



PAXTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



TRAVELING BY STAGES

JUNE 7, 2026 | 10:00AM

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WORSHIP PREPARATION

**In preparing for our worship together please quiet yourself
and allow God's Spirit to ready your heart, mind, and soul.**

During this time, we invite you to sign the **guest book**, pass it down your row and back again and note friends and guests worshipping next to you. Please also complete a **prayer request card** at this time if you have a joy or concern for which you would like special prayers during the service. The ushers will collect them during the first hymn.

GREETINGS AND NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

THE WORD GATHERS US

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord!

Sing to God a new song.

For the word of the Lord is upright;

All God's work is done in faithfulness.

Let us worship God!

* HYMN – 49

“The God of Abraham Praise”

* OPENING PRAYER

Free flowing Spirit and God of all generations, we gather today to praise you and to pray for your continued guidance. Help us to remember your promises and hear again your call to worship you with mercy, not sacrifice. May your Spirit be at work among us as we listen to your Word, remember your self-giving love, and then go out to share that love with the world. We pray all of this in Christ's name. Amen.

* PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we too often find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are easily satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

* GOD'S ASSURANCE OF RECONCILIATION

* OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE – No. 581

***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.***

* PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

THE WORD PROCLAIMS TO US

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Genesis 12:1-9 (OT 12)

READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 9:9-13; 18-26 (NT 10)

SERMON “Traveling By Stages”

HYMN –515 “I Come With Joy”

THE WORD INVITES US

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation for the Offering

* Response of Praise – No. 606

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

* Prayer of Dedication

OFFERTORY

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE
VIRTUALLY



THE WORD SEALS US

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

(Traditional p.35)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Prayer After Communion

THE WORD SENDS US

* HYMN –816 “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”

* INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

The () indicates that those who are able may stand.
The words printed in ***bold face italics type*** are said by all.

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Directing our worship today: Preacher, Margaret Poteet;
Worship Assistant, Nancy Lengler; *Conversation with Our Children*, Nancy Lengler
Pianist, Nan Bonnet

Prayer Square

Please keep the following church members and friends in your prayers.

Members

Nan Bonnet and the family of Rick Bazdar, Nancy Bingaman, Jim Brillinger,
Brenda and Ron Brinkley, Fran Gilchrist, Nancy Hutchison, Jo Jacoby,
Annette Kilpatrick, Penny Knight, Joanne Miller, the Poteet Family,
Donna Powers, Elsie Williams, Dave Wion, Kathie Zimmerman

Friends

Jim Bonawitz, Deb Brooks, Dr. and Mrs. Kent Groff, Kris Heimberger,
Donna and Elvin Hitz, Carl Hoffman, Margaret Hoyt, Mary Langley,
Donna LeGay, Bob Marshall, Donna J. McGrow, Nathan Miller

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Square
please contact Janice at 717-418-1526 or momjakh@aol.com

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents, Dr. Charles and Audrey Lengler, Joseph and Margaret Swistak, and Michael Swistak by Rich and Nancy Lengler.

VBS It's time to register for Paxton's Faithful Friends VBS where furry and faithful critters will help teach us every day about God's love and care. We can't wait! Use the QR code to sign up! Registrations are due by June 28. Volunteer opportunities will be coming soon.



NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 26/27 SCHOOL YEAR Paxton Presbyterian Nursery School is now enrolling children ages 2, 3 and 4 years old! Our play-based program is designed to spark imagination and lay a strong foundation for lifelong learning. For more information email Nicole, Nursery School Director, at nurseryschooldirector@paxtonchurch.org.

WEAVE WEEK The Presbytery's Weave Week is coming up July 7-11 in which high school students (including 5 from Paxton + Michelle) will be serving and learning around central PA. Our church has been asked to provide drinks and dessert for this event on Wednesday July 8th. A sign up sheet is outside the church office if you can help with this. Michelle is also looking for someone willing to deliver these items to Messiah College Wed around 11:30am. Thank you.

FREE LITTLE PANTRY Thank you all for asking what is needed for the pantry. We have had a lot of customers lately and we are getting low in a few areas:

1. Chef Boyardee type proteins are needed, we only have 3 more cans.
2. Chicken and tuna and other proteins are always appreciated.
3. School will be out soon and cereal is always a good lunch, we could use more.
4. The person who donated the 36 rolls of Scott toilet paper a couple of months ago, thank you so much, we are nearing the end of that and could use more in a couple of weeks.
5. Pastas are always in need, too.
6. We have plenty of Chicken noodle soup but not the "chunky meal size" cans with beef or meat.
7. Cans of corn
8. Toothpaste and soap
9. Laundry detergent – please make sure it is only 6-10 loads otherwise it won't fit in the pantry. The Dollar Tree has containers that will fit.

