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June 18, 2023
Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

Prelude — *"In Native Worth" from "The Creation"* — ***Franz Joseph Haydn***
Davian Raggio, tenor; Benjamin Rorabaugh, accompanist

***Gathering Words** — **Dorothy Iams**

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

We come because we seek the presence of the Holy.
Every morning, every day, every evening, every moment God is with us.

We come because we hunger for Christ.
Jesus feeds us with hope. The living Christ replaces our emptiness with grace.

We come because we thirst for the Spirit.
She fills our yearning for peace and ends the drought of justice.

***Opening Prayer**
Dorothy Iams

Let us pray …

Loving and gracious God, thank you for walking with us in our daily lives,
and for the gift of Christian community that inspires us,
holds us accountable and supports us.
Empower us, comfort us, give us new hope
as we navigate the hardships of life faithfully. Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 686 "God of Our Life" *Sandon*

Call to Confession Dorothy Iams

We know too well our foolishness, our brokenness, our human ways of doing things.
But God knows our hearts, our hopes, our desire to be made new.
As we offer our prayers of confession, let us open ourselves to God,
who will forgive us and give us new life.

Prayer of Confession Dorothy Iams

Ever-present God,
There are so many other voices demanding our attention,
leading us down on paths that dry up life.

We confess that we believe the voices that tell us that we are to fend for ourselves on our own.
We give in to voices that make us question your goodness.
We blame you for inflicting suffering on people caused by our greed, our sense of entitlement,
by the oppressive systems that we create and benefit from.

Forgive us, O God.
Help us to be still long enough to recognize your guidance.
Draw us into the ways of life. Amen.

Silent Confession

Musical Response No. 294 "Within Our Darkest Night (sung multiple times) *Dans Nos Obscurités*

Assurance of Forgiveness Dorothy Iams

Friends,
Be still and know the good news:
God has not forsaken nor forgotten us
but brings us into new life.

Why should we be afraid?
God is in our midst – forgiving, restoring, sending.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Musical Offering *"God, Hear my Heartfelt Pleading"* from *"Biblical Songs"* *Antonin Dvorak*
Davian Raggio, tenor; Benjamin Rorabaugh, accompanist

We offer our gifts of money, talents, time, and energy—the gifts of our lives in gratitude for God's relentless love and grace for all. These gifts represent our commitment to heed God's call and join God in God's mission
of healing and transforming our world.

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

Scripture Reading **Psalm 46:1-7 (NRSV)** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
6 The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
God utters God's voice; the earth melts.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Sermon **Bumper Sticker Theology: "God wouldn't give you more than you can handle"**
Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Hymn No. 329 **"God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"** *Winchester old*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Dorothy Iams

Prayer of the people Dorothy Iams

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 kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn No. 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" *Amazing Grace*

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Postlude "Deposuit Potentes" from "Magnificat " *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Davian Raggio, tenor; Benjamin Rorabaugh, accompanist

The service continues with fellowship.

*The Assurance of Forgiveness was adapted from Rev. Thom Shuman.
*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
*Music: Tom Shaw, organ
*Sunday service assistant/treats: Candy Relle
*This morning's singer, ***Davian Raggio,*** tenor, is making his debut as a young artist with OLO this summer. Davian is from Texas, and is a student of Mark Diamond at Baylor University. He performs both opera and musical theatre.

****Benjamin Rorabaugh***, accompanist, also sings tenor, and is also making his debut at OLO this summer in the role of Ralph Rackstraw (H.M.S. Pinafore). He was most recently based in the Knoxville

area, and will be relocating to Houston this fall. Ben holds degrees from the University of Mississippi and Harding University, where he studied music performance and music education, respectively.

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To continue to assure the safety of all, the offering plate is located on a table in the back of the sanctuary. If you are moved to support our ministry, we invite you to place your gifts in the plate.



