

United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Michael Matheny

Mr. Jess Medlin

Pastor

Organist

August 2, 2026 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Camden & Sutton Lawson

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Welcome to worship this day.

People: Thank you. We're glad to be here.

Leader: Some have come seeking; some have come struggling

People: Lord, be with each one of us today. Feed our hearts and souls with your transforming love.

Leader: God is truly with you all today, guiding, lifting, feeding, restoring your souls.

People: Praise be to God who continually abides with us.

AMEN.

***Hymn No. 263 "This is My Father's World"**

***Prayer of the Day (unison)**

In the darkness of night and the brightness of day, you, O Lord, are present to us. As we wrestle with situations which seem to drain us of our energy; as we struggle to find out who you call us to be, you reach out to us with reassurance of empowerment and courage for the days ahead. Calm our spirits and prepare our hearts and lives to receive your awesome grace. It is in Jesus' name that we pray. 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)

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

Holly Bieri

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Ginnie Medlin

Blessed Lord, grant us to hear and inwardly digest your holy scriptures before us, set aside the fears that keep us from hearing you speaking, and ever hold fast to the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Genesis 32: 22-31 p. 28

Second Lesson: Isaiah: 55:1-5 p. 635

Special Music “Gratitude”

Brandon Embry

Sermon **Sharing Bread**

Matthew 14: 13-21 p. 848

Hymn No. 430 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Invitation to the Offering

*Response “*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*”

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Confession

Words of Confession (unison)

Lord of mercy and hope, we come before you with fear. We know that we have fallen short of being the kind of disciples that you have called us to be. We have turned our backs on people in need; we have closed our ears to the cries of the voiceless. And so we hesitate to come before you because we believe that you are disappointed in us. Remind us again that you are merciful and your love transforms and changes our lives. When we falter and slide off the path of hope you place before us, you “pick us up and dust us off” and put us again on the trail, confident of your faithful presence with us. Forgive us our weakness. Strengthen us and give us courage; help us to be bearers of your good news of peace. We pray this in Christ’s name. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Feel God’s healing love pouring over you and into your lives. Know that God delights in each one of you and will always be present to you. This is indeed the Good News of the Gospel. AMEN.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is open to all who seek to receive the Gift of God in Jesus Christ. This table is spread for you and for all. The inner circle contains white wine. The outer circles contain red grape juice.

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And with you also.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Let us pray...

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

(printed on laminated card in hymnal)

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

*(Please hold the elements until all have been served,
so that we may all commune together.)*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

*Hymn No. 337 "Heaven Came Down"

*Benediction

The Spirit sends us forth to serve. Go in peace, knowing that God will always be by your side in all that you do. Go in love, offering healing and hope to others. Go in joy, that others may be lifted and inspired in service. AMEN.

*Congregational Response "*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*" p.580

God be with you till we meet again;

By His counsels guide, uphold you,

With His sheep securely fold you:

God be with you till we meet again.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

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Ushers: Holly Bieri and Kris Ingram

Greeters: Linda and Leroy Schnieders



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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.

### Activities Calendar: August 2, 2026 ~ August 9, 2026

#### Sunday, August 2

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship-Communion

7:00 p.m. – Community Band followed by Fair Worship Services  
at Fairgrounds

#### Tuesday, August 4

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Quilters do not meet

#### Sunday, August 9

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship - R.O.K Sunday

### *Looking ahead ~*

Monday, August 10th – Consistory meeting 6 pm

Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School Teacher and Officer meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 19th – Women's Guild cleaning day

Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Salem Ice Cream Social

Monday, August 24th – Brotherhood Fish Fry

1<sup>st</sup> day of School

Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – Sr. Choir and Bell practices start

Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – Rally Sunday

### **Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)**

#### **Sunday, August 9th**

after children's time till the end of the worship service All the kids 4 years old and up are invited to come down to the Fellowship Hall with Ronda Mortenson. You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship service.

### **Food Pantry Items Needed**

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

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

Family and Friends of: Isabel Williams, Judy Kilmer, Carol Medlin, and Ed Hanauer

**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 the Search Committee...**

Ephesians 4:1-6— Pray that we will be prepared to make the necessary changes to embrace a new day of ministry. Pray for God to prepare us to change and grow with graciousness and unity so we can be the church He has called us to be.

