Westminster
Presbyterian Church

November 21, 2021
Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Prelude "Spirit of the Living God" DANIEL IVERSON

Let us open our hearts and minds to the rhythm of the gathering music as it centers us in God's presence for worship.

***Gathering Words** **Jim Bonk**
*The * in the liturgy indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

In ages past, God was at work,
revealing the grace and wonder of the word.
In these days, God is at work,
empowering us to create communities of justice and peace.

In the time still to come, God will be at work,
making things right and good,
just as in the beginning.

Through the gloom, we see light,
and the light of our Sovereign God reveals all.

So let us come into the light, to worship in spirit and in truth.

***Opening Prayer** **Jim Bonk**

Let us join our hearts in prayer…

Holy One,
We stumble along,
uncertain and unsteady in these unsettled days,
reaching out for something familiar,
worrying what might be around the next bend.

We cannot see the whole story, Lord.
Yet we trust that you are present in the darkness,
and that your dawn will reveal your work,
bringing your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.
Let the zeal of your living word enlighten our way,
that we may live toward your future, even now.
Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 367** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Call to Confession **Jim Bonk**

When we least expect it, even when we are not ready, God comes to us, calling us to trust, calling us to follow. So come, let us confess the ways we have strayed from God and one another…

Prayer of Confession **Jim Bonk**

Your counsel is wonderful, O God.
You guide us in your way of loving-kindness with your everlasting care,
and choose to use your power in service of peace.
We confess that we love to talk about peace, but our lives rarely reflect it.
Forgive our tendency toward destructive power.

We confess that we pray for your light to shine,
even as we prefer to keep some things in the shadows.
Forgive our part in obscuring the light of your truth.

We confess that we long for freedom from injustice,
but we are not willing to give up the burden of authority just yet.
Forgive our stubborn insistence that everyone must be like us.

Shed your light on our lives and hearts, our church and nation, this day,
that all that is hidden may be revealed, and so be healed.
Then turn us again to rejoice in your kin-dom of justice and peace.
We ask in the name of Christ who reigns now and forever. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Jim Bonk**

Listen, my friends!
Just as in ages past,
God is still at work, making things right and good.

Whatever our path, or our struggle, God is not done with us.
We are forgiven. We are loved.
We are made ready to build God's reign.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Musical Response "In the Garden" C. AUSTIN MILES

Prayer of Illumination **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9: 1-7 **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

9But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
3You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

4For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
5For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

6For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Sermon **Divine Co-workers** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

***Hymn No. 744** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" FESTAL SONG

Sharing Joys and Concerns **Jim Bonk**

Prayer of the People **Jim Bonk**

We ask through the power of your Spirit and in the name of Jesus the Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying:

Our God in heaven, holy is your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn No. 82** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

***Benediction** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Postlude "Melody" R. SCHUMANN
(Album for the Young, Op. 68, No. 1)

The service continues with refreshments and fellowship.

To assure the safety of all, currently we are not passing the offering plates. They are in the back of the sanctuary. We invite you to place your gifts there. Thank you for your generosity.

The Gathering Words were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson

Music:	Guitar	Jim Bonk
	Piano	Mary-Marie Deauclaire
	Organ, Drums	Divine Gbagbo
	Piano	Bob Iams
	Guitar	Dave Schmidt

Tech. Assistant/Event Steward	Tony Mendiola
Refreshments	Cheryl Weiss
Flowers	Gayle Noble
Sunday Assistant	Cheryl Weiss

