*Welcome to Worship*

# GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 6, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

***Welcome to worship!*** *We are glad you are here. If you need any assistance, please notify an usher. Please take a moment to register your attendance with us by using the friendship register located in each pew. We welcome the opportunity to learn more about you.*

***Please silence*** *all cellular devices for the duration of the service.*

***Congregational responses*** *are in* ***bold*** *text.* ✠ *is an indication to rise in body or in spirit as you are able.*



## *Celebration of our Freedom in Christ*
## *Hymn Sing and Worship*

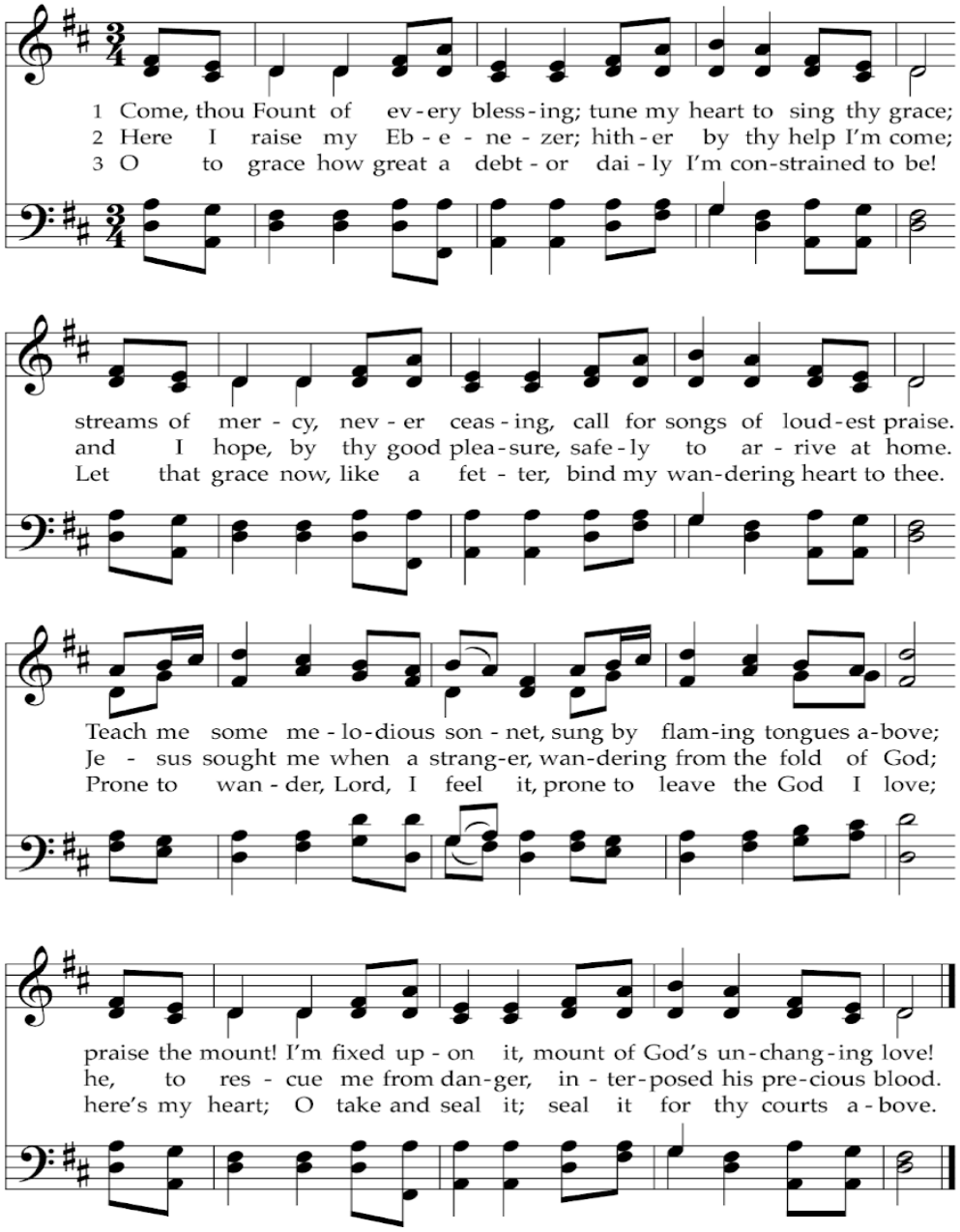
**WELCOME** — **REV. ANNE H.K. APPLE**

**PRELUDE** — *O How He Loves You and Me*
Kaiser; arr. Kartsonakis