## Senior Choir

Attention all singers! Practices for the Senior Choir will start on **Wednesday, August 26th at 7:30pm** in the sanctuary. If you are interested in being a part of a wonderful group of dedicated singers, please feel free to join us! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 573-291-1189. Hope to see you there!

Stacy Friedrich, California UCC Choir Director



## Bell Choir

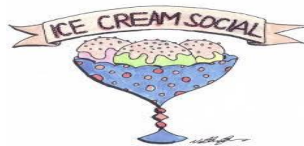
Bell practice will start **Wednesday, August 26th at 6:30pm.**

We are needing more bell members. Come join us!

Contact me at 573-291-8919

Becky Schneider, Bell Choir Director

## **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

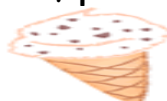
Dining inside and outside, pick your pleasure.



Ice Cream



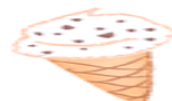
Drinks



Chips



Cake



Sandwiches

Cake Walk

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

# 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 sign up on the sign-up sheet on the downstairs bulletin board to select a date. Wednesday night meals are scheduled to **start Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.**

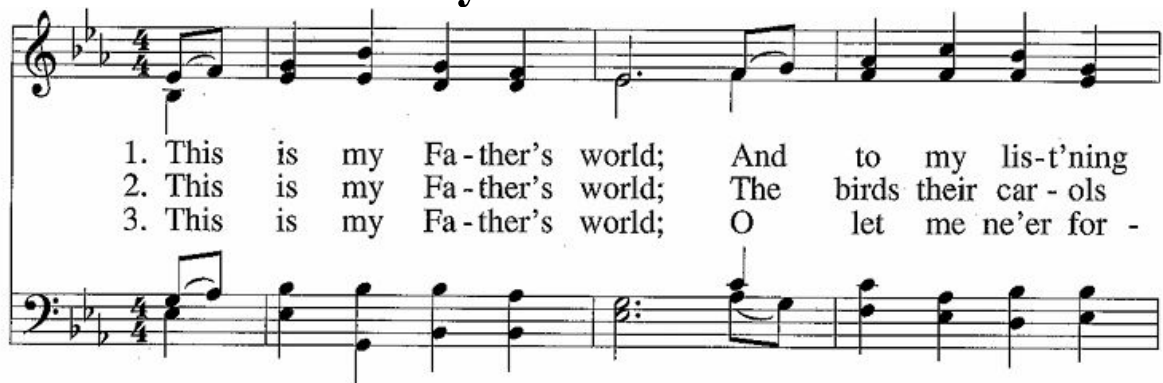
## **Lower-Level Lobby Doors**

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.