You may also give online through our website by clicking on the "GIVE NOW" button at the bottom of the home page. Your generosity helps us to fulfill our calling to engage in God's transformative mission in our community.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 18

- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

Monday, June 19

- Office is closed for Juneteenth
- NAACP Juneteenth Celebration - 11:30 am – 1 pm – Wooster City Square
- Troop 61 – 6 pm – The Meeting Place

Tuesday, June 20

- B-Wiser Science Camp – 6 pm-9.30 pm – Mackey Hall

Thursday, June 22

- Dance and Exercise – 8.30 am – The Meeting Place
- B-Wiser Science Camp – 6 pm-9.30 pm – Mackey Hall

Sunday, June 25

- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

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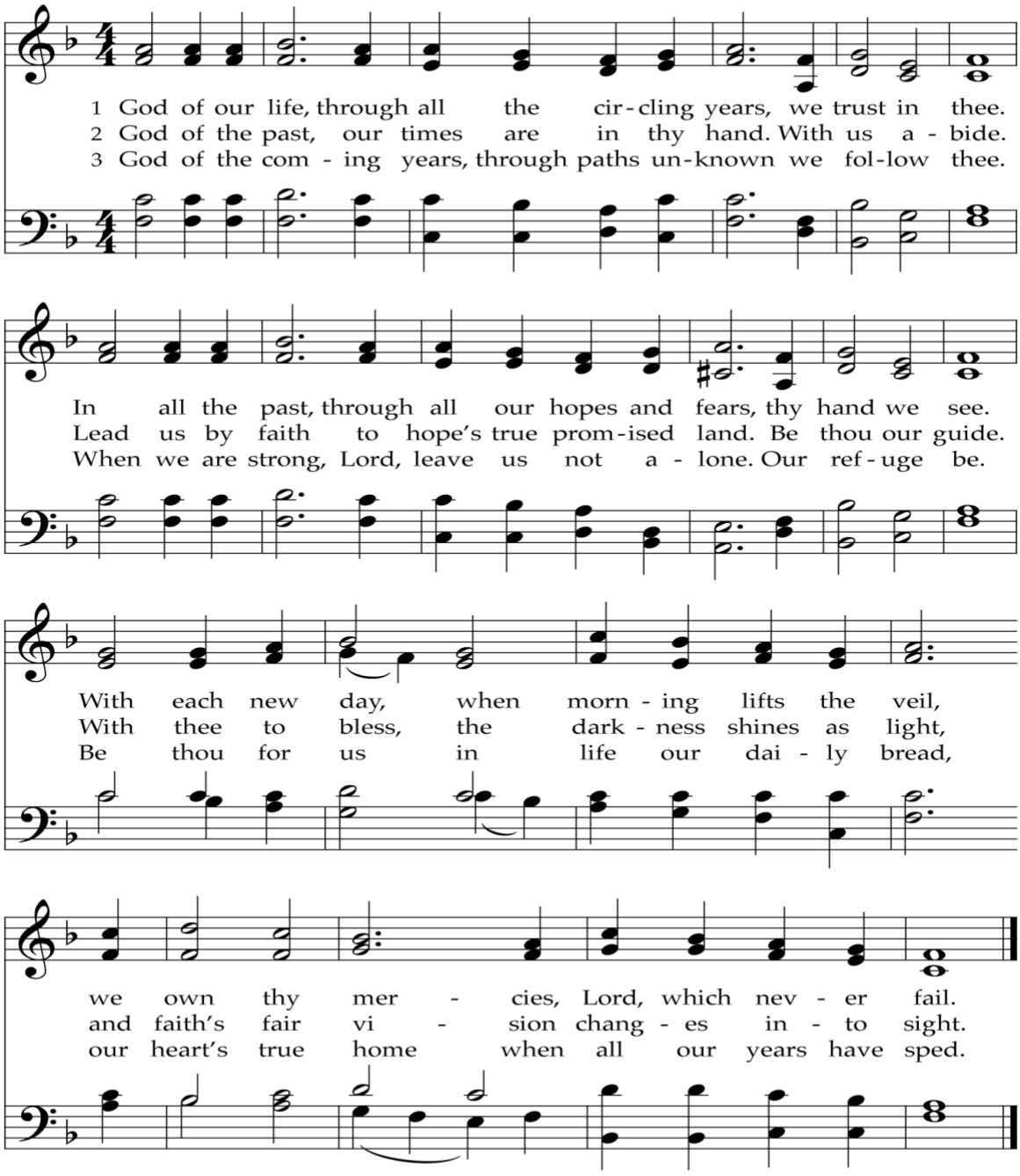
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God of Our Life 686