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Psalm 118:24)*
This is the Day the Lord has made.
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**✠Hymn 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON




**✠Call to Confession** *(1 Timothy 1:14-15)*

**The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners.**

**✠Prayer of Confession**

*(Silence)*

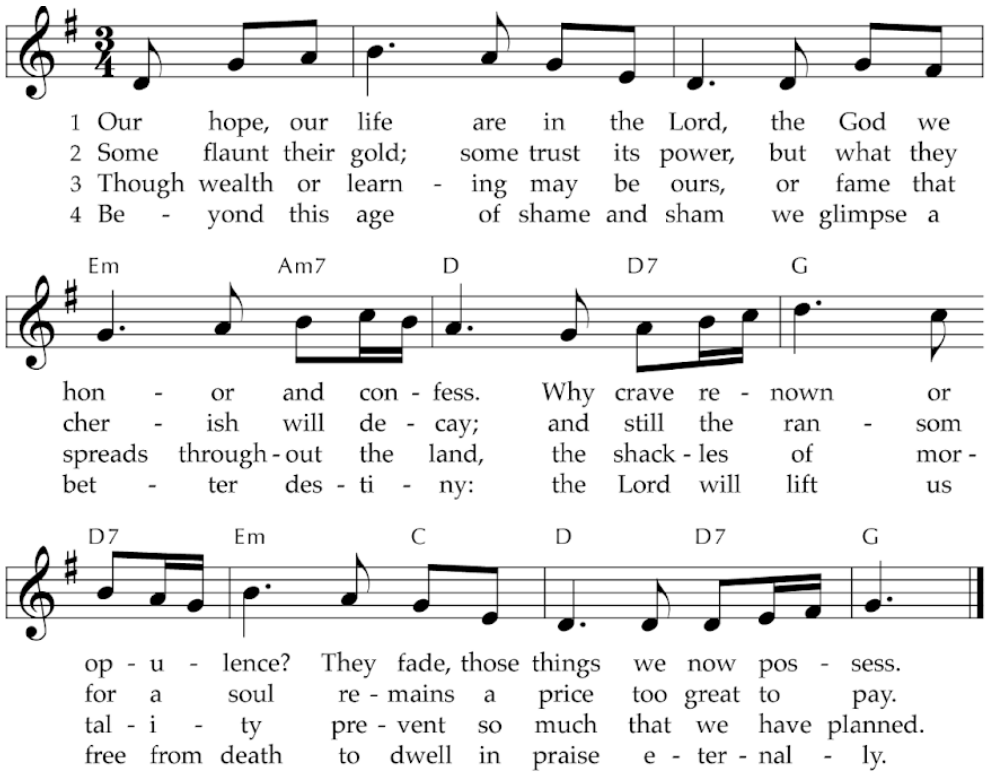
**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to live into your freedom and what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, investing your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live into your light and freedom, to abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## ✠Assurance of Pardon | Hymn 847