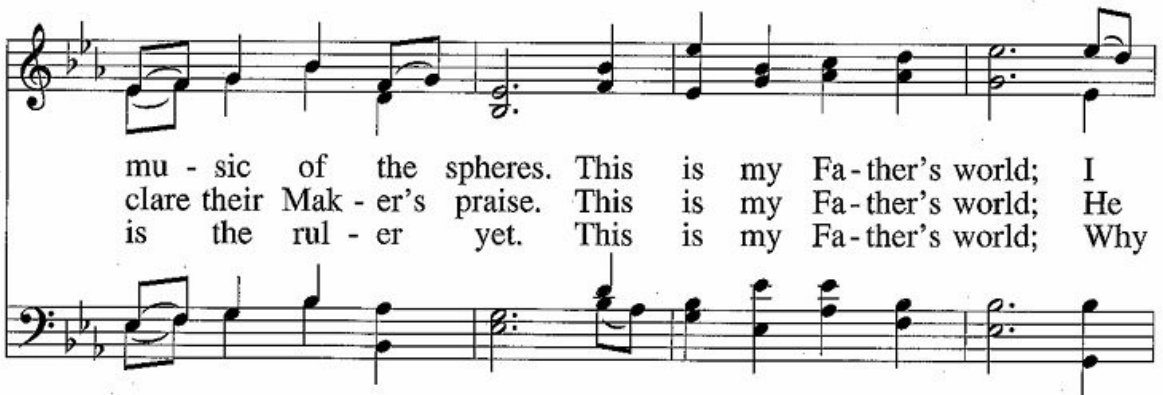
# This Is My Father's World



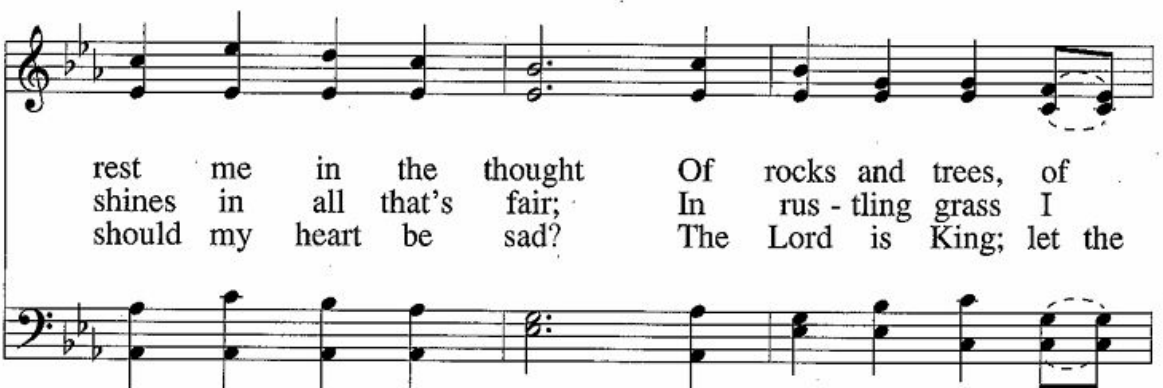
1. This is my Fa-ther's world; And to my lis-t'ning  
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world; The birds their car-ols  
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world; O let me ne'er for -



ears, All na - ture sings, and round me rings The  
 raise, The morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De -  
 get That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God



mu - sic of the spheres. This is my Fa-ther's world; I  
 clare their Mak - er's praise. This is my Fa-ther's world; He  
 is the rul - er yet. This is my Fa-ther's world; Why



rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of  
 shines in all that's fair; In rus - tling grass I  
 should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the

skies and seas, His hand the won - ders wrought.  
 hear Him pass; He speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.  
 heav - ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad. A - men.

## Just a Closer Walk with Thee

*Unison* G D7

*Refrain: Just* a clos - er walk with Thee, Grant it  
 1. I am weak but Thou art strong; Je - sus,  
 2. Through this world of toil and snares, If I  
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for

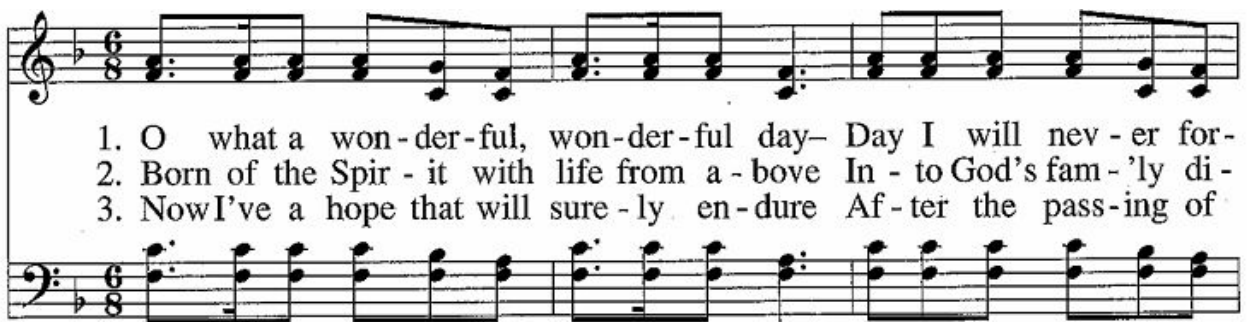
G G7

Je - sus, is my plea. Dai - ly walk - ing close to  
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as  
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den  
 me will be no more; Guide me gen - tly, safe - ly

