

United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Michael Matheny
Mrs. Beth Dampf

Pastor
Organist

August 30, 2026 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Brynna Hall & Amelia Howard

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song No. 256 “Thy Word Is a Lamp”

*Call to Worship

Leader: You have called us to this place, O Lord.

People: Each one of us is unique, with differing gifts and talents.

Leader: Yet each talent represented here is valuable in God’s realm.

People: Lord, help us find ways in which to use our talents for healing and hope.

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord who has called us here.

People: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God’s word for us. AMEN.

*Hymn No. 9 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*Invocation (unison)

Lord, be with each one of us today. We have come seeking your guidance and direction of our lives. Help us recognize the gifts you have given to us, and enable us to put these gifts to good use in your world. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. 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)

**Presentation of Bibles to 4th Graders- McKenna Chambers,
Cressalyn Lundeen, Charley Medlin and Ellie Tuttle**

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

Scripture Lessons

Allan Mortenson

First Lesson: Exodus 3: 1-15 p. 47

Second Lesson: Psalms 105:4-15 p. 523

Third Lesson: Matthew 16:21-28 p. 851

Special Music “He Knows My Name” McKenna Chambers

Sermon **Gracious Gifts of God**

Sermon Text: Romans 12:3-8

Hymn No. 408 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (*debts and debtors*) unison

Invitation to the Offering

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn No. 443** *“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”*

***Benediction**

Receive this good news: You are beloved children of God,
called and equipped to be agents of divine love in the world.
And remember, you do not go alone. God goes before you, with
you, and behind you wherever you go. Thanks be to God.

Amen.

***Congregational Response** *“Freely, Freely” – p. 459*

“Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.

Go in My name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.

***Extinguishing of the Candles**

***Postlude**

Activities Calendar: August 30, 2026 ~ September 6, 2026

Sunday, August 30

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship-Congregational Meeting following

Tuesday, September 1

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

10:30 a.m. – Quilters meet

Wednesday, September 2

9:00 a.m. – Ministerial Alliance Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir Practice

Sunday, September 6

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship- Communion

Looking ahead ~

Monday, September 7 – Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 8 – Sunday School Teacher and Officer meeting

Wednesday, September 9th – Wed. night meal, R.O.K./God's Singers,
Confirmation meeting, Bell Choir, Sr. Choir

Sunday, September 13th – R.O.K. Sunday

Monday, September 14th – Consistory

Wednesday, September 16 – Women's Guild

Monday, September 21 – 25th - Prison Ministry Week

Monday, September 28 - Brotherhood

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Ushers: Holly Bieri and Kris Ingram

Greeters: Linda and Leroy Schnieders



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## **Congregational Meeting- Today following worship**

**October 4, 2026,** will be the 48th anniversary of Rev. Matheny's ordination ceremony. Please join us that day for a "Camp Meeting Sunday" service to celebrate the anniversary. The choir will perform a medley of songs of significance to Rev. Matheny. We will be joined by guest speaker John Schindler as well as the Matheny's son.

## Take a Look in the Fellowship Hall

There are various items remaining as a result of the closure of the Playschool program.... chairs, books, bulletin boards, paint easels, toys, floor mats, etc. These items will be located in the back area of the Fellowship Hall area of the church and closet until August 31, 2026. If there are any items that would be of use to you, please feel free to take them home with you before that date. All remaining items will be disposed of on September 1, 2026.

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of: Lee Kendrick, Peggy O'Brien, Sherry Wilson, David Lee King, Sharon Murphy and Kevin Schnieders

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

Janice Anderson, 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...

Grant us a pastor who will encourage us in our faith, challenge us to grow, and inspire us to serve others. We pray for a leader who will foster unity and guide us in fulfilling Your purposes for our church. Amen

### **Wednesday Night Meals**

Wednesday evening meals will resume on September 9, 2026. We are still looking for additional groups or individuals willing to volunteer their time to prepare dinner for a selected week. All food expenses are paid by the church. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the gym. The Wednesday night meal program is an important component to the outreach and activity efforts of the church. This is a time of great fellowship but it also takes the stress out of having to plan dinner before attending Wednesday night activities. Even if you are unable to help with a dinner preparation, we encourage all church members and their families, to place their reservation in advance of each meal, so we know how much food to prepare.

**Moniteau 4-H**  
**Honoring Our Local Heroes**  
**Sunday, September 13th**  
**Latham Memorial Park**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**Please join us as we honor those who have given so much!**  
**Veterans, Military, Emergency Service Personnel,**  
**Healthcare Workers, Law Enforcement**

# 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.

## **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. 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.

### **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. Looking ahead for September, Tuna is the food item requested. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.

