

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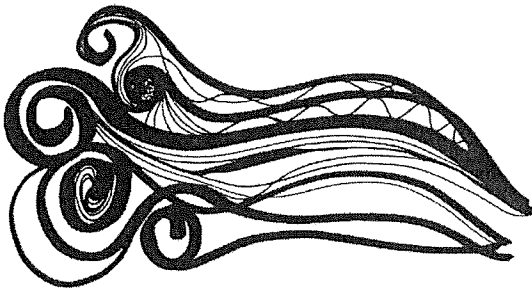
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***OUR MISSION STATEMENT
“TO KNOW AND SHARE GOD’S LOVE”
INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH!!***

***Time after Pentecost
August 9, 2026***

***Worship Times 8:00 and 10:00 am
Fellowship Time 9:15 am***

† Indicates: Please Stand if Comfortable

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude: Lead Me, Lord

by Wesley

† **Call To Worship: 707 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us** vs. 2

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely,
of your own. With the sunshine of your goodness melt our
thankless hearts of stone till our cold and selfish natures,
warmed by you, at length believe that more happy
and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures
forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we
cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your
yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in
your peace. In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying
heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in
God's love.

C: **Amen.**

† **Hymn 821 Shout to the Lord**

† 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.**

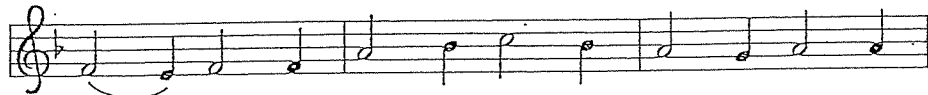
Kyrie



All Glory Be to God on High



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, 'cre - a - tion's
 3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



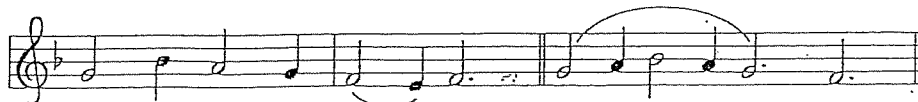
giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
 au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
 name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al-might - y,
 sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
 liv - ing, God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
 ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
 ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
 God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray:

O God our defender,
**storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid.
Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and
daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Special Music: Count Your Blessings

by Oatman

Julie Falk and Caroline Pletcher

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Psalm: 85:8-13 (*congregation reads the verses in bold*)

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn
their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”



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.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score consists of three systems of two staves each. The first system covers the first line of lyrics. The second system covers the second line of lyrics, including a measure with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The third system covers the third line of lyrics, ending with a double bar line.



Gospel Text: Matthew 14:22-33

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON : "Walking on Water"

Hymn: 754 Jesus, the Very Thought of You

† **APOSTLES' CREED** (*Page 105*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

† **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

† **SHARING THE PEACE**

The Offertory: What a Friend We Have in Jesus *by Converse*



Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of the song features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right".

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your".

pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -".

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,".

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system concludes the song. The lyrics are: "and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.".

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us join together in praying the 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**

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

Hymn 774 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Because He Lives

by Gaither

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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.

FLOWERS on the altar are given by ***Tom Updike*** to the glory of God and for the blessings of parents, family and friends.

SPECIAL THANKS

We want to thank Julie Falk and Caroline Pletcher for sharing their wonderful musical talents with us today.

FIRST FRIDAYS

The final First Friday of 2026 will be September 4th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

The theme will be “School Spirit Night.”

Show your school pride as Downtown Mount Vernon turns into a community pep rally. Wear your school colors, cheer on local students and educators, and enjoy a back-to-school celebration full of spirit and hometown pride. Faith Lutheran will be part of this First Friday event with a booth on Main Street. We are looking for volunteers to help out with this event doing things like setting up, talking to people or running games, and cleaning up our booth after the event. There is a sign-up sheet by the church kitchen volunteers are asked to sign up on. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Cody or Kaitlyn for more information.

PRESCHOOL DESIGNATED FUND

The Preschool recently informed the church council that they are having financial challenges. Unfortunately, the church does not have the funds available to assist them. However, the church council did vote to create a Preschool Designated Fund to which members can donate money that will be given to the Preschool. If you wish to donate to this fund, please put your contribution in an envelope marked “Preschool Fund” and place it in the offering plate.

“ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE”

Jot down something you are thankful for on one of our yellow slips and put it in the little blue box.