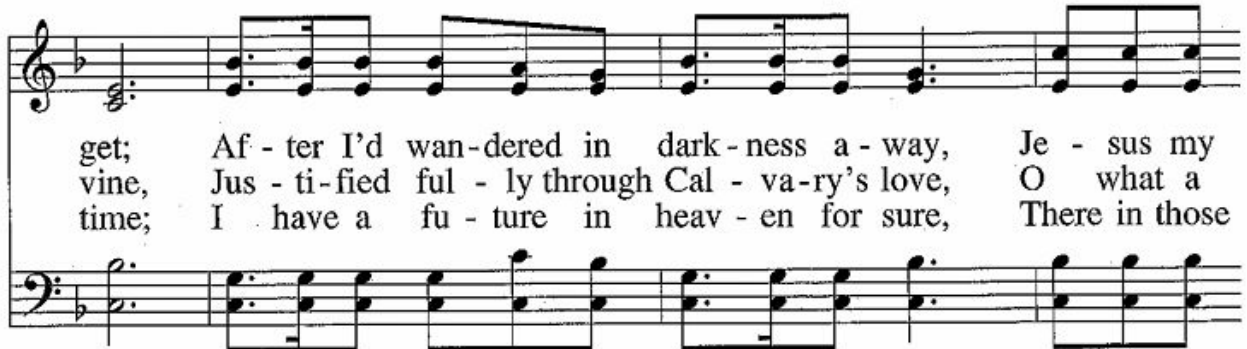
C G D7 G

Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
 long As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.  
 shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.  
 o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to Thy shore.

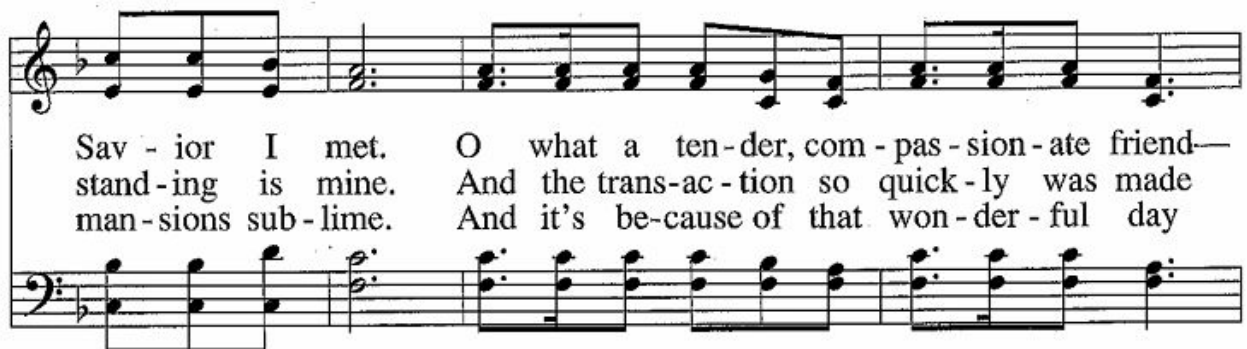
# Heaven Came Down



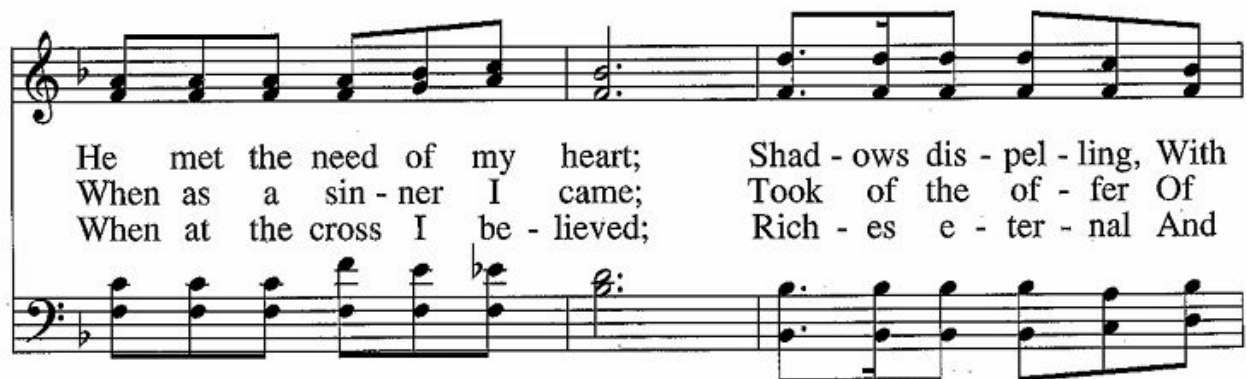
1. O what a won-der-ful, won-der-ful day- Day I will nev-er for-  
 2. Born of the Spir-it with life from a-bove In-to God's fam-'ly di-  
 3. Now I've a hope that will sure-ly en-dure Af-ter the pass-ing of