### **Prison Ministry Week – September 21 to 25**

Brotherhood is looking for help with drinks, sides and desserts for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday that week. If you are willing to bring one or more, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary as well as downstairs on a clipboard in the window sill. Contact Rob Barbour for questions.

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.

Please join the Women's Guild in supporting the

# **Festival of Sharing**

The Women's Guild invites you to put together one of the kits that are most needed in Missouri. Please deliver your kit to the church no later than

**October 1, 2026.** Monetary gifts are also appreciated. Please indicate on check or envelope that your donation is for Festival of Sharing. All will be delivered to the Sharefest Location on **October 17, 2026.**

We thank you for prayerfully considering to help our group!



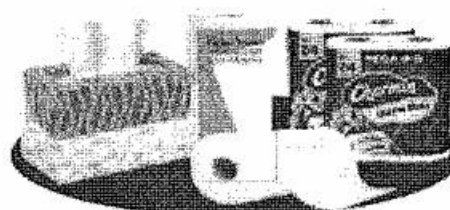


**Missouri Paper Product Pack**  
3,379 requested versus 576 shared in 2025

Estimated  
Pack Value | **\$23**

**Instructions:** Place all items in a tall-sized kitchen trash bag. Label the trash bag "Missouri Paper Products Pack."

- ☐ 2 facial tissue (large rectangle boxes)
- ☐ 2 rolls paper towels (good quality)
- ☐ 12 double/mega rolls of toilet paper as 3 packages of 4 or 2 packages of 6 (unable to receive 12 rolls in one pack)





**Missouri Personal Hygiene Pack**  
4,073 requested versus 1,894 shared in 2025

Estimated  
Pack Value | **\$30**

**Instructions:** Tighten lids and place all items in a large zipper storage bag (2-2.5 gallon). Place completed packs in boxes labeled with "Missouri Personal Hygiene Packs" and the quantity on the exterior.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or more) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 hand towel                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 toothbrush (in original package)    | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 deodorant                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle of body wash (15-22 oz.)     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 razors (disposable)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle shampoo (12-16 oz.)          | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 comb (large) OR brush               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 washcloth                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bottle travel skin lotion (1-3 oz.) |



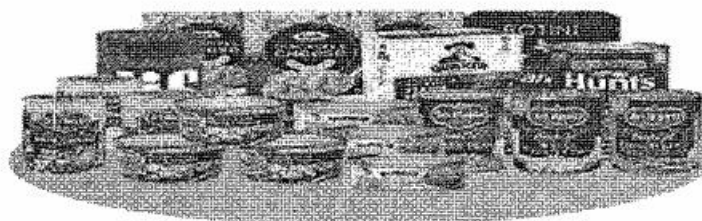


**Missouri Family Food Box**  
5,665 requested versus 1,083 shared in 2025

Estimated  
Pack Value | **\$27**

**Instructions:** Place items in a sturdy box, tape and label "Missouri Family Food Box." Please purchase low sodium/low sugar when possible. Include no more than two food box packs per box due to weight.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 pkgs. macaroni & cheese                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pound pasta             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 different cans of vegetables                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 cans tuna               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 jar peanut butter                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 cans chicken            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can pasta sauce                              | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 different cans of fruit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of oatmeal packets (10 count any flavor) |                                                    |



# Thy Word Is a Lamp

Chords: Eb Bb7 Eb Ab Bb7

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my

Chords: Eb Ab Eb Verses Bb7 Fm

path. 1. When I feel a - fraid, 2. Now I will not for - get Your

Chords: Cm Gm Ab Bb7 Ab Eb

think I've lost my way, still You're there right be - side me, and  
love for me and yet my heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.

Chords: Bb7 Fm Cm Gm

noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side, and

Chords: Ab Bb7 Cm C G Bb7 D.C.

Please be near me to the end.  
I will love You to the end.

# Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, To God's feet your
2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To our fa - thers
3. Fa - ther-like, He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4. Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, Blows the wind and
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore Him, You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, Who, like  
in dis - tress; Praise Him, still the same for - ev - er, Slow to  
frame He knows; In His hands He gen - tly bears us, Res - cues  
it is gone; But while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en -  
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him; Dwell - ers



me, God's praise should sing? Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!  
chide, and swift to bless. Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!  
us from all our foes. Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!  
dures un - chang - ing on; Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!  
all in time and space, Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!