*Our Hope, Our Life*

**Stanzas 1 & 4**

O WALY WALY




## ✠Passing of the Peace

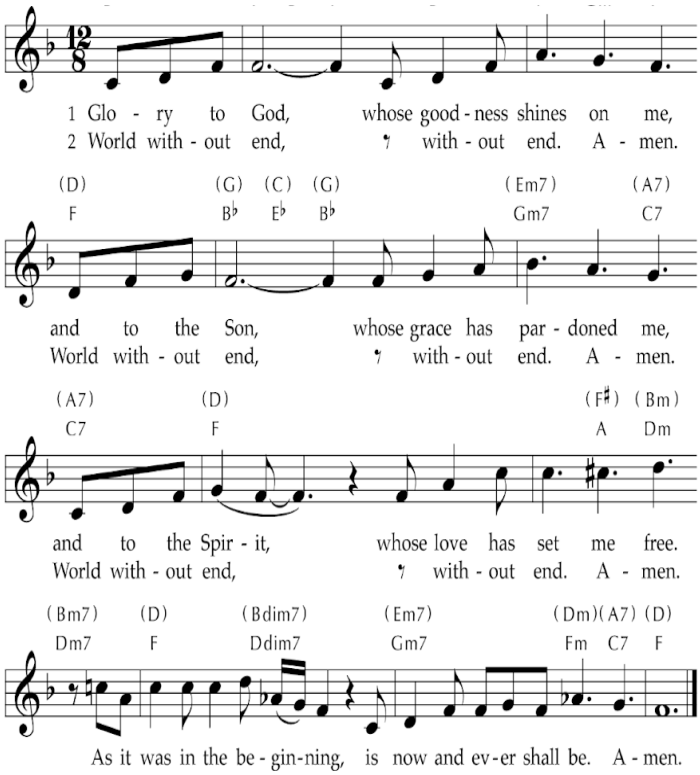
The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## ✠Response | Hymn 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