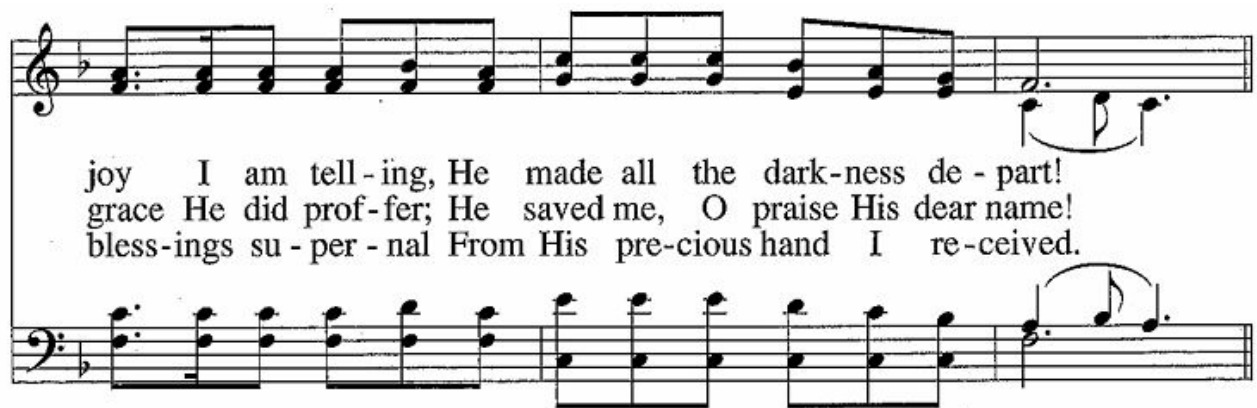
get; Af-ter I'd wan-dered in dark-ness a-way, Je-sus my  
 vine, Jus-ti-fied ful-ly through Cal-va-ry's love, O what a  
 time; I have a fu-ture in heav-en for sure, There in those



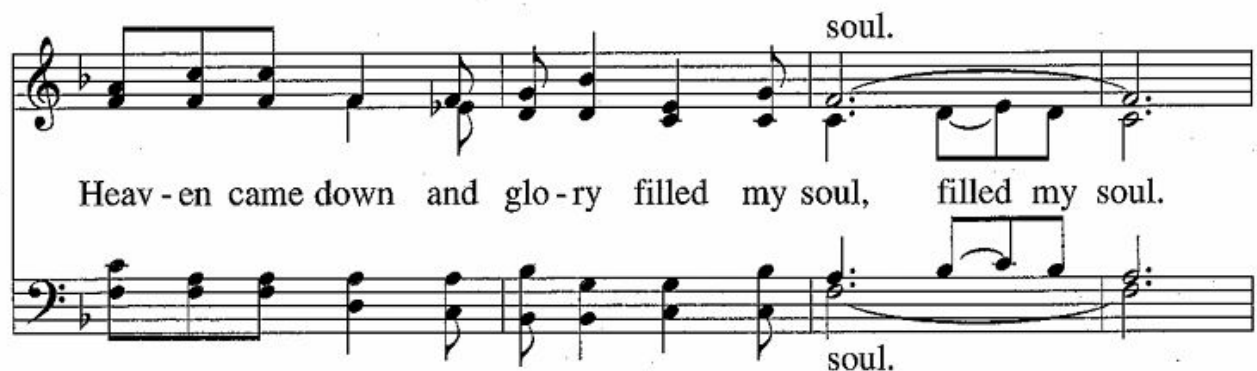
Sav-ior I met. O what a ten-der, com-pas-sion-ate friend—  
 stand-ing is mine. And the trans-ac-tion so quick-ly was made  
 man-sions sub-lime. And it's be-cause of that won-der-ful day



