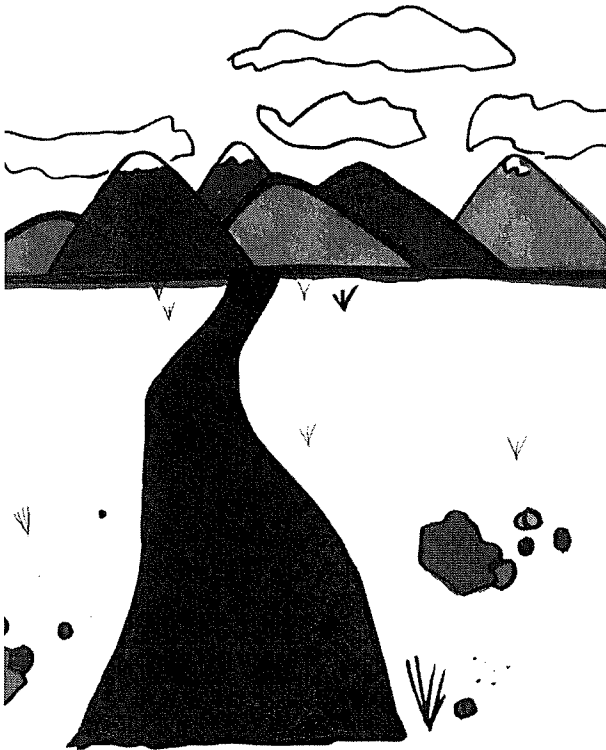


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***OUR MISSION STATEMENT
“TO KNOW AND SHARE GOD’S LOVE”
INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH!!***

***Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026***

***Worship Time 8:00 & 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 am
Fellowship Time 9:15 am***

† Indicates - Please stand if comfortable

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude: Prelude

by Saint-Saens

† **CALL TO WORSHIP: 756 Eternal Father, Strong to Save** vs 1
Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
restless wave, who bade the mighty ocean deep its
own appointed limits keep: oh, hear us when we
cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's
abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate One,

**C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our
lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We
do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to
us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you
grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have
set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of
the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way
of the cross.**

Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to
welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are
forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C: Amen.

† *Hymn 742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.



Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.



Come, Let Us Join

- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name

ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
 "Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
 and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
 of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray:

Almighty God,

C: **your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen

Choir Anthem: Blessing (page 18)

by Bart

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.



Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (*congregation reads the verses in bold*)

- ¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
- ² **Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**
- ³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.
- ⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**
- ⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.
- ¹⁵ **My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**
- ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”⁸ and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

†

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

†

Gospel: John 14:1-14

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be

satisfied.”⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves.¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

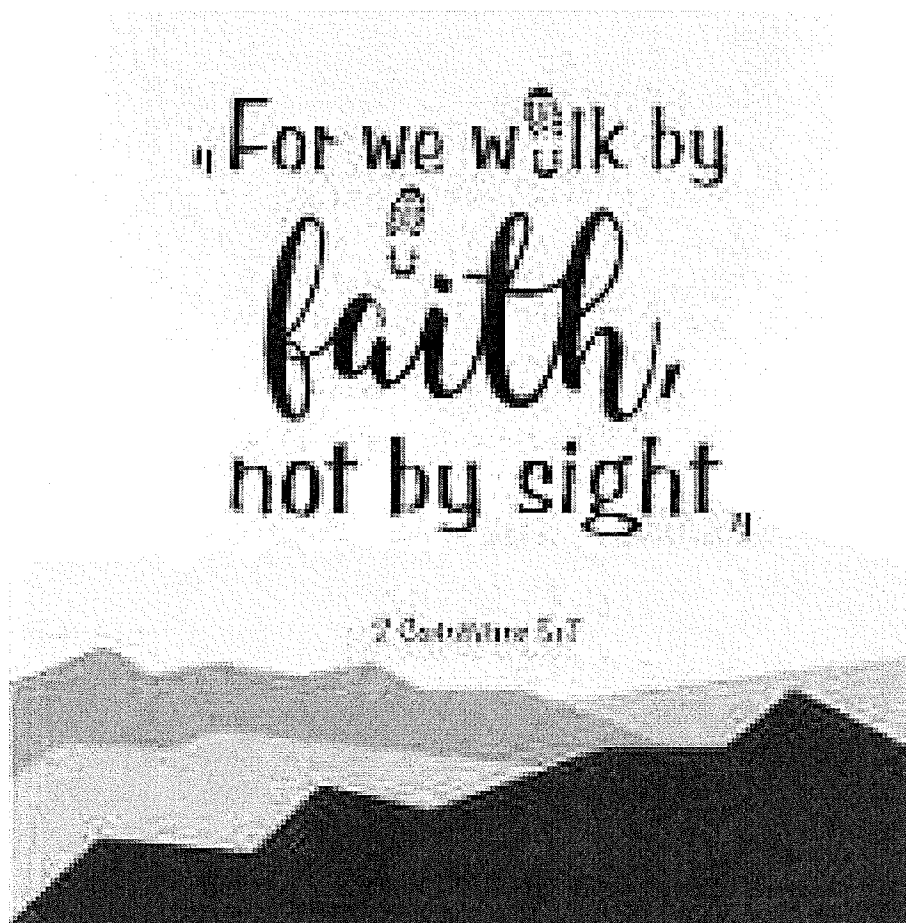
P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON “Looking Forward”