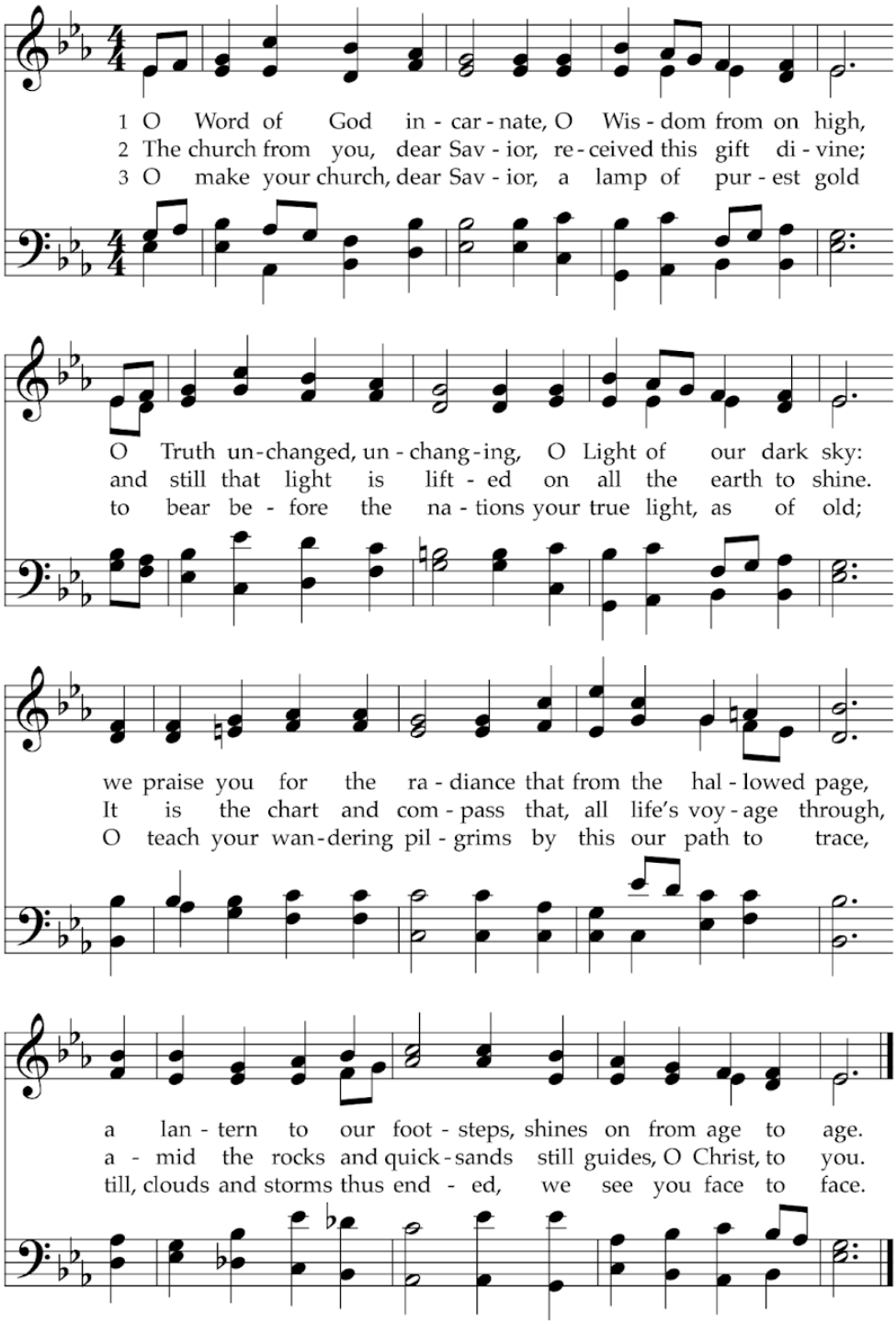
GLORY TO GOD



# *Proclamation of the Word*

**Prayer for Illumination | Hymn 459** *O Word of God Incarnate*

**Stanza 1 only** MUNICH




**Scripture:** Galatians 5:1 (Freedom in Christ) **Bo Perry**

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

The Word of the Lord.