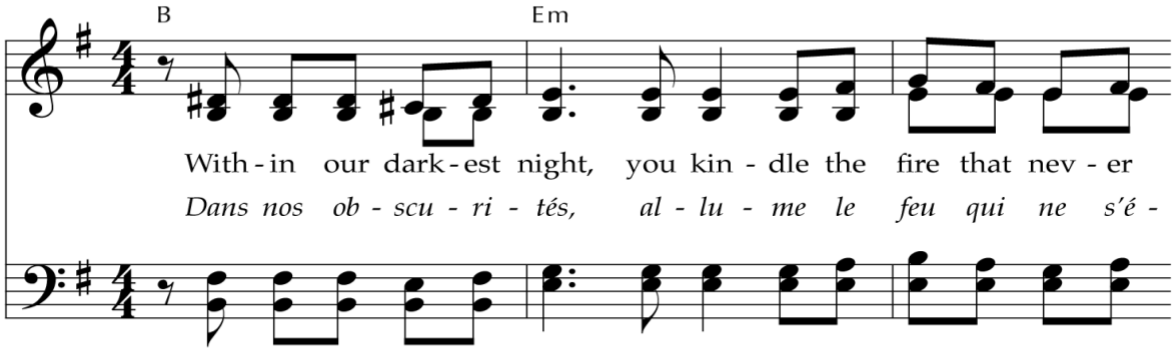
This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

TEXT: Hugh Thomson Kerr, 1916, alt.
MUSIC: Charles Henry Purday, 1860; harm. John Weaver, 1986
Text © 1928 F. M. Braselman, ren. 1956 Presbyterian Board of Christian Education (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)
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294 Within Our Darkest Night