† *Hymn 733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness*



† **NICENE CREED** *Page 104*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

† **THE PRAYERS**

P: Merciful God.

C: receive our prayer.

† **SHARING THE PEACE**

Offertory: Priere

by Breville



Let The Vineyards





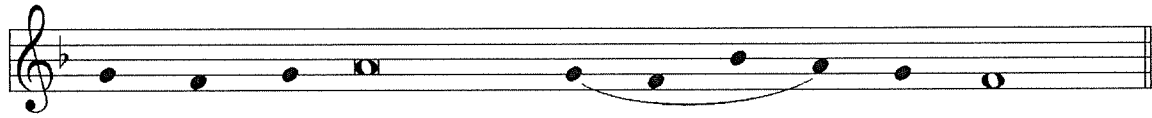
The Great Thanksgiving



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.



Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.



Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Faith



Holy, Holy, Holy Great Thanksgiving

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line.

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us join together in praying our Lord's Prayer:

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen



Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion: 732, 824, 853

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

† **Post Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray:

Holy One,

C: through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

BLESSING

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

† *Hymn 705 God of Grace and God of Glory*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Praise the Lord With Drums and Cymbals

by Karg-Elert

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WELCOME to the worship of the people of God who are Faith Lutheran Church. May you feel the presence of the Lord in our midst and hear His Word spoken to your heart. For more information contact us at faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com or check out our website at FLCMTV.org. Our mission at Faith Church is **To Know And Share God's Love.**

IF you are a **GUEST**, you are invited to sign our guest book in the narthex with your name, and contact information, so we may give you a cordial welcome, and an invitation to return to worship with us soon. If you have children, please check out our Children's Activity Center on the wall in the narthex. Changing tables are available in Room 207 and Room 211 (Nursery). There is also a private mothers' space available in Room 214. Contact an usher if you need assistance.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is being celebrated today. The invitation to commune is extended to all Christians who are seeking to follow Jesus in their lives. We have glasses of white grape juice available for those who request it. Just ask the communion assistant as they come to you. Come join us as our brothers and sisters as we gather as God's family at His table. Infants and children may be brought to the altar for a blessing by the Pastor. Communion recipients are asked to give the communion cards to an usher when coming forward. This is the only record we have of those communing. Visitors are asked to give their home church on the reverse side of the card so we can forward notification of your communion with us

FLOWERS on the altar are given *by Allen & Melissa Dexter* to the glory of God and in memory of our mothers, Carolyn Brown and Elaine Walker. Remembering them especially in May on Mother's Day and their birthdays.

CRAFTS SUPPLIES NEEDED

I will gather anything you find to donate after second service every week or call me to pick up. 740-398-9403 Becky Matulich. I will continue collecting and delivering supplies until the end of May and then as needed after that.

"ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE"

Are you still THANKFUL?? Jot it down on one of our yellow slips and put it in the little blue box.