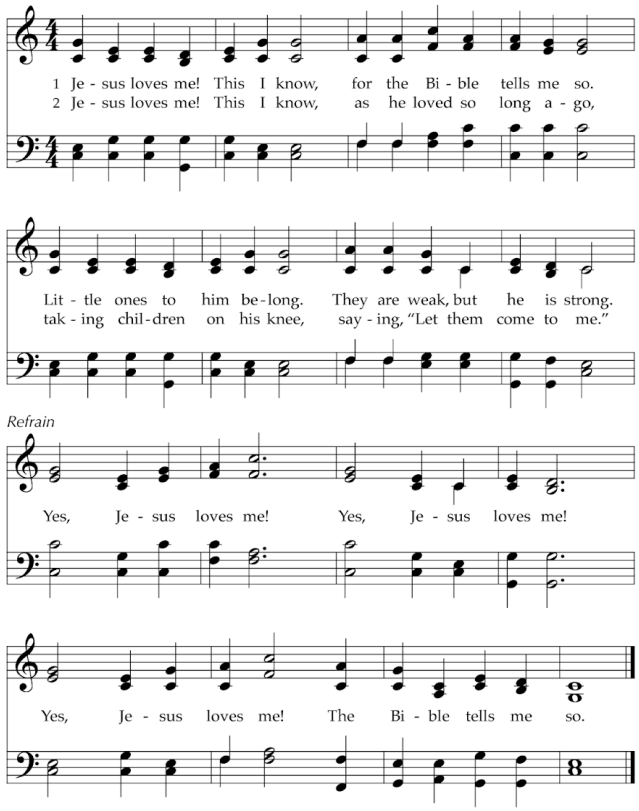
**Thanks Be to God!**

## Children's Sermon: Hymn 188

*Jesus Loves Me*
JESUS LOVES ME

Wee Worship Leaders: Emily Watson and Bradley Daugherty

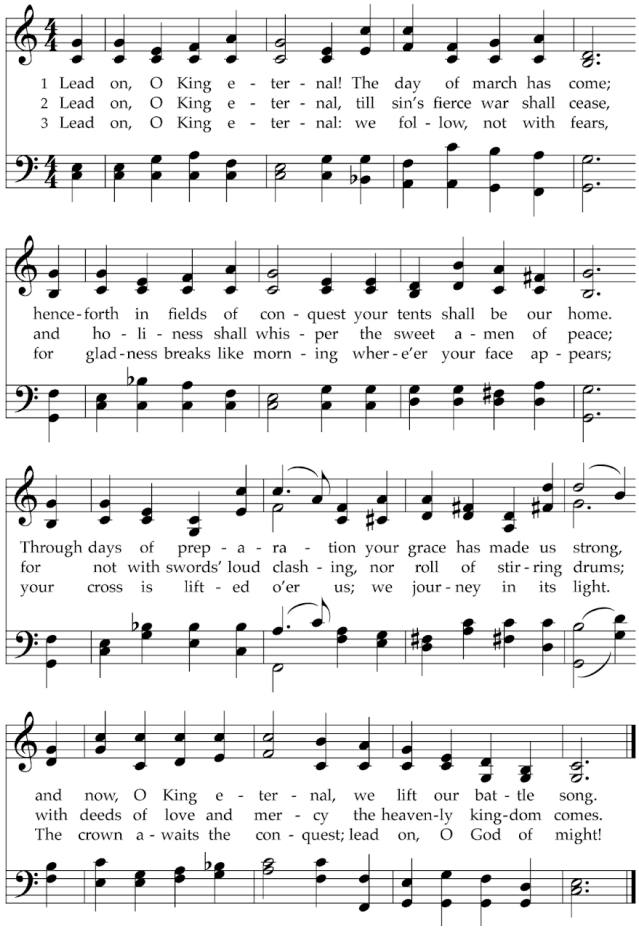
**A Note to Parents:** Children ages three and older are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon. Children ages 3 through kindergarten may go to Wee Worship following the Children's Sermon. They may be picked up from the Sunday School classroom following worship. Children under 3 are welcome in the nursery. Older children may return to sit with their parents.
Wee Worship sign-in slips are available next to the bulletins at the front and back of the church as well as in the children's worship totes. Children may bring these filled out slips with them when they go to Wee Worship.
Children's worship totes are available for children in the sanctuary. These totes include children's bulletins and other items to help children engage in the worship service.




