Westminster
Presbyterian Church
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September 4, 2022
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Dr. Barbara Johnson**

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 "This Is My Father's World" F.L. SHEPPARD (arr C BERRY)

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

It is by grace that we are who we are:
People who are called by Jesus, yet fearful to follow.

It is by God's grace that we can become followers:
People who are fearful, yet gifted with courage beyond wonder.

It is with God's grace that we become who we might be:
People who step out in faith, sharing the good news generously.

Opening Prayer **Dorothy Iams**

Holy God, we gather to sing your praise and hear your word.
Speak to us now, that we may be wise enough to perceive your call.

Strengthen us now, that we may be brave enough to go into the deep to answer when you call.
Guide us now, that we may follow where you would have us go.
In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

***Gathering Hymn No. 267** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID

Call to Confession

Let us make our confessions to the One whose love, mercy, and forgiveness is constant in every moment, in every place, of our lives.

Prayer of Confession **Dorothy Iams**

Holy God, we have worked all day and night, for many months and years.
We yearn for a heavy catch, a full church, an abundant feast.
Forgive us God, when we are too tired to cast our nets one more time;
when we are too stubborn to do things a little differently.
Have mercy on us, when we are too afraid to dive into deep waters and take a risk.
Grant us grace, that we may proclaim your word, work for your kingdom, and trust your promises.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Dorothy Iams**

The One who alone is Holy became wholly human so we might see the face of grace.
The One who is seated in the heavens endured the cross so we might see the face of salvation.

This is our good news: by God's grace, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

Musical Response "Tú Has Venido a la Orilla" C. GABÁRAIN

Prayer of Illumination **Rev. Dr. Barbara Johnson**

Scripture Reading Luke 5: 1-11 **Rev. Dr. Barbara Johnson**

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear
the word of God, **2** he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and
were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a
little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. **4** When he had finished
speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

5 Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let
down the nets." **6** When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. **7** So
they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so
that they began to sink. **8** But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from
me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

9 For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, **10** and so also were
James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be catching people." **11** When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything
and followed him.

Sermon **Into Deep Waters** **Rev. Dr. Barbara Johnson**

***Hymn No. 170** "Your Walk along Our Shoreline" WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Dorothy Iams**

Prayer of the People **Rev. Dr. Barbara Johnson**

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ with the words that you taught us to pray together:

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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.
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. 69** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" HERE I AM (Schutte)

***Benediction** **Rev. Dr. Barbara Johnson**

Postlude "Praeludium in C Dur" J.S. BACH

* Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.

The service continues with fellowship.



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Your generosity helps us to fulfill our calling to engage in God's transformative mission in our community.

Music:	Piano	Bob Iams
	Organ, Piano	Tom Shaw
Tech. Assistant/Event Steward		Tony Mendiola
Sunday Assistant		Dorothy Iams
Flowers		Dawn Kridel
Refreshments		Dawn Kridel

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 6
- COW Nursery School Back in Session

Thursday, September 8
- Building Committee Meeting – 10:00 am – The Lounge
- Westminster Book Group – 7:00 pm - Zoom

Communion Sunday, September 11
- Walking in Mindfulness – 7:30 am – Oak Hill Park
- Worship Service – 10:00 am – Mackey Hall