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

The Preschool will be holding their graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 8 at 6:00 and 7:00 pm in the Stone Garden.

SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 9:15

Being a good steward is about taking care of God's gifts to you and sharing your gifts with others. Today, at 9:15, Jim McLaughlin of CES credit union will present information regarding scammers and fraud. Sunday May 10th, Stephen Volz will tell us about his recent trip and studies of the environmental history of Botswana as well as the stewardship of God's creation. May 17th, Debbie Fierst will share her outreach experience stocking the Lil Pantry on Sychar Road. We meet in room 210 at 9:15 and of course, bring your coffee and morning goodies with you.

TELLERS

Do you have an eye for detail and a heart for service? Our church's Teller Ministry is looking for additional volunteers to help with the weekly counting of our offerings. This vital ministry ensures the integrity of our financial contributions and is a wonderful way to serve the church. The time commitment is approximately one hour on Sunday morning. No previous experience is necessary, and training will be provided. If you feel called to serve Faith Lutheran in this capacity, please contact Jim Harder or Pat Hoar.

We want to thank the folks that have stepped up to do this ministry and serve as Tellers!! However, if we could get a couple more folks then no one would have to do the job two months in a row.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

The Faith women are still collecting for the ELCA Good Gifts projects: The amount of \$200 for the community garden has been achieved, \$600 is still needed for the computer. If you would like to donate for this project, a donation container will be located on the little table across from the stacked table cart. Your good gift will be a good gift for people who need them.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHERYL JOHNSON

Cheryl was just elected president of the Central Ohio Conference (COC) of the Southern Ohio Synod last Sunday at the Spring Gathering held April 26th. As COC president she will oversee the activities of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Central Ohio. These activities include coordinating the collection of items for Lutheran World Relief and the Spring Gathering.

MISSION ENDOWMENT NEWS

\$15,514.00 was available for this year's Mission Endowment grants. This represents 4% of the Mission Endowment funds invested. We had 20 proposals submitted this year, which is a record. The total amount requested in these proposals fell within the funds available, making a congregational vote on the proposals unnecessary. Please make sure to join us on Sunday, May 10th as we distribute checks to learn how much the various recipients receive...Jim Harder

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Ushers	Kevin & Bette Mishey	Art & Corrine Lund
Readers	Patty Keaton	Sally Berger
Comm. Assist.	Melissa Dexter	Jim Harder
Acolyte	Will Melick	Will Pletcher
Altar Guild - Kathy Noblit		
Communion Committee - Cheryl Johnson		
Tellers - Karen Greever & Will Melick		

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Ushers	Frank & Kathy O'Hare	Tim Williams Stephen Volz
Reader s	Will Melick	Shelley Grubb
Acolyte	Bette Mishey	Connor Discoll
Altar Guild - Kathy Noblit		
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CORRECTION TO FAITHLINES MAY CALENDAR

Please note the correction to the May Faithlines calendar:

Sunday services will be our normal times of 8:00 and 10:30 am every Sunday in May with the exception of May 24th. On May 24th we will have only one service and it will be at 10:00 am in the Stone Garden Chapel.

Hope to see you at 8:00 and 10:30 am May 3, 10, 17 and 31st.

(Faithlines incorrectly had the services at 10:00 am.)

ST. VINCENT FIELD DAY—MAY 26

On Tuesday, May 26, 2026, we will host students from St. Vincent de Paul School for their annual field day. **From 7:00 AM- 3:00 PM, all church grounds will be closed to anyone not approved to volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul School.** We are also seeking donations of full size water bottles and mini ice cream sandwiches. We are needing 200 of each to have enough for all students and staff. Please see Kaitlyn Blust if you are able to help!