## Poetry Selections

## Hymn 269

*Lead On, Oh King Eternal!*
LANCASHIRE

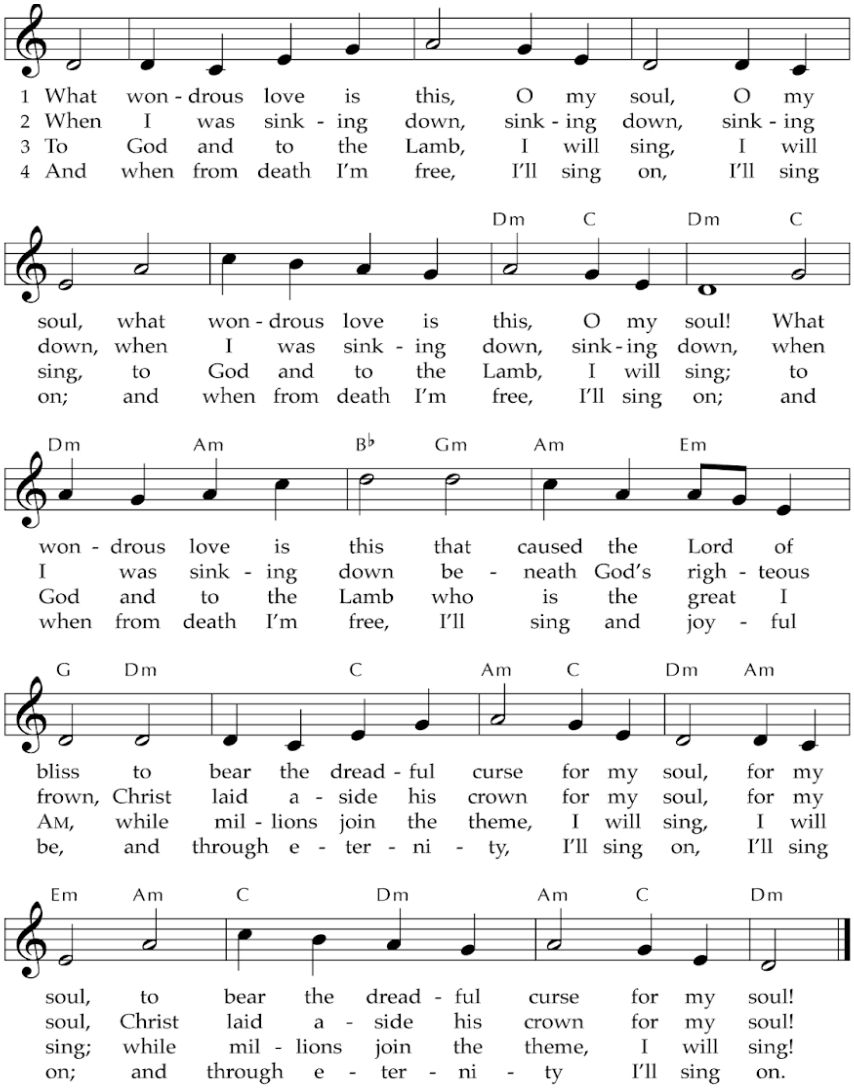


**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 31 (From Daniel Berrigan, "UnCommon Prayer: A Book of Psalms")

How great is your goodness Lord
Poured out on the one who loves you
Face to face with iniquity
The trusting heart shall prevail
Far from intrigue, from malice
I run to your presence, take sanctuary
In your eyes. Hands aloft, you encompass