Tuesday, September 13
- Worship Committee Meeting – 1:00 pm – The Lounge

Thursday, September 15
- COW Welcome Back Dinner – 6:30 pm – Mackey Hall
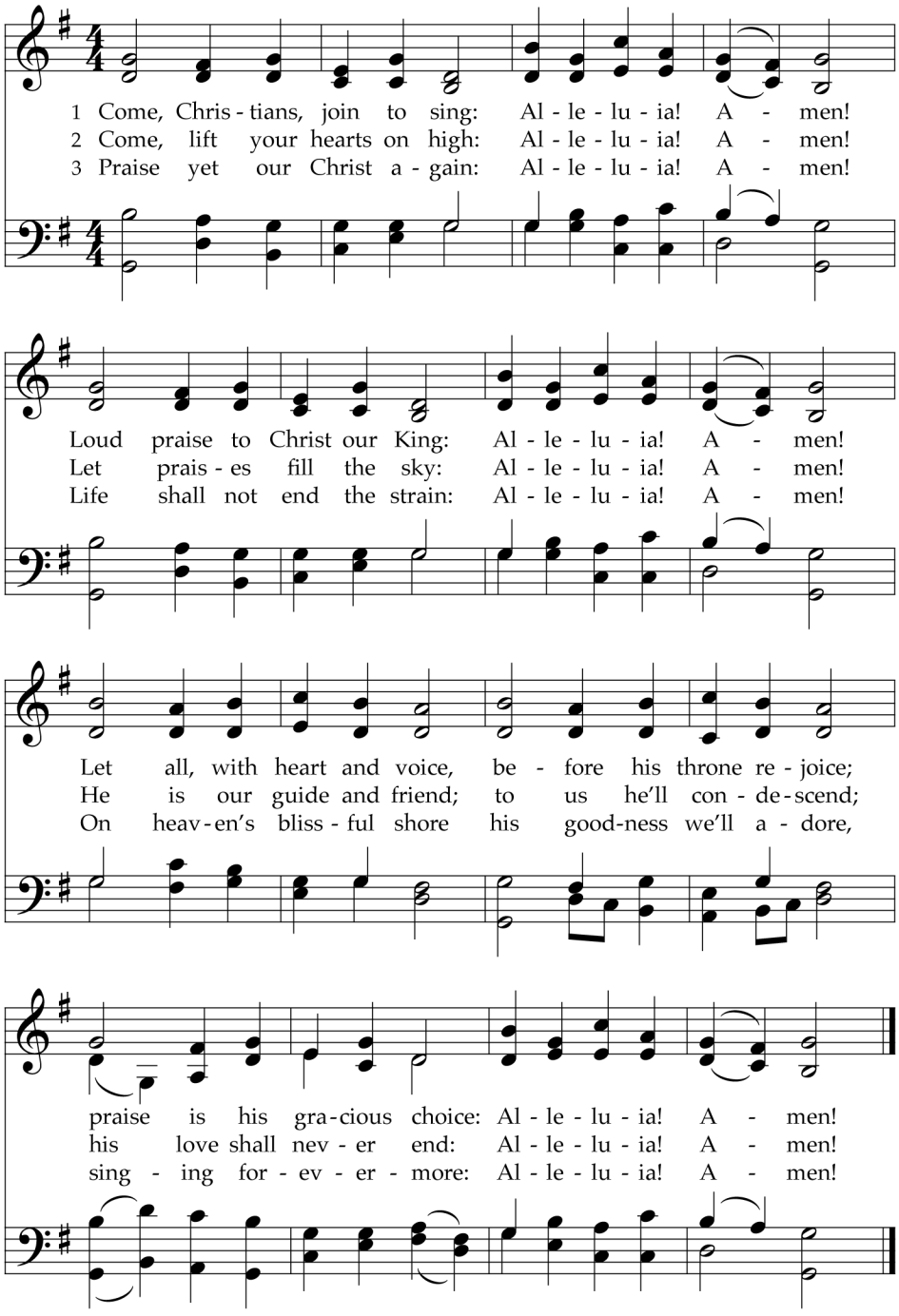
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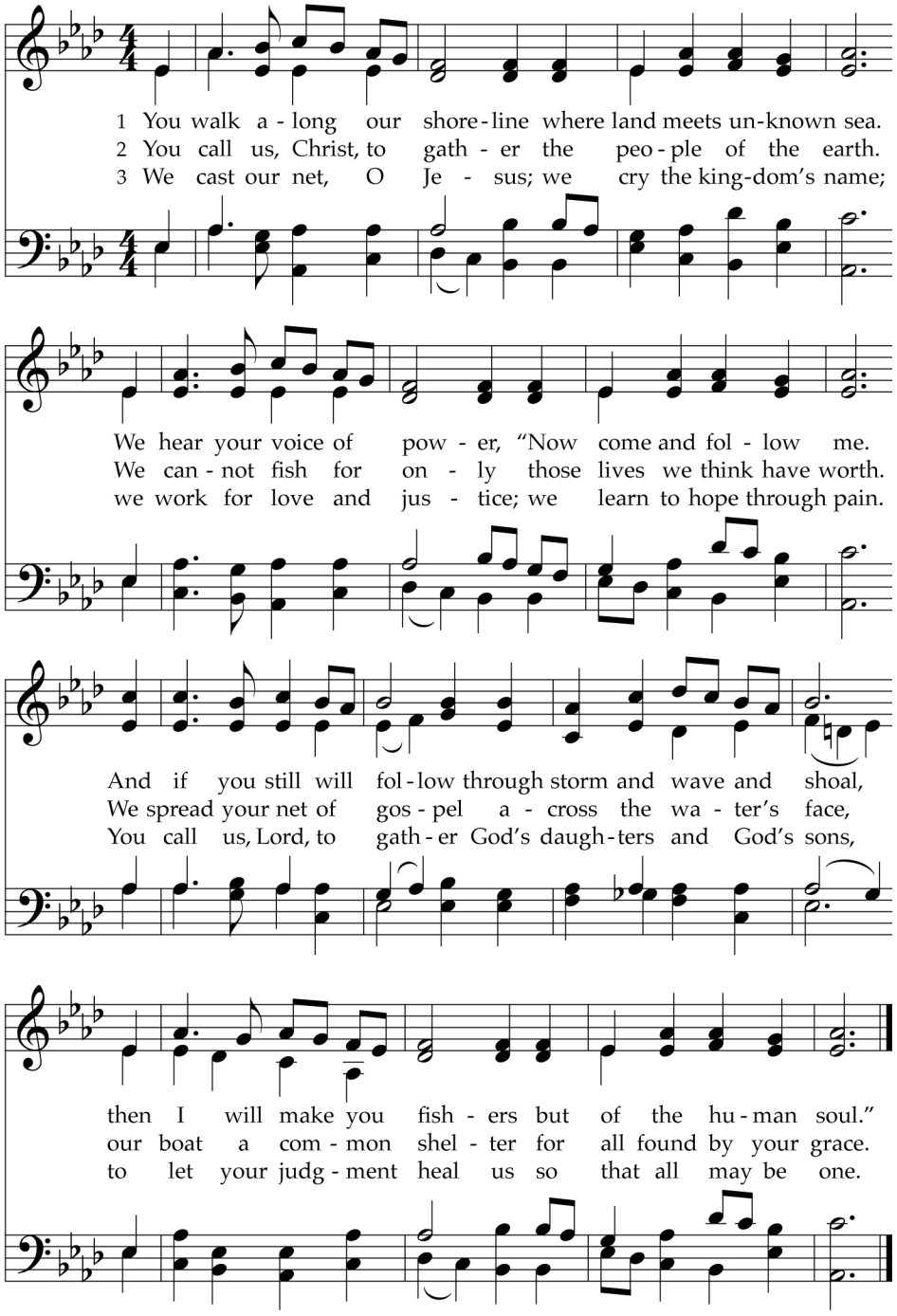


Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

TEXT: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843
MUSIC: Spanish folk melody; arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824; harm. David Evans, 1927
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You Walk along Our Shoreline 170
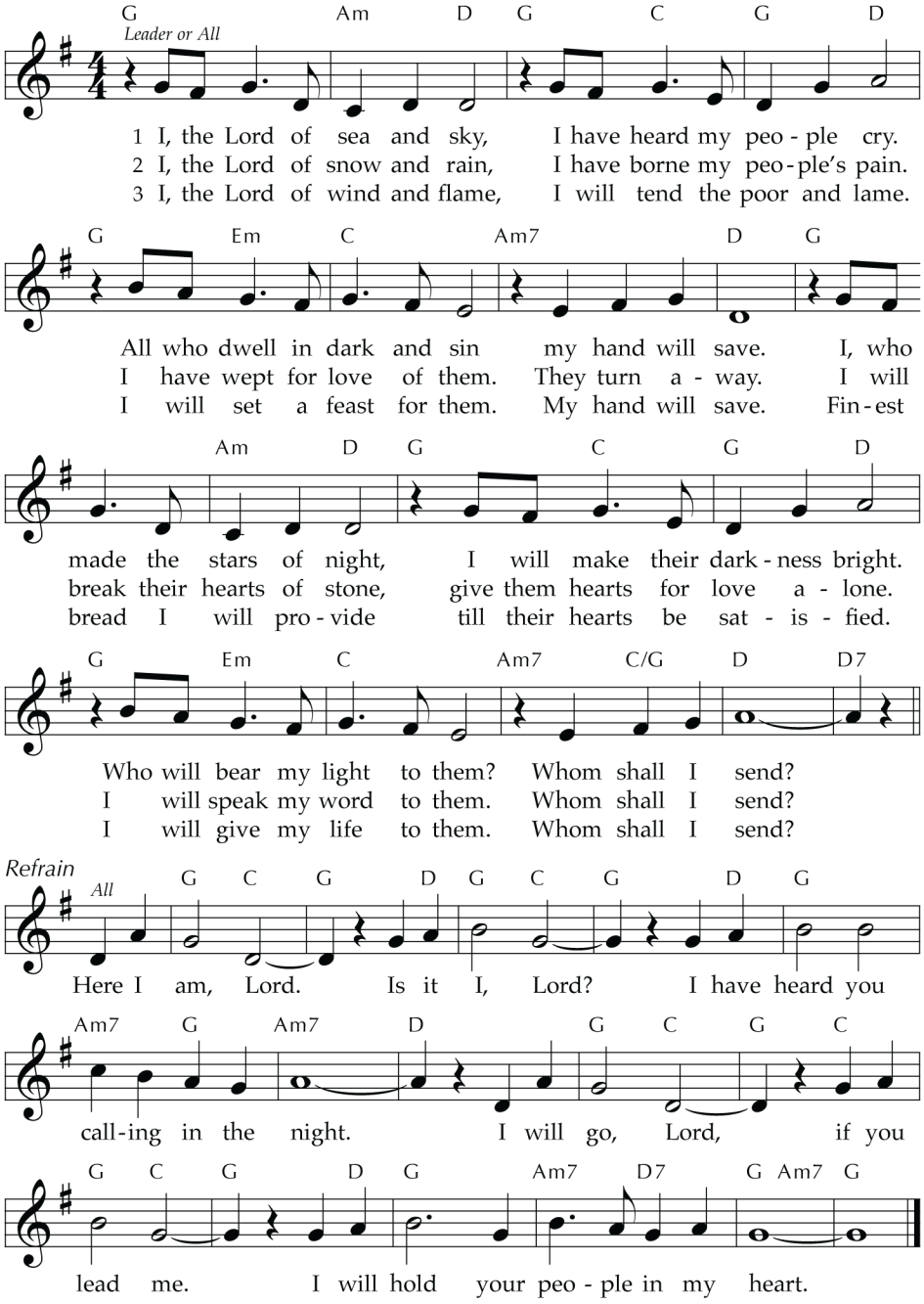


Based on Jesus' calling of the disciples (Matthew 4:18–22/Mark 1:16–20/Luke 5:4–11), this hymn notes that their mode of fishing involved nets requiring the participation of more than one person. Likewise, in our work of love and justice we are called to bear witness in community.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984
MUSIC: Johann Steurlein, 1575
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WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN
7.6.7.6.D

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

TEXT: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981, alt.
MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
Text and Music © 1981, 2000 OCP

HERE I AM (Schutte)
7.7.7.4.D with refrain