FAITH EVENTS

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 3 - 9, 2026

Today:	8 & 10:30 am	Worship/Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	9:15 am	Fellowship Time
	4:00 pm	Bell Choir
Mon	11:00 am	Jesus Calling
	7:30 pm	AA
Wed	10:00 am	Stitching Hour
	1:00 pm	Faith Women Board Meeting
Thurs	9:00 am	SPOT (formerly TOPS)
	7:30 pm	Choir
Fri	6:00 & 7:00 pm	Preschool Graduation

PLEASE PRAY FOR: MEMBERS: Bob & Kathy Atwell, Jordan & Nico Barnard, Phyllis Bigler, Vicki Blubaugh, Joe Curran, Larry Everhard, Ken Fischer, Jan Frye, Eileen Hartman, Jon, Ann Jurkowitz, Kathy Lamb, Betty McDonald, Judy Mustaine, Dan Myers, Kathy Noblit, Steve Norberg, Stan Park, Fran Smyser, Bob Van Horn.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Linda, Marie, Rose Allen, Linda Beach, Devin Boyer, Nora Burke & family, Purell Butts, Mike C., Kathy & Larry Daubensteck, Jenifer Edwards, Aaron Everhard, Kayla Gadd, Linda Galyon, Chester Gingerich, Grant, Lon Hamby, John Harris, Jr, Susan Jeffery, John Jones, Eddie and Miranda Jones, Beth Kost, Danny Jurkowitz, Barb, Marv & Rob Keck, Dean & Marilyn Kempton, Debra Kempton, Jerry Kies, Dr. William McFarren, Jim Major (friend of Pastor Mark Wildermuth) Greg & Grace Maxwell, Elizabeth Melick, Scott Mickley, Tina Miller, Donald Morehour, Sue Moreland, Anderson O'Briskie, Clarence, Quinton (friend of Alex Jones), Shirley Ramsay, Julie & Brian Ramsey, Bruce Renne, Jan Rice, Sam Robert, Mona Russell and Heather & Danielle, Karen Scott, Wayne Snyder, Gabe & Micah Stauffer, Willow Steiner, an 8 month old with "Spitz" cancer, Martha Stuller, Becky Thomas, Josie Watts, Adam Wilford, Pam Wolfe, Karen Zedeker, Ziva, and all others on our hearts and minds.

PRAYER SHAWL RECIPIENTS (in the last three months): Dave Holtzapple, Dylan, Beth Stahr, Katie, Danielle, Kyle Steele, Stephen DeFoe, Hannah, the family of Julia Shepherd, Laura, Coleen Hamon, Karen McCorkhill, Barb Gottschling.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Gavin Thomas, Master Sargent Christopher Dominick.