A holy tent, a refuge.
The war of tongues, a babble, a rout
Rages, goes nowhere.
I would dwell
Tongue stilled, mind subdued
In your holy temple
Come, make me your temple
Deep founded, touching high heaven
All you who fear the Lord
Exult, take courage
Come shelter in Him!

## HYMN 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE



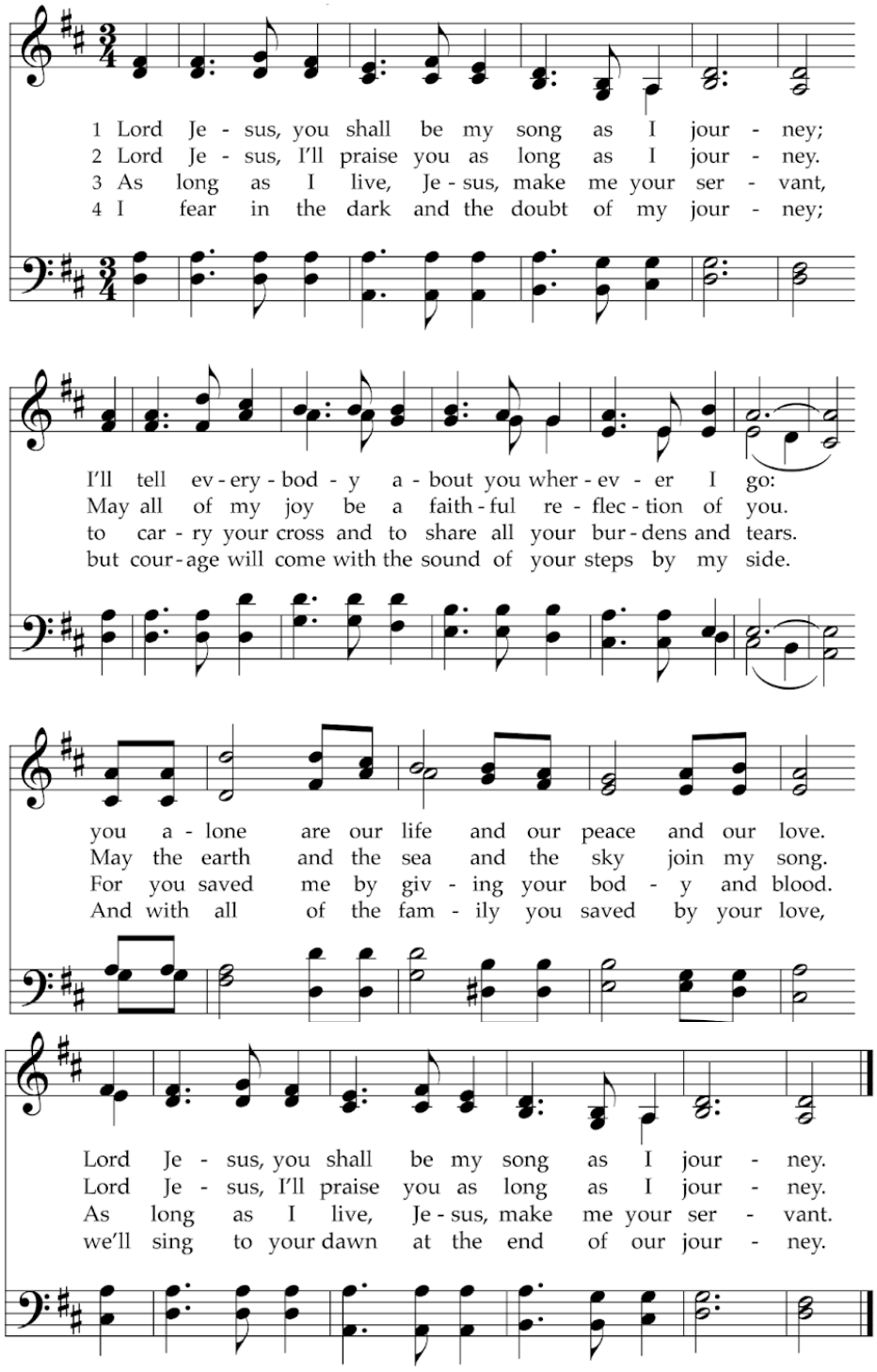
**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 28:16-20