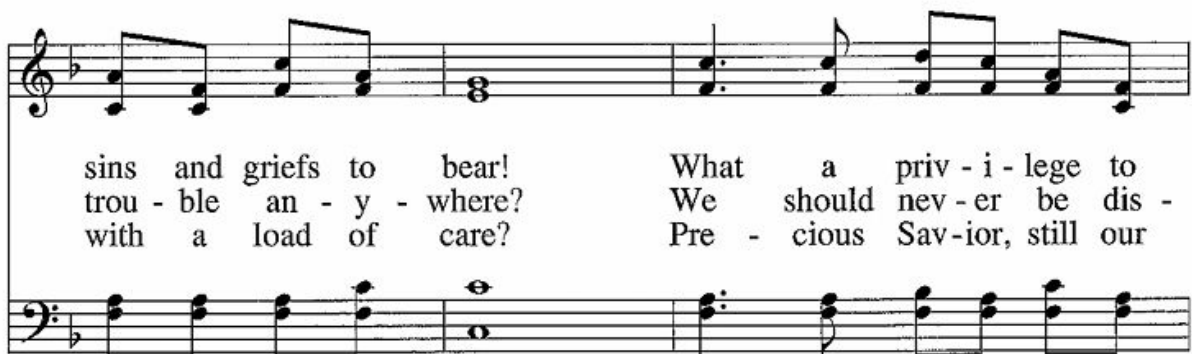
Praise Him! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
Praise Him! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness!  
Praise Him! Wide - ly as His mer - cy flows!  
Praise Him! Praise the high e - ter - nal One!  
Praise Him! Praise with us the God of grace! A - men.



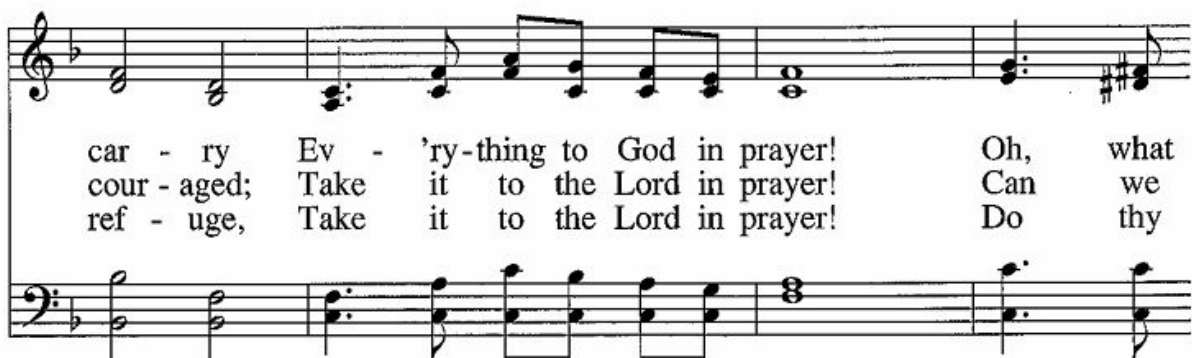
# What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there  
 3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den, Cum - bered



sins and griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to  
 trou - ble an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis -  
 with a load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our



car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! Oh, what  
 cour - aged; Take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we  
 ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy



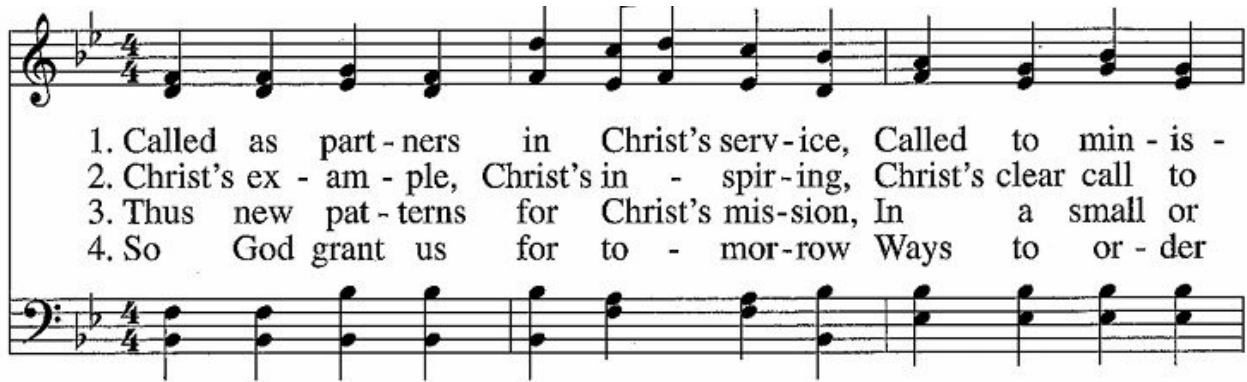
peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need-less pain we  
 find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor - rows  
 friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in

bear, share? prayer! All be - cause we do not car - ry  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness;  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee,

Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Thou wilt find a sol - ace there. A - men.