As always anything you find that you want to contribute will be more than welcomed, we use everything that is donated. We have also been putting out a table at the community dinner to help anyone who may be food insecure. Paxton members are generous and certainly are following the Lord's wishes of serving each other. Thank you again

LEARNING TO LOVE YOUR ENEMIES is the topic of a talk on Christian Science to be given by Giulia Nesi Tetreau, a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. The talk will be presented on Sunday, June 14 at 2:30 PM in the Seekers room. Everyone is invited to attend. Questions? Please call Linda Daniels, 717-329-2603.

SAVE THE DATE for an Interfaith August 9th picnic with St. Catherine Laboure and Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches! More information to come in the July newsletter.

IN SYMPATHY The congregation extends its condolences on the death of member Richard Bazdar on June 2, 2026, to his family, and his friends. Please hold them in your prayers. The service will be on June 11 at 11AM with a visitation at 10AM. Even as we share our grief, we receive comfort in the sure and certain hope of eternal life through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Paxton Presbyterian Week of Service

Date	Time	Location	Service
June 8	9:30am - 12pm	Paxton	Youth Sunday School Room Painting
	9am - 12pm	Paxton	Church Property Projects
	2pm - 4pm	Caitlin's Smiles	Assembling craft kits, etc.
June 9	9:30am - 12pm	Paxton	Youth Sunday School Room Painting
	6pm - 8pm	Paxton	Various "table" Projects in Fellowship Hall
June 10	9am - 11am	Allison Hill Food Bank	Stock the pantry, assemble meal boxes, etc.
	4:30pm - 7pm	Paxton	Community Dinner with Yard Games *contact Dawn if you have a game you would like to bring
<i>Bretheran Housing Association</i>			<i>To be Rescheduled</i>
June 11	1pm - 4pm	Paxton	VBS Craft Prep
	5pm - 7pm	Hanna's Pantry	To be determined upon arrival
June 12	9am - 12pm	Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association	General farm chores and beautification projects
	7pm - 9pm	Paxton	Bonfire

The sign up poster is available in the Gathering Room including project descriptions, locations, and number of volunteers. Opportunities are available for all ages. Most projects do not require any special skills - just a willingness to help and have fun. Feel free to call Dawn Palmer with any questions or concerns. 717-877-9013

June 7 -14

Sunday, June 7	10:00 AM	Worship	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	1:00 PM	Deacon's Outing – Senators Game	
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	<i>Great Room</i>
Monday, June 8	See below	Week of Service	
	6:00 PM	Penguin Project	<i>Great Room</i>
	6:00 PM	Voices of the Valley	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Tuesday, June 9	See below	Week of Service	
	6:00 PM	Penguin Project	<i>Great Room</i>
Wednesday, June 10	See below	Week of Service	
	5:00 PM	Community Dinner	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	6:00 PM	Penguin Project	<i>Great Room</i>
Thursday, June 11	See below	Week of Service	
	6:00 PM	Paxtang Lions	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
Friday, June 12	See below	Week of Service	
	6:00 PM	Nepali Youth Group	<i>Great Room</i>
	7:00 PM	Bonfire	<i>Cabin</i>
Sunday, June 14	10:00 AM	Outdoor Worship	<i>Cabin</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	<i>Great Room</i>

The office is open to the public 9:00am – 1:00pm, Monday through Friday

Paxton Presbyterian Church

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	Annette Kilpatrick	Nancy Lengler
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For a confidential referral please contact a Stephen Leader.