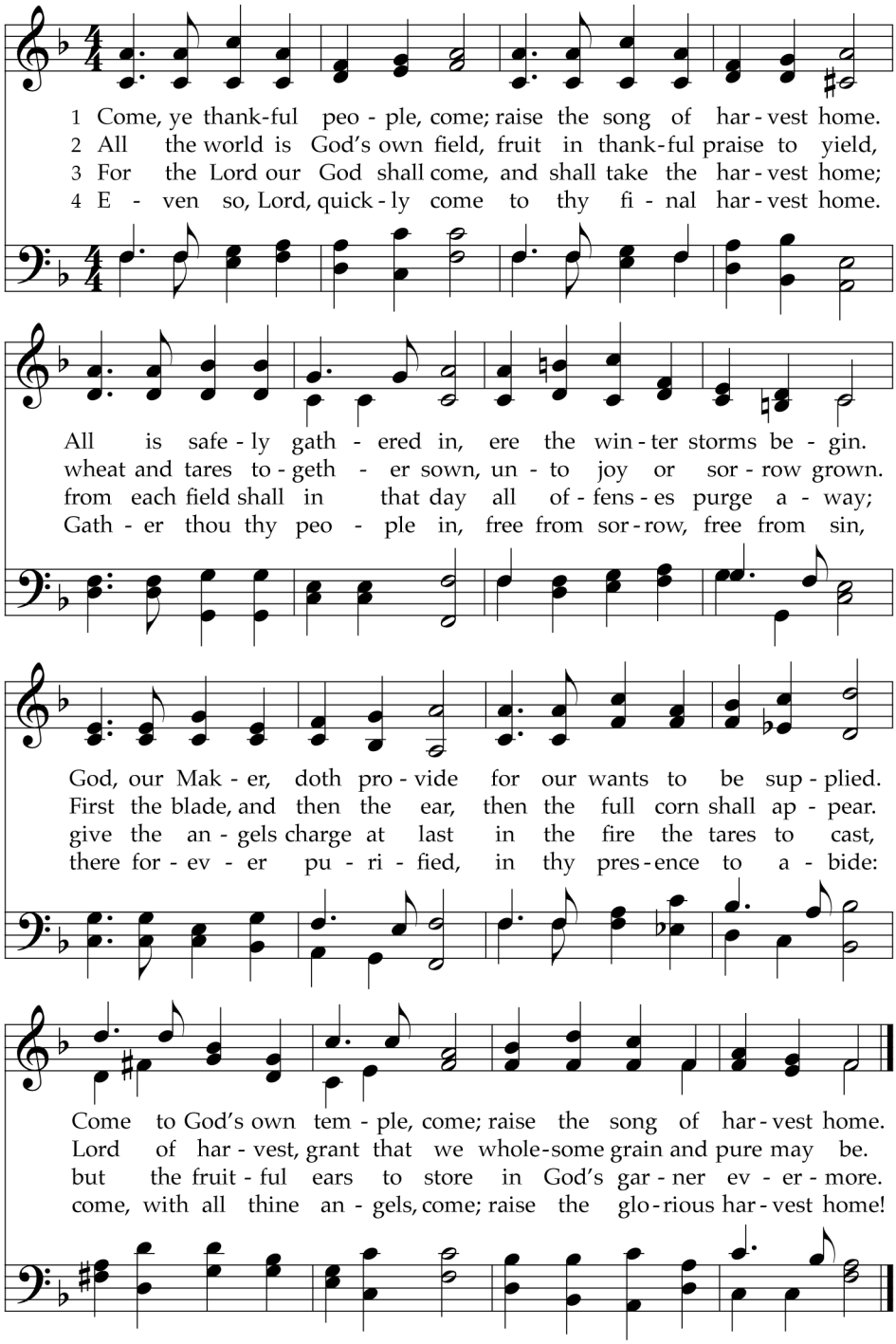
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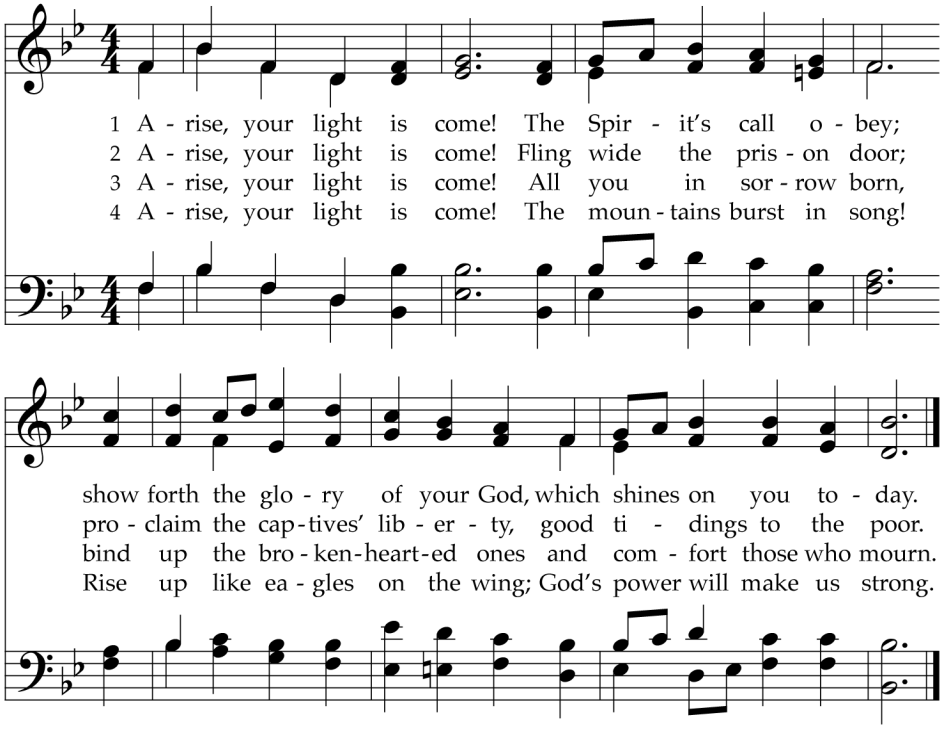
Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.
MUSIC: George Job Elvey, 1858