## Called as Partners in Christ's Service



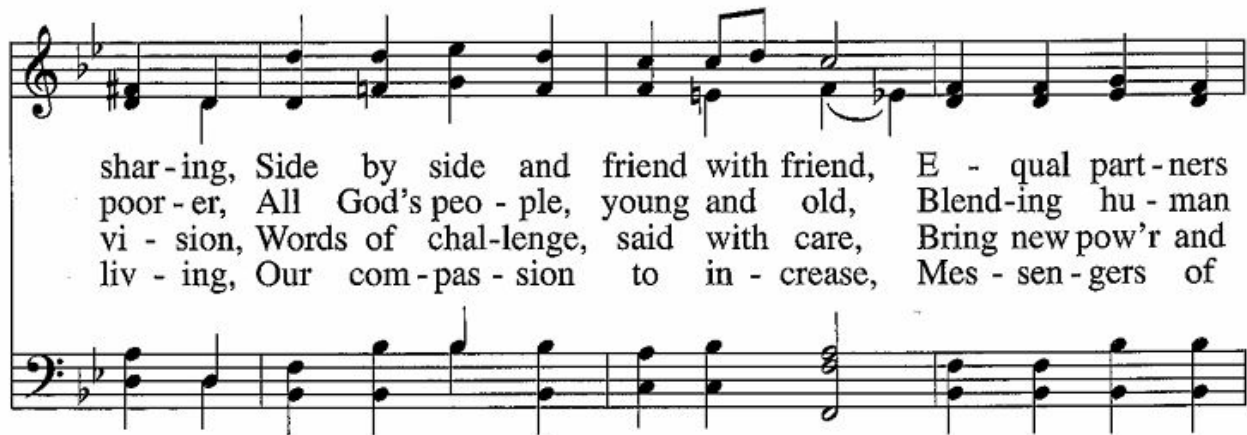
1. Called as part - ners in Christ's serv - ice, Called to min - is -  
2. Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to  
3. Thus new pat - terns for Christ's mis - sion, In a small or  
4. So God grant us for to - mor - row Ways to or - der



tries of grace, We re - spond with deep com - mit - ment  
work and worth, Let us fol - low, nev - er fal - t'ring,  
glob - al sense, Help us bear each oth - er's bur - dens,  
hu - man life That sur - round each per - son's sor - row

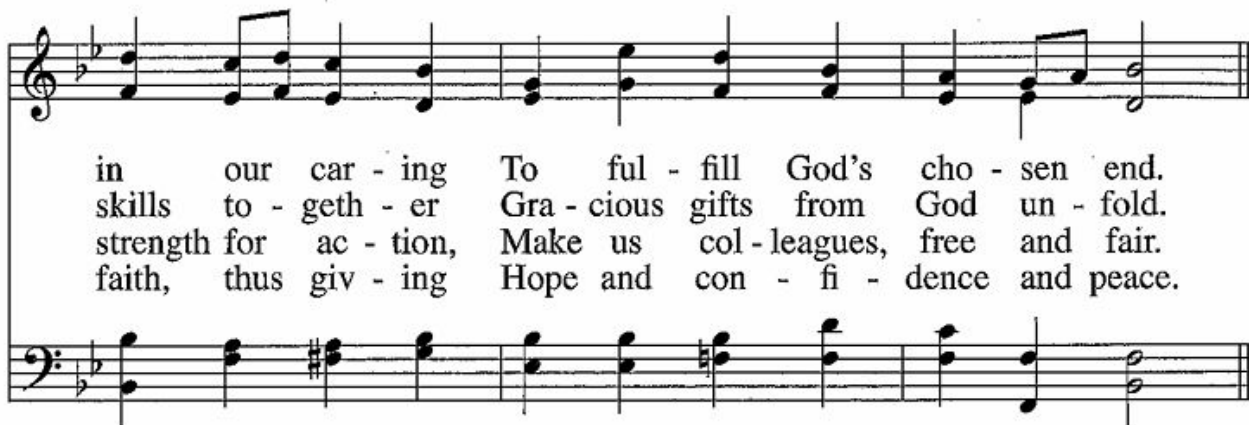


Fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of  
Rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth. Men and wom - en, rich - er,  
Break - ing down each wall or fence. Words of com - fort, words of  
With a calm that con - quers strife. Make us part - ners in our



shar - ing, Side by side and friend with friend, E - qual part - ners  
poor - er, All God's peo - ple, young and old, Blend - ing hu - man  
vi - sion, Words of chal - lenge, said with care, Bring new pow'r and  
liv - ing, Our com - pas - sion to in - crease, Mes - sen - gers of





A musical score for a hymn, featuring a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff also has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font, centered under the treble staff. The lyrics are: in our car - ing To ful - fill God's cho - sen end. skills to - geth - er Gra - cious gifts from God un - fold. strength for ac - tion, Make us col - leagues, free and fair. faith, thus giv - ing Hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

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## 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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