Dans nos obscurités

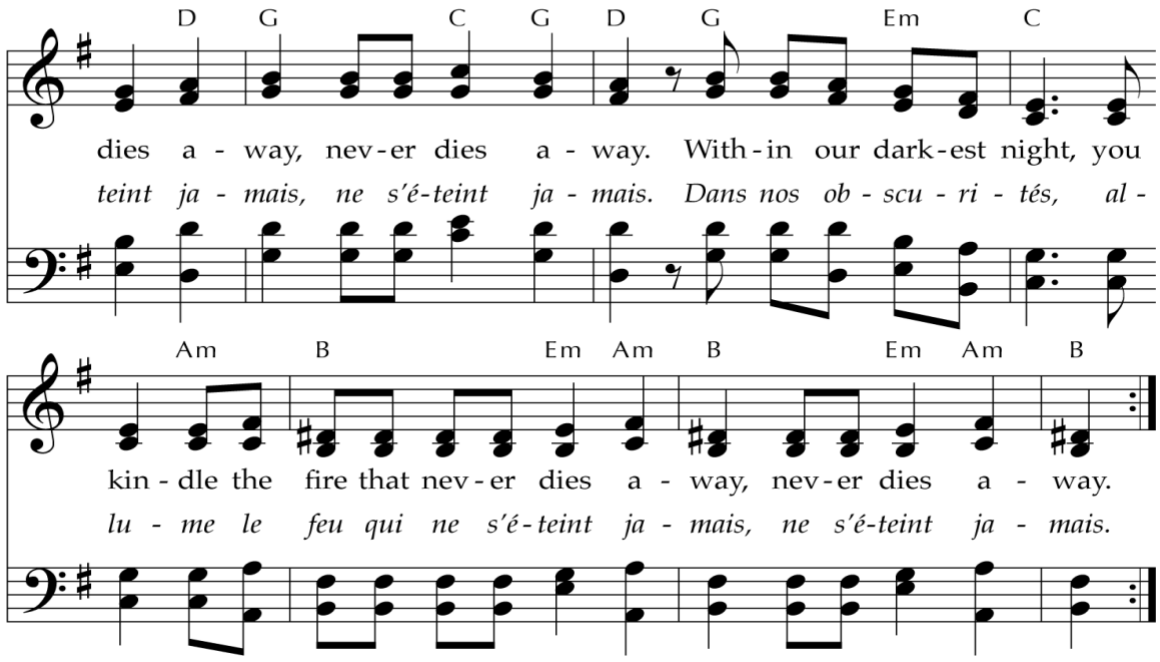


This Taizé chant can be used in several ways. Its inclusion in the Holy Spirit section connects the fire it celebrates with the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost. It might also be appropriate at evening services or as part of the Easter Vigil found in the *Book of Common Worship*.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1991
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1991
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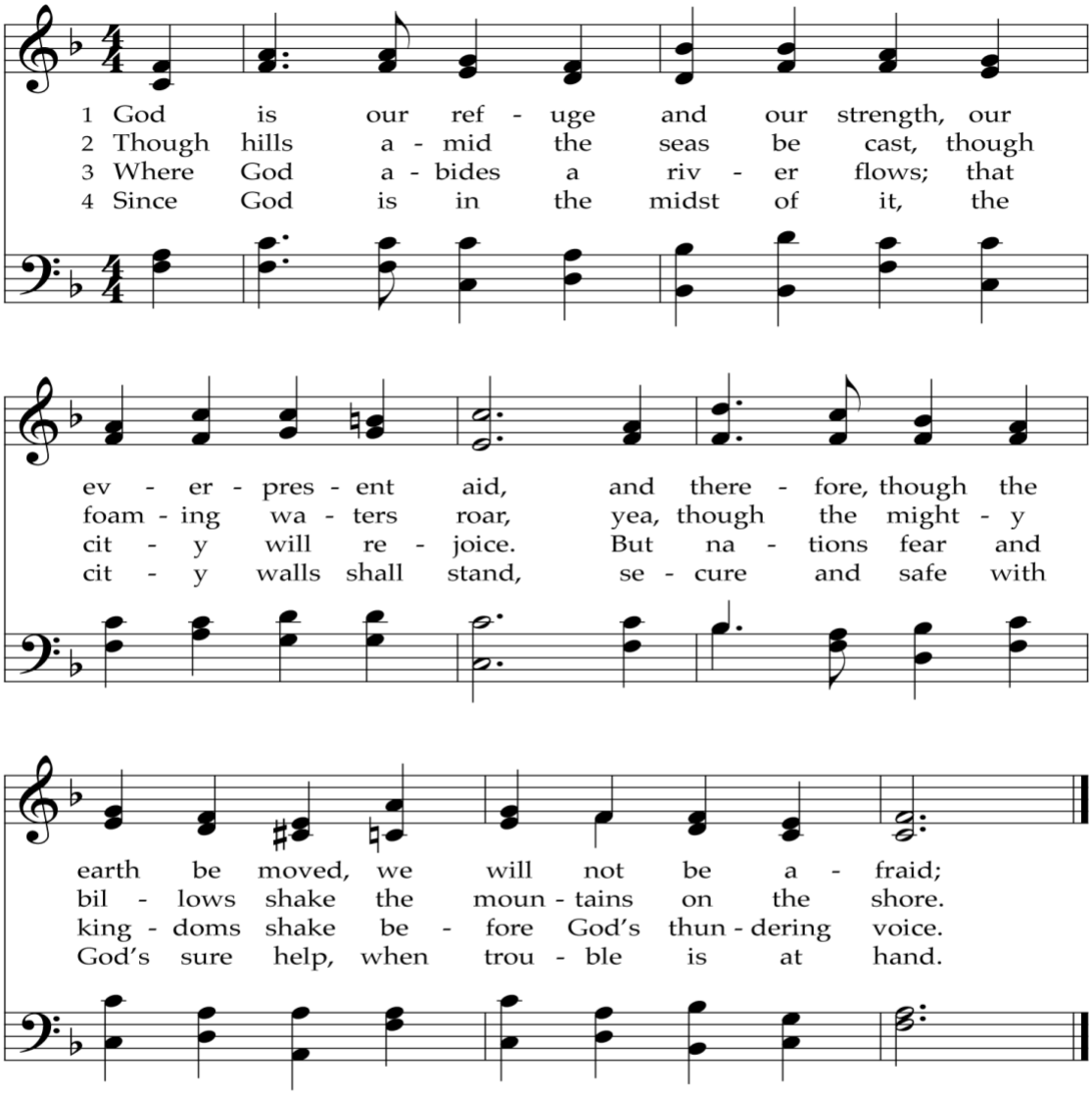
GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