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
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DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

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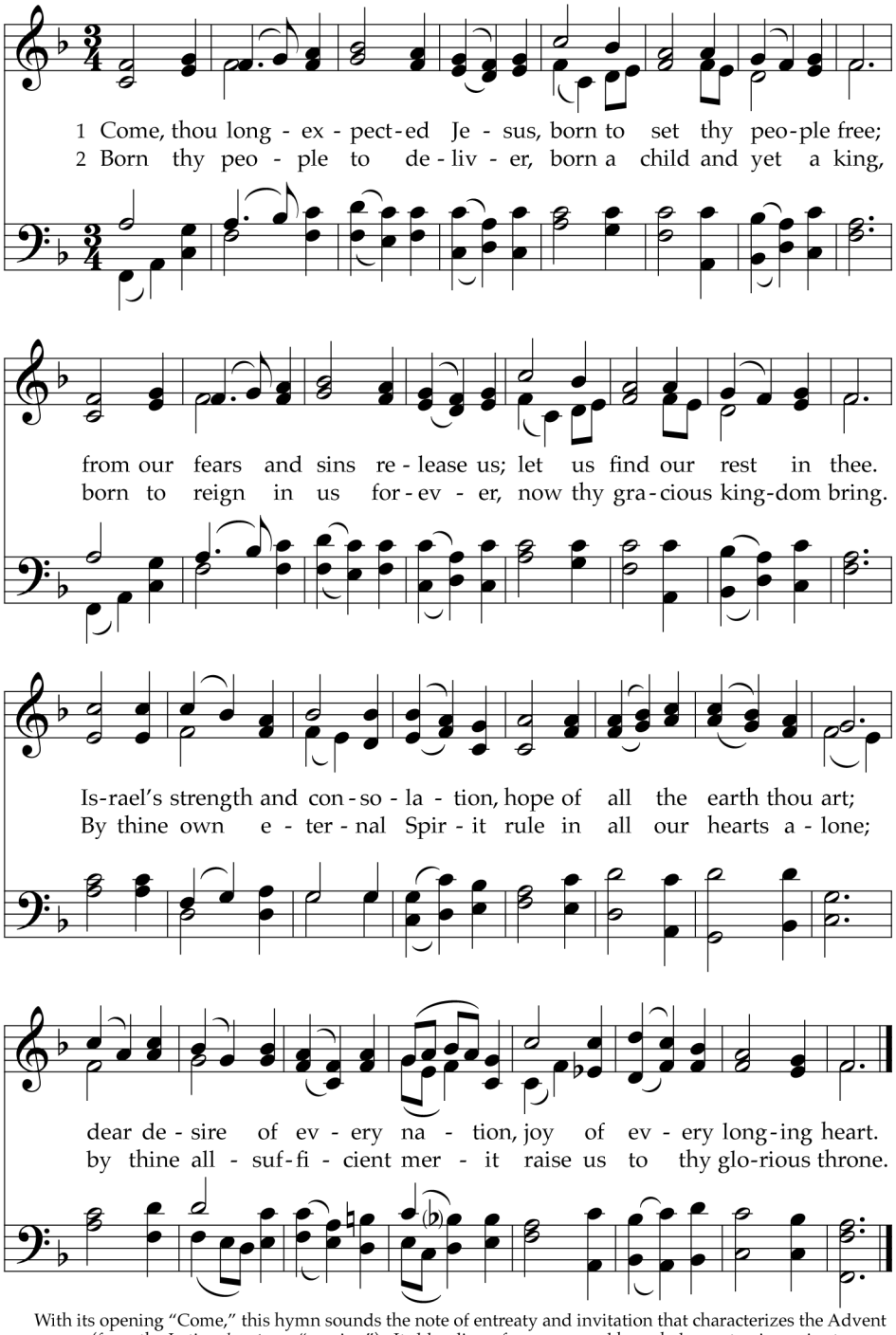


Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
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(this tune in a lower key, 815)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

HYFRYDOL
8.7.8.7.D
(alternate tune: STUTTGART, 83)