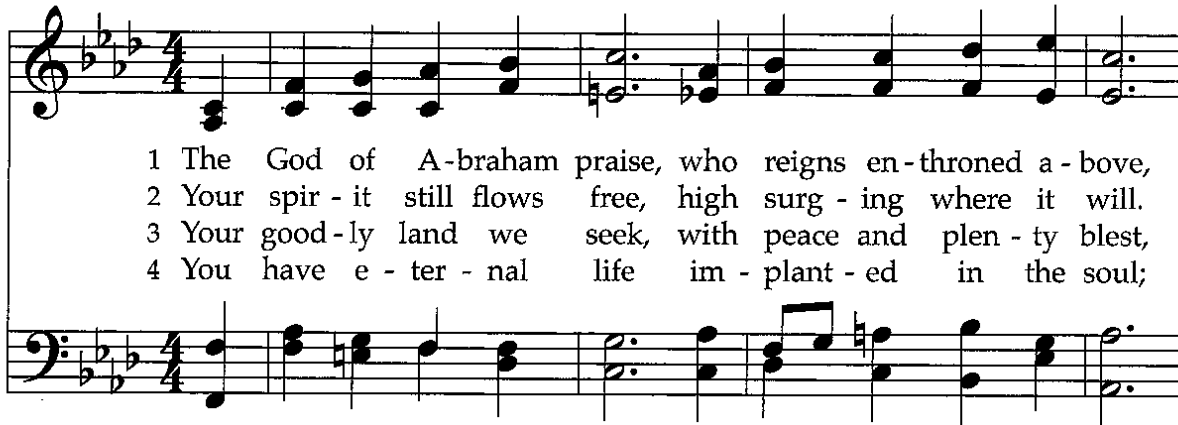
Session *Chair

Margaret Poteet		Moderator
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Cindy Cavanaugh '28*		Evangelism and Outreach
Nancy Lengler '26*		Budget and Finance
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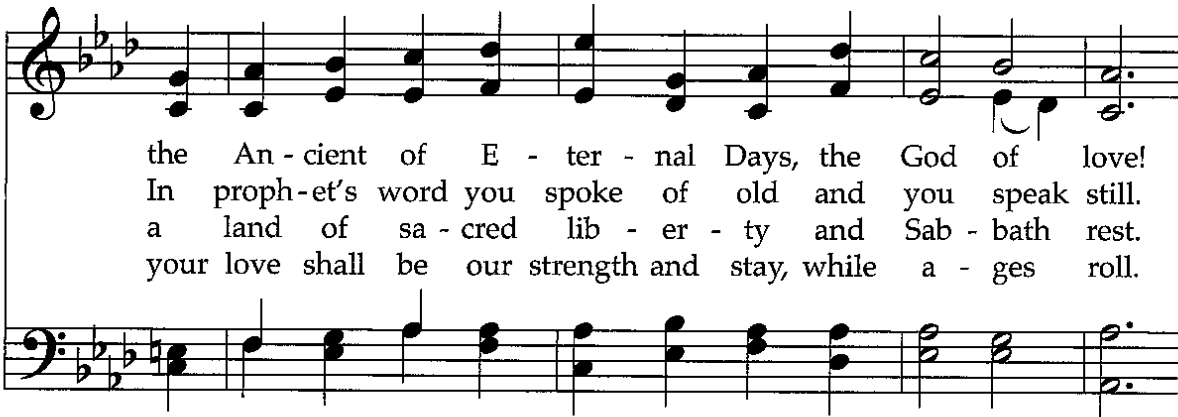
At Paxton Presbyterian Church, we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, made in God's image and worthy of love, dignity, and belonging. Rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be a welcoming and affirming community for all people - no matter their race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, mental or physical ability, or religious background.