329 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

(Psalm 46)
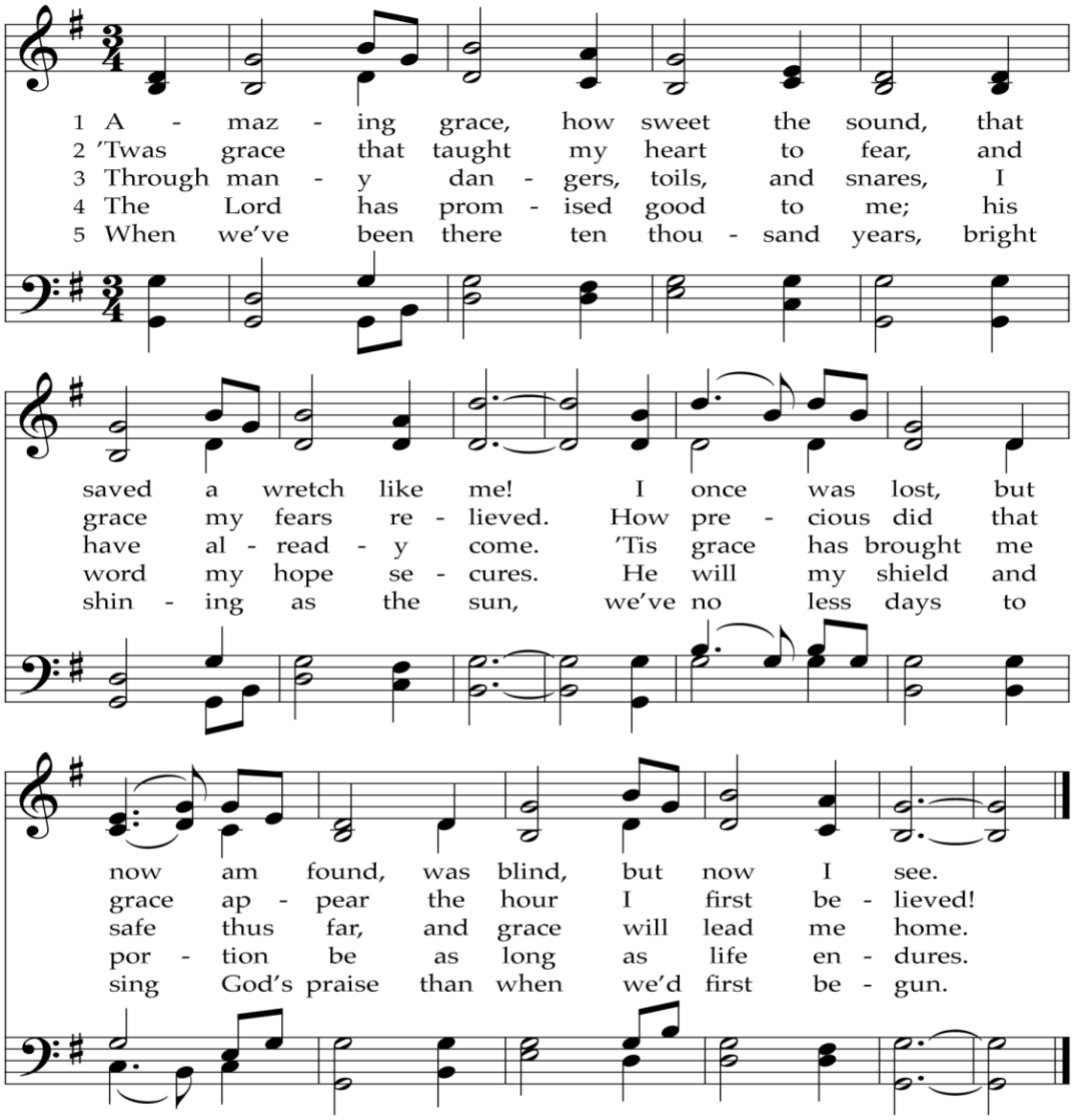


The first two stanzas of this very condensed paraphrase of Psalm 46 were created early in the 20th century, and the last two stanzas were prepared near its end. The text is set to a late 16th-century psalm tune that comes from the first such collection to give tunes names.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–2, *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms,* 1909
MUSIC: Este's *Psalmes,* 1592; harm. George Kirbye, 1592

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649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



CHOCTAW

Shilombish holitopa ma!
Ishmminti pulla cha
hatak ilbusha pia ha
is pi yukpalashke.

CREEK

Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
ah non ah cha pa kas
cha fee kee o funnan la kus
um e ha ta la yus.

NAVAHO

Nizhónígo joobá diits' a'
yisdáshíítinigíí,
lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
shénáhoosdzin,
doo eesh'íį da ńt'éé.

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads,* 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie
MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony,* 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.
AMAZING GRACE
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