RED WAGON SUNDAYS

We are excited to announce the return of the Red Wagon Sundays! Red Wagon Sundays will be the fifth Sunday of the month, when applicable, and will have a special offering in addition to the normal one. The special offerings to be collected in a red wagon will go to different organizations within our community such as Food for the Hungry. These donations are separate from your normal Sunday offering. The first red wagon Sunday will be August 30th and we will be collecting donations to help the preschool start off their academic year on the right foot. Things they can use: White Card Stock, Clorox Wipes, WASHABLE CRAYOLA Broad Line Markers, Kleenex/tissues, Paper Towels, Huggie Wipes, Flour, Kool-Aid Brand Kool-Aid packets. If you have suggestions for future places to collect donations for please let Pastor know.

MARY MARTHA BIBLE STUDY

" I Am Worthy " is the theme for the August Bible study from Gather magazine. Join us to explore this topic as led by Jenny Grinstead, "I Am Because You Are." This month's refreshments are **Bring Something to Share** - and Laurel Johnson will be bringing the tea! Copies of the Bible study will be available on the narthex bulletin board and beside the LWR basket in the fellowship hall. Mary Martha Circle is a time of sharing, discussion and even laughter as we spend a good time together. We hope you will join us on Tuesday, August 11th at 1pm in room 210.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AUGUST 29TH 12-3 PM

The day will consist of "ICE CREAM" cookies, drinks. Tours of the Stone Garden, tours of the new sanctuary, music, games, golf cart transport and FUN !!

We need some volunteers and some donations. We need volunteers to hand out the ice cream and drinks. Need a volunteer to do the sanctuary tours. Need volunteers to help with games. Need about 12 dozen cookies. Need drinks, paper plates, spoons, paper cups and napkins. Please let Art Schad, Don Falk or Pastor Cody know if you can help with any of these.

THANK YOU SO MUCH...Art Schad (740 627-7261)

SCHOOL KITS

With the beginning of back to school sales we are preparing for a new mission opportunity at Faith: Lutheran World Relief School Kits.

In many parts of the world children don't attend school because they don't have access to school supplies. When LWR School Kits find their way to these areas children are blessed with precious, needed supplies and school attendance goes up.

As you shop in the coming days, please be on the lookout for these supplies:

70 sheet spiral notebooks	4	each kit
Black or blue ballpoint pens	5	each kit
Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers	5	each kit
Box of 16 or 24 crayons	1	each kit
Pencil sharpener	1	each kit
30 cm ruler	1	each kit
Pair of blunt scissors	1	each kit
2 1/2 inch eraser	1	each kit

Please put your donations in the Lutheran World Relief basket.

Thank you all for your generosity!

See Kathy Noblit if you have any questions.

FAITH LUTHERAN SHARING SHED

The Produce Sharing Shed is in place and ready to share garden produce with Gardeners, church members, or anyone in the community who wants fresh produce. Knox Public Health got a grant that provided funding for the shed. The colorful artwork on the shed was designed and painted by the Green Teens.. The produce will come from the community garden or home gardens. If you would like to donate fresh produce from your garden please contact Steve Conrad 614-264-7552. Extra produce will also be donated to Acts Food Pantry and Interchurch.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS MINISTRIES

If you have always wanted to volunteer to participate at Faith, now is the time. We could really use additional folks in our Communion Committee, Altar Guild, and Teller ministries. Call Pat in the office at 740-393-3666 for additional information.

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:00 am</u>
Ushers	Kevin & Bette Mishey	Stephen Volz Tim Williams
Reader s	Mike Eesley	Marilyn Wilford
Acolyte	Bette Mishey Catherine Eesley	Connor Driscoll
Altar Guild - Jenny Grinstead		
Tellers - Mike Eesley & John Hoffman		

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:00 am</u>
Ushers	Tom Noblit Mike Eesley	Stan & Jill Park
Readers	Peg Snow	Ann Dice
Comm. Assist.	Will Melick	Dave Keck
Acolyte	Melissa Dexter	Stephen Volz
Altar Guild - Jenny Grinstead		
Communion Committee - Kathy Noblit		
Tellers - Mike Eesley & John Hoffman		

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

With a heart full of gratitude, I want to thank each of you who were able to respond to our request for additional offerings to our general fund. Your generosity made it possible for us to meet all our expenses in June. Additionally, the average offering for the first two Sundays in July was \$4300, which is the weekly amount we need to meet our annual estimate of spending and continue our ministries within our congregation and community. Thank you in advance for your continued stewardship and prayers in this regard.