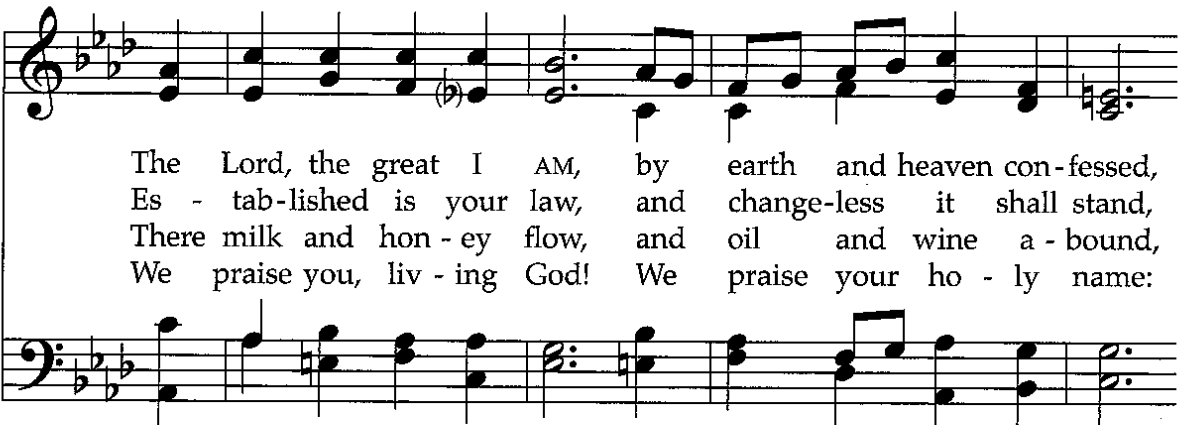
49 The God of Abraham Praise



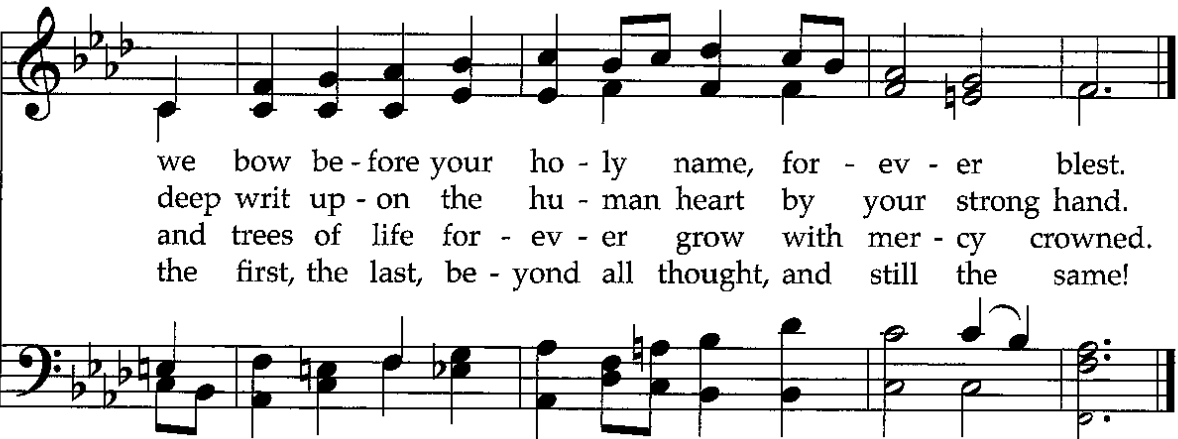
1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,
2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

I Come with Joy

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Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)
 F B \flat C F Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

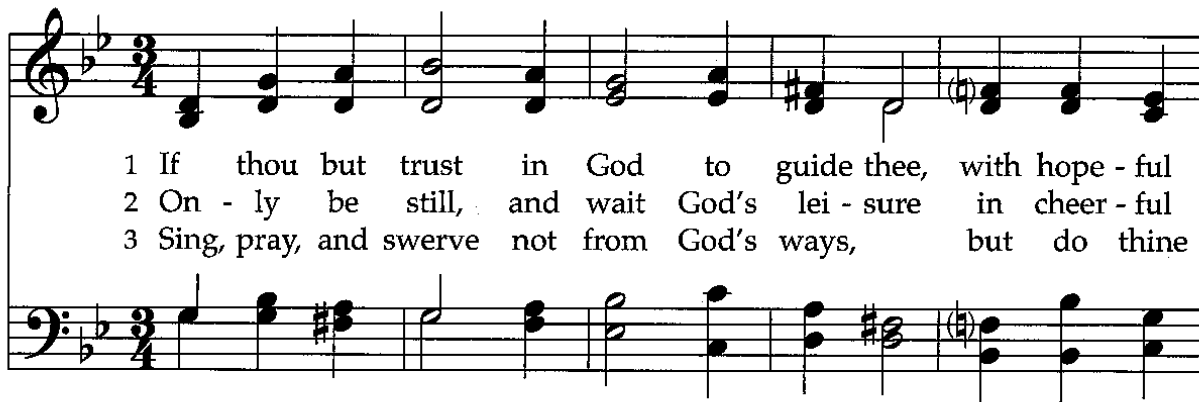
(Asus) (Am) (G) (F#m) (D)
 Csus Cm B \flat Am F