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Choir Anthem

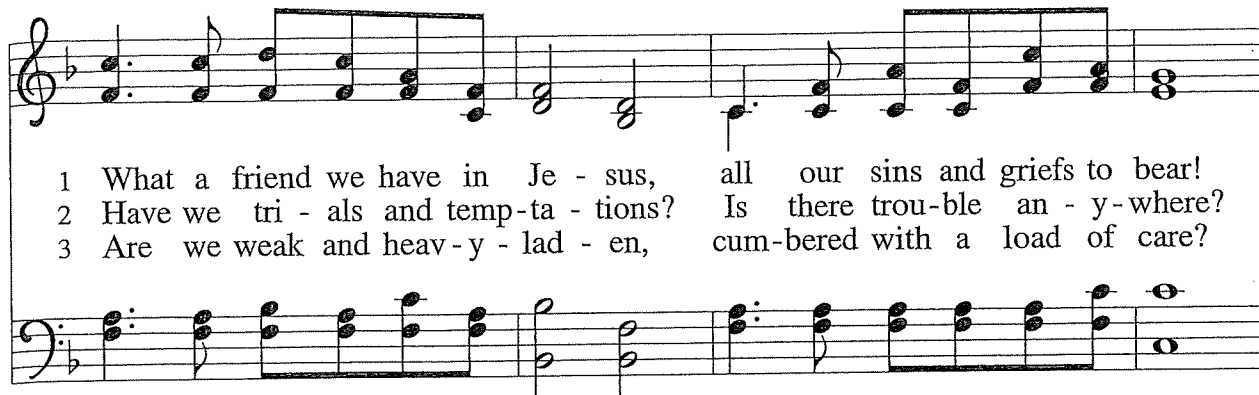
Blessing

by Bart

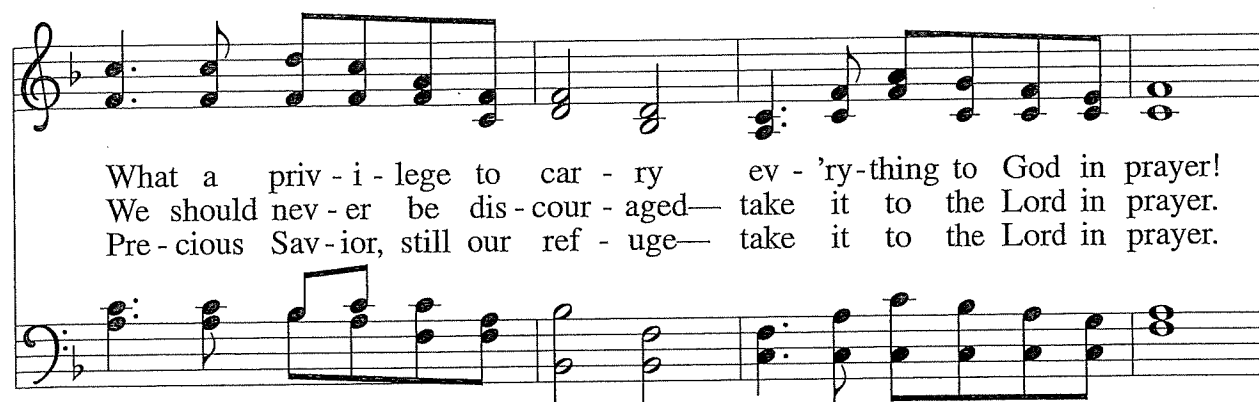
*May the road rise up to meet you;
may the wind be always At your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your back,
and the rains fall Softly upon your fields.
Until we meet again, my friend,
may god hold you in the palm Of His hand.*

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

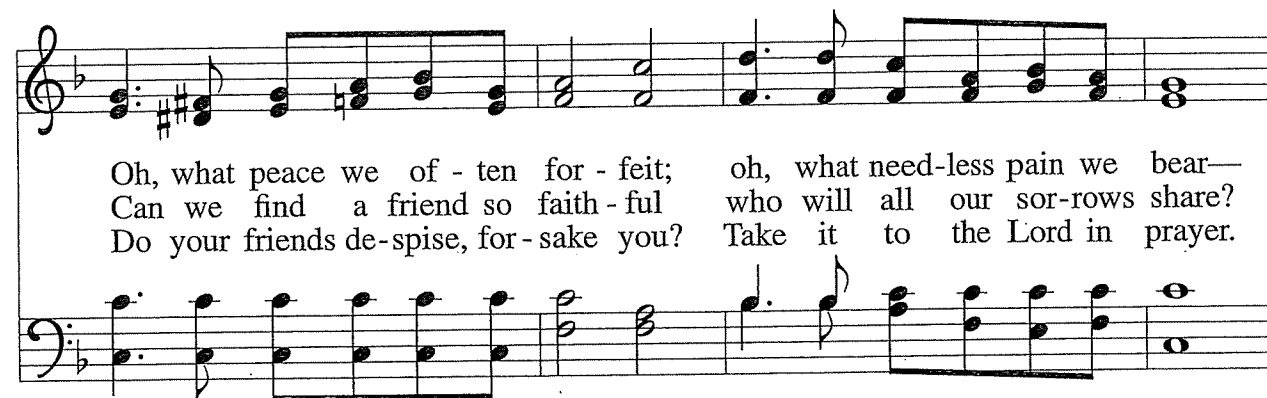
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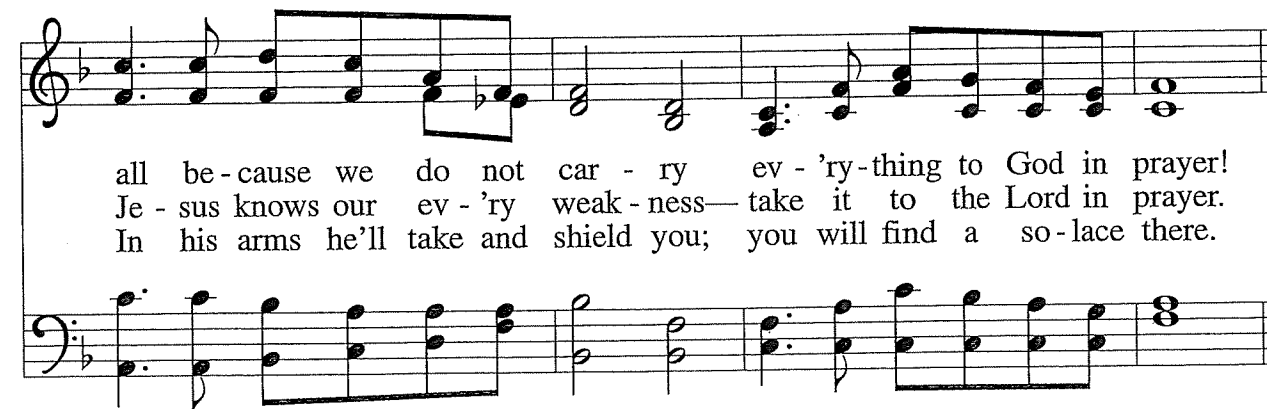
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