In Christ's love,
Sally Berger,
Council President

FAITH EVENTS

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<https://www.youtube.com/@FaithLutheranChurchMTVernon>

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 9 - 15, 2026

Today:	8 & 10:00 am	Worship
	9:15 am	Fellowship Time
Mon	7:30 pm	AA
Tues	1:00 pm	Mary Martha Circle
Wed	6:30 pm	Eagle Scout Review in 210/212
Thurs	9:00 am	SPOT (formerly TOPS)
Sat	8:00 am	Eagle Scout Review in 210/212

PLEASE PRAY FOR: MEMBERS: Bob & Kathy Atwell, Jordan & Nico Barnard, Vicki Blubaugh, Joe Curran, Larry Everhard, Jan Frye, Eileen Hartman, Jon, Carolyn Jacquet, Ann Jurkowitz, Kathy Lamb, Betty McDonald, Judy Mustaine, Dan Myers, Kathy Noblit, Stan Park, Fran Smyser, Mariana Wolk.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Linda, Marie, Linda Beach, Devin Boyer, Nora Burke & family, Purell Butts, Mike C, Ben Cable, Aaron Everhard, Nick Frost, Kayla Gadd, Linda Galyon, Chester Gingerich, Grant, Lon Hamby, Susan Jeffery, John Jones, Eddie and Miranda Jones, Beth Kost, Danny Jurkowitz, Barb, Marv & Rob Keck, Dean & Marilyn Kempton, Debra Kempton, Jerry Kies, Alan (Ann Dice's brother), Dr. William McFarren, Jim Major (friend of Pastor Mark Wildermuth) Greg & Grace Maxwell, 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, Mary Leigh Wildermuth and family, Adam Wilford, Pam Wolfe, Karen Zedeker, and all others on our hearts and minds.

PRAYER SHAWL RECIPIENTS (in the last three months): Kyle Steele, Stephen DeFoe, Hannah, the family of Julia Shepherd, Laura, Coleen Hamon, Karen McCorkhill, Barb Gottschling, Ann Owens, Marianna Wolk, Billie Maglott, Esther Gillett, Glenn Dyer, Royce Jordan.

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

Bold indicates new.

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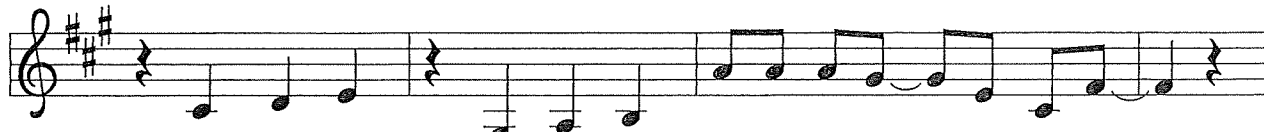
Shout to the Lord



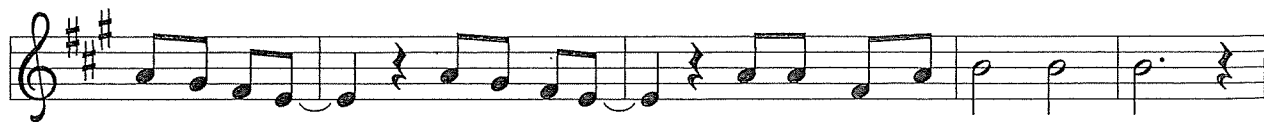
My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



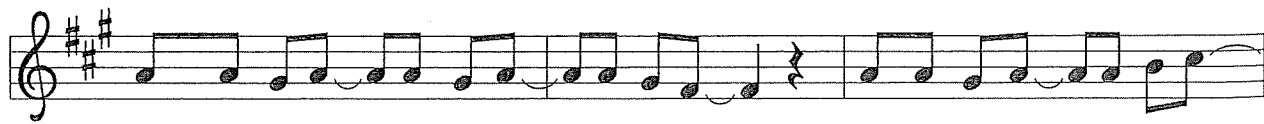
All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.



My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;



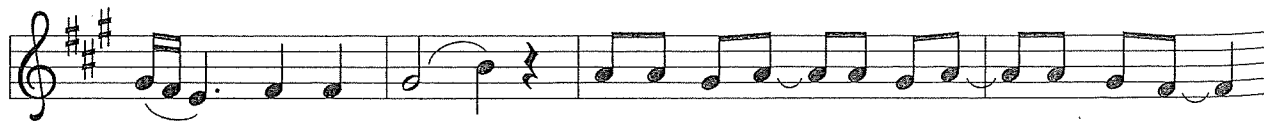
let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



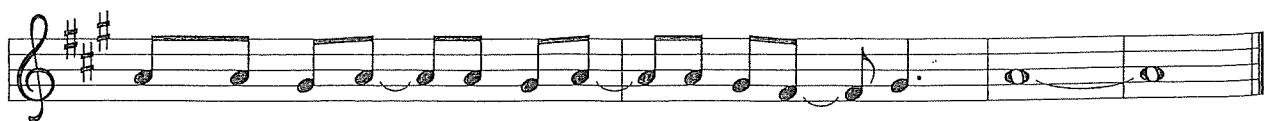
to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

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1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878
Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms


- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms;
- 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, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



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



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



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