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

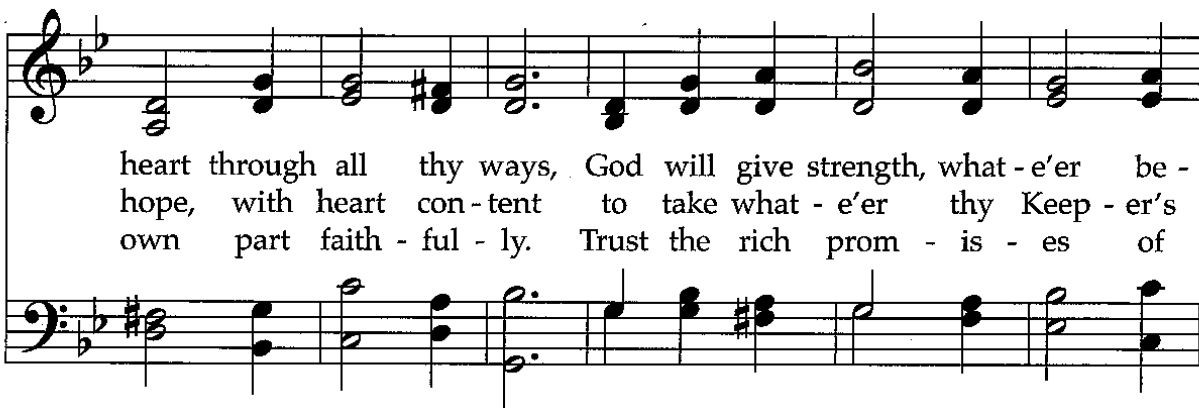
(Em) (D/F#) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)
 Gm F/A B \flat C Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

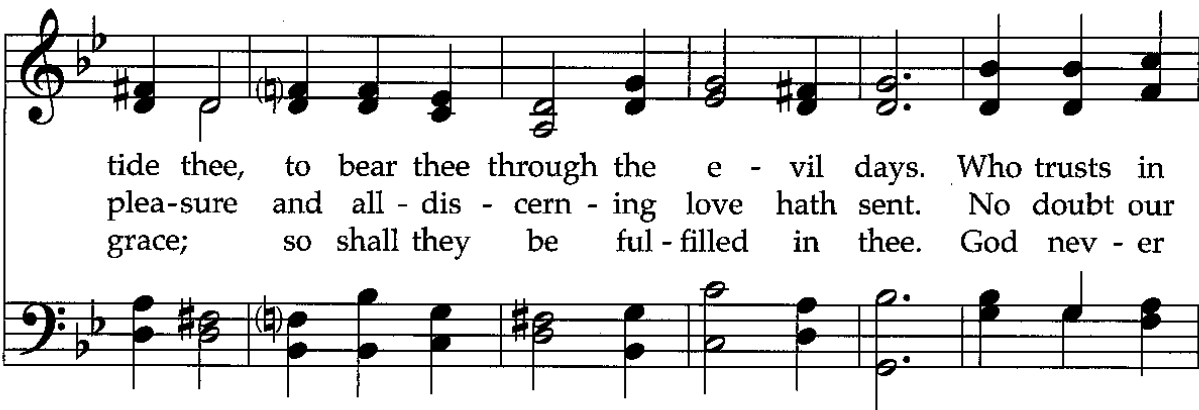
If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816



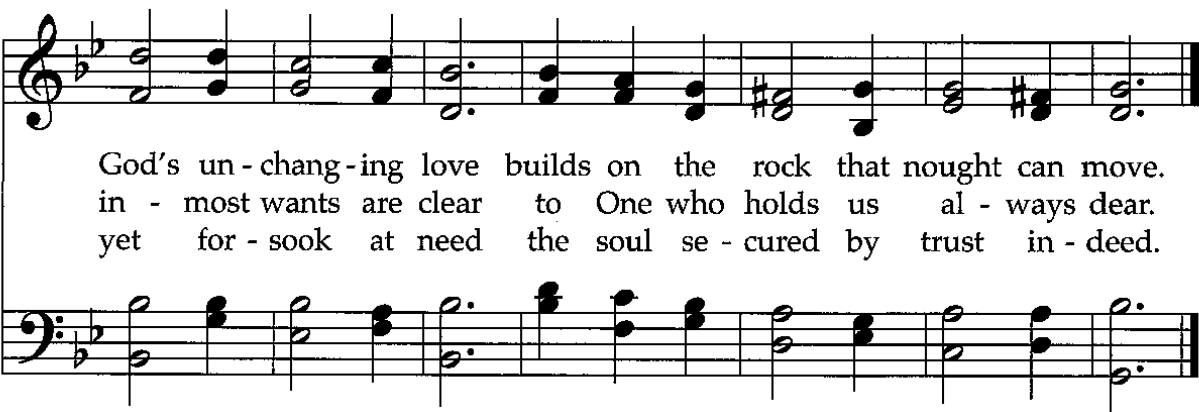
1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful
3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine



heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -
hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's
own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of



tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our
grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er



God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.
in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.
yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.