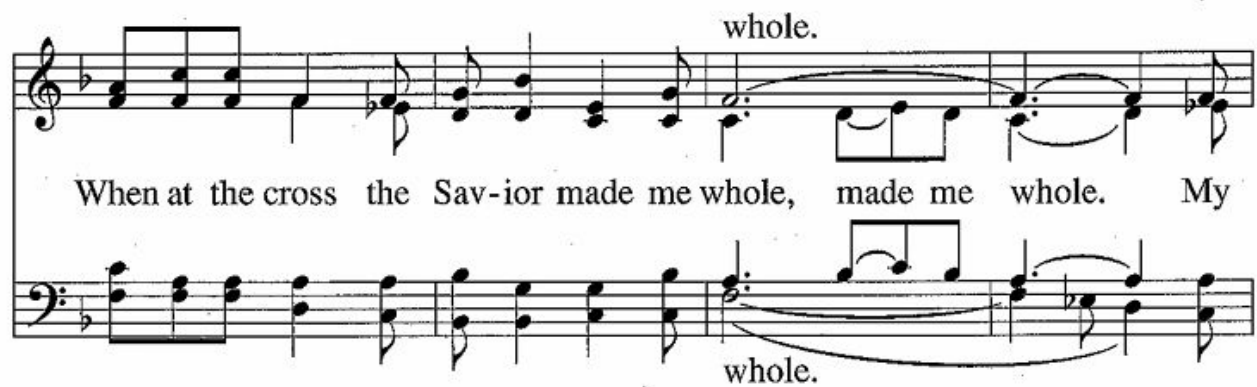
He met the need of my heart; Shad-ows dis-pel-ling, With  
 When as a sin-ner I came; Took of the of-fer Of  
 When at the cross I be-lieved; Rich-es e-ter-nal And



joy I am tell-ing, He made all the dark-ness de-part!  
 grace He did prof-fer; He saved me, O praise His dear name!  
 bless-ings su-per-nal From His pre-cious hand I re-ceived.



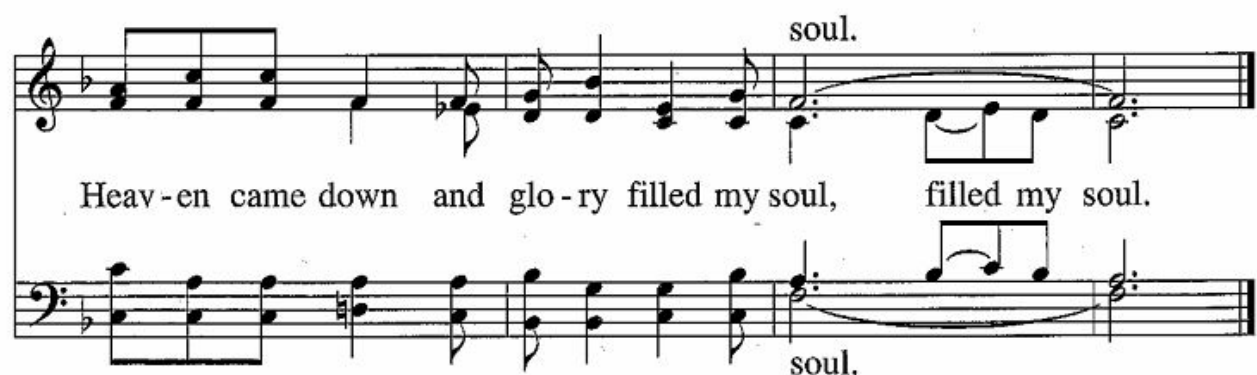
Heav-en came down and glo-ry filled my soul, filled my soul.



When at the cross the Sav-ior made me whole, made me whole. My



sins were washed a-way, And my night was turned to day.



Heav-en came down and glo-ry filled my soul, filled my soul.

## 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.*  
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