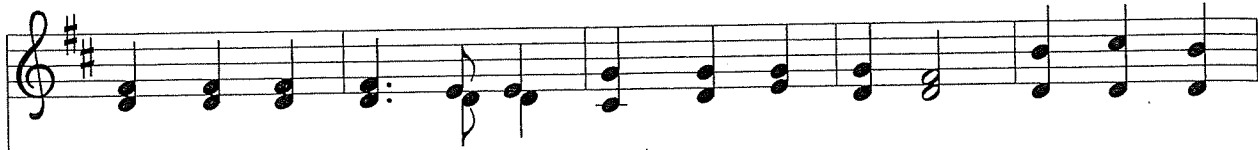
Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



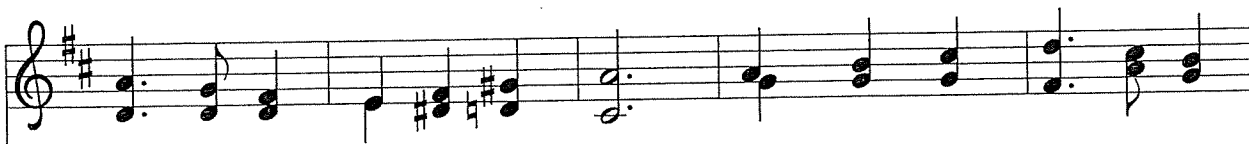
all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

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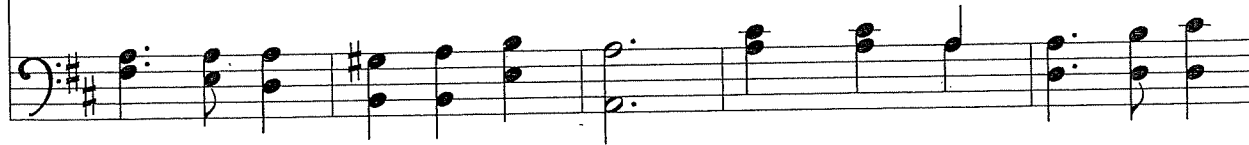
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

*(over)*

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody in the treble staff is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and clefs as the first system. The lyrics continue below the treble staff. The musical notation follows a similar pattern, with a melodic line in the treble and a supporting bass line.

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Borning Cry

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- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



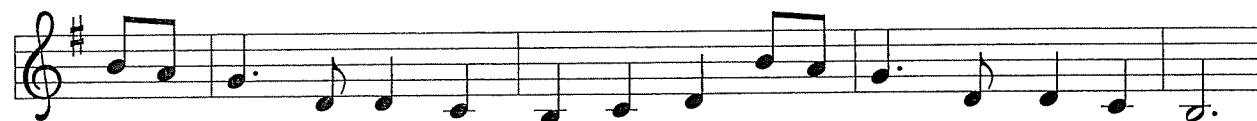
I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

This Is My Father's World

824

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!