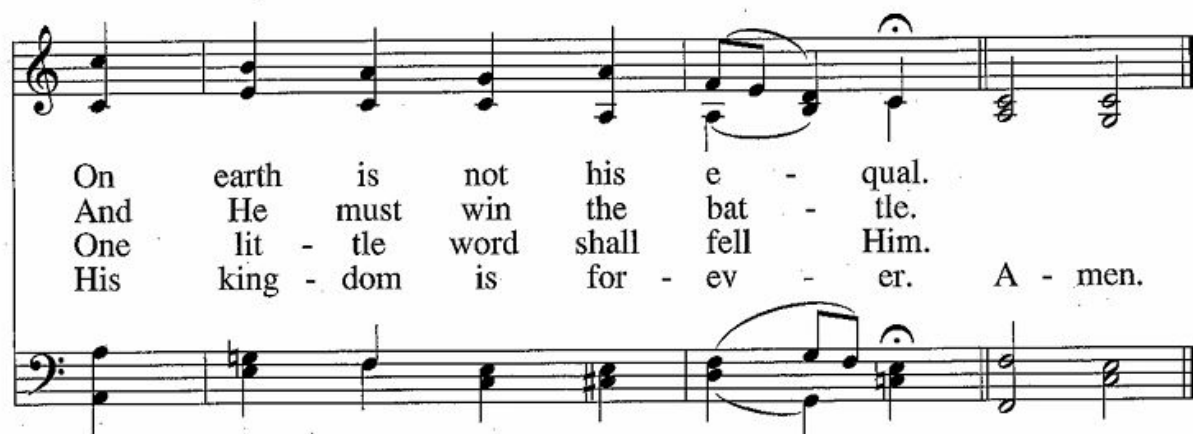
mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
 on our side, The man of God's own choos - ing.  
 God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.  
 gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth.



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe;  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He;  
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for Him;  
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so;

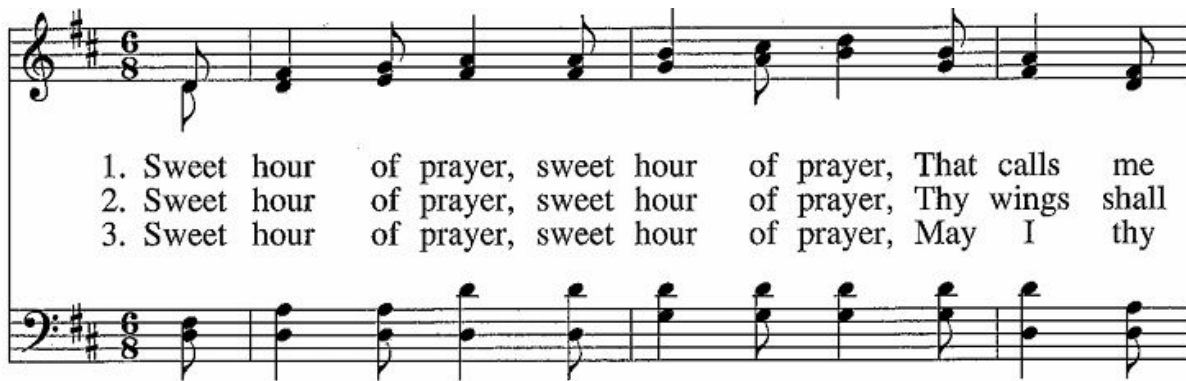


His craft and pow'r are great, And armed with cru - el hate,  
 Lord Sa - ba - oth His Name. From age to age the same,  
 His rage we can en - dure, For lo, His doom is sure:  
 The bod - y they may kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still,

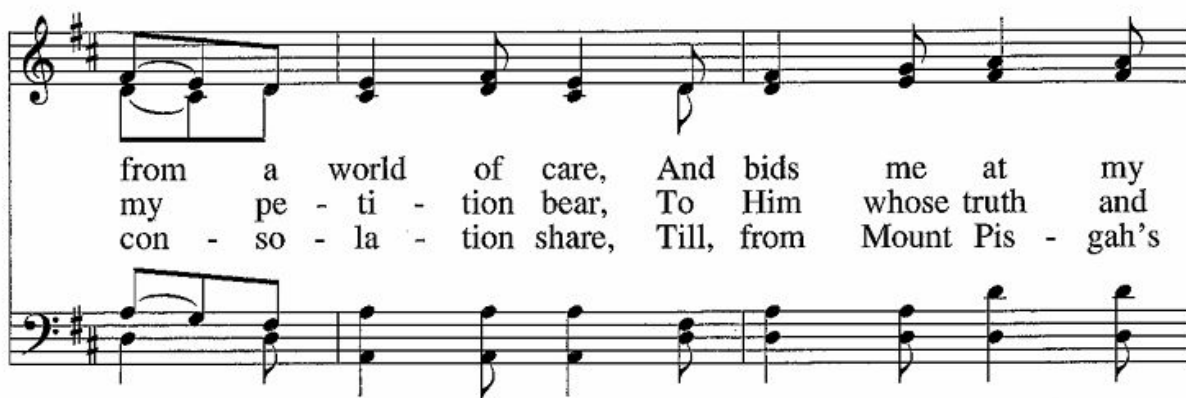


On earth is not his e - qual.  
 And He must win the bat - tle.  
 One lit - tle word shall fell Him.  
 His king - dom is for - ev - er. A - men.

# Sweet Hour of Prayer



1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me  
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall  
3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy



from a world of care, And bids me at my  
my pe - ti - tion bear, To Him whose truth and  
con - so - la - tion share, Till, from Mount Pis - gah's



Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish - es known,  
faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;  
loft - y height, I view my home and take my flight:



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief My soul has of - ten  
And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His word and  
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise To seize the ev - er -

found re - lief, And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By  
trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And  
last - ing prize; And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare-

thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.  
wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.  
well, fare - well, sweet hour of prayer!" A - men.



# Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,  
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,  
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;

What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing,  
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



safe and se - cure from all a - larms; lean - ing,  
lean - ing on Je - sus,

This musical system consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The treble staff features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding staves.

lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on Je - sus,

This musical system continues the hymn with a treble and bass staff. The treble staff melody concludes with a double bar line. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment. The lyrics are aligned with the musical notes.

## 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.*