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

**HYMN 737** *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

**Stanzas 1 & 4** LES PETITES SOUERS



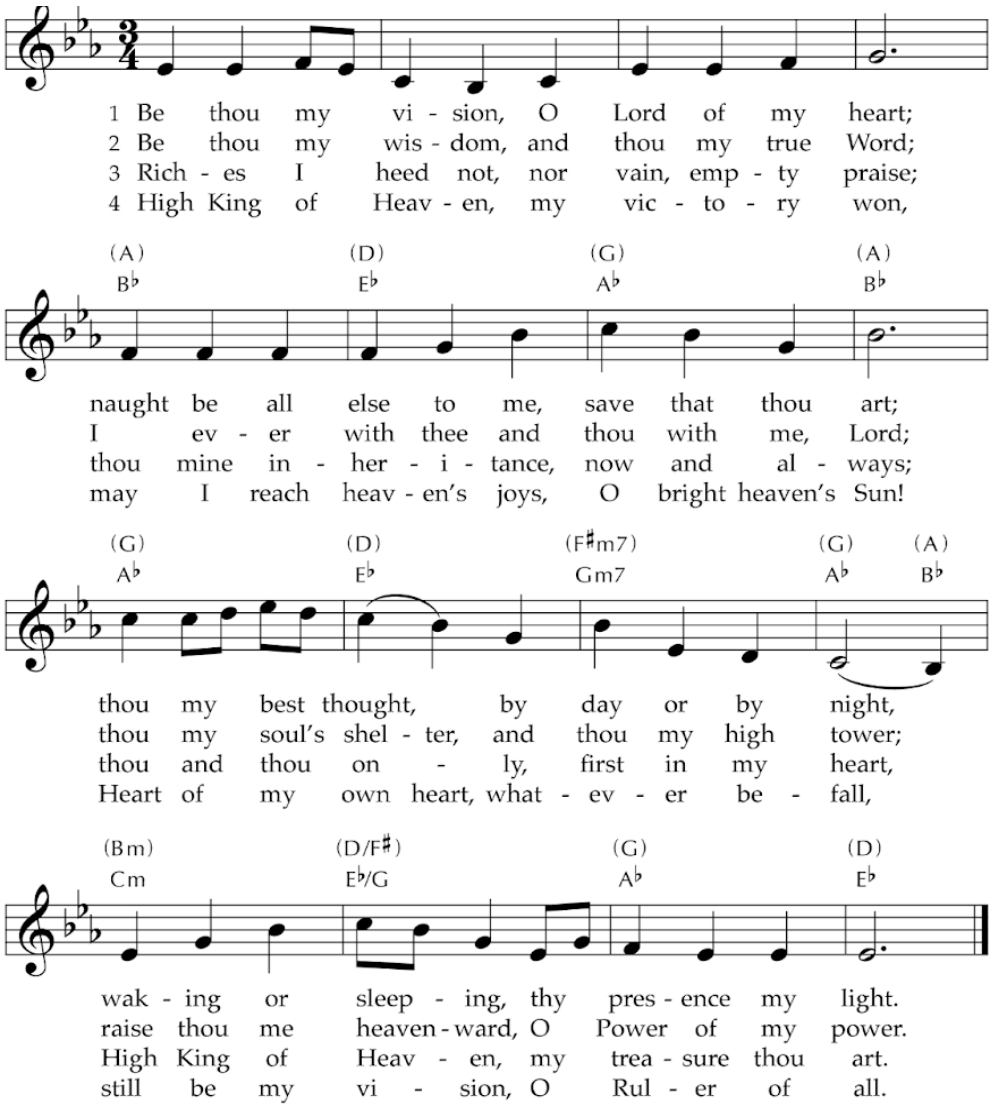

**SCRIPTURE:** James 2: 13-18

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

## ✠Hymn 450

*Be Thou My Vision*
SLANE




# *Responding to the Word*

### ✠Affirmation of Faith *(Selections from The Confession of 1967, 9.02, 9.54-56)*

In every age the church has expressed its witness in words and deeds as the need of the time required.
**The earliest examples of confession are found within the Scriptures.**
Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the indomitable.
**The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts God's creation.**
Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in God's people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.
**With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.**
The church does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.
**In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ. Jesus to all generations, forever and ever, Amen.**

## Offering

## Offertory

*How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings (Psalm 84)*
Samuel Liddle

**Jasaan Roberts, *Baritone***

How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

## ✠Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

## ✠Response | Hymn 606

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*
OLD HUNDREDTH

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

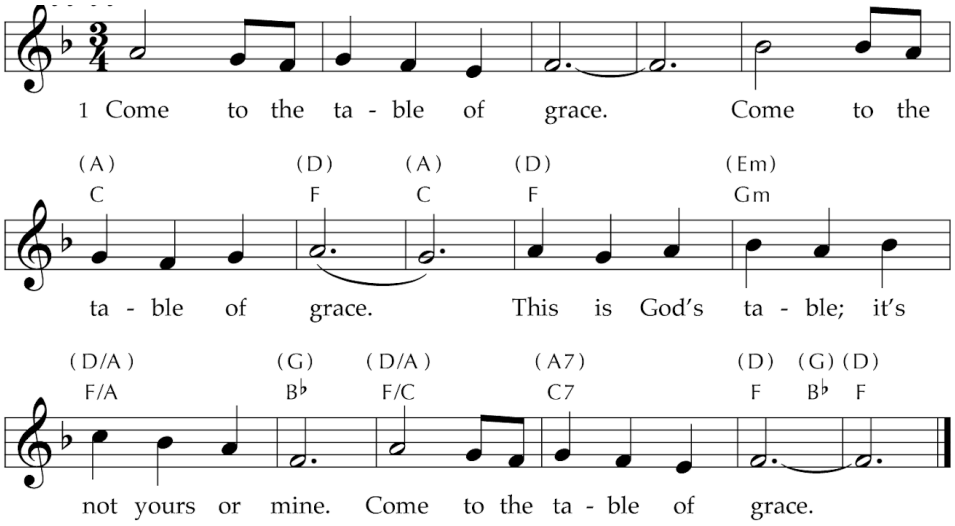
# *Sealing of the Word*

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

## Hymn 507

*Come to the Table of Grace*
TABLE OF GRACE




## Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.
**And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.

## Breaking of the Bread

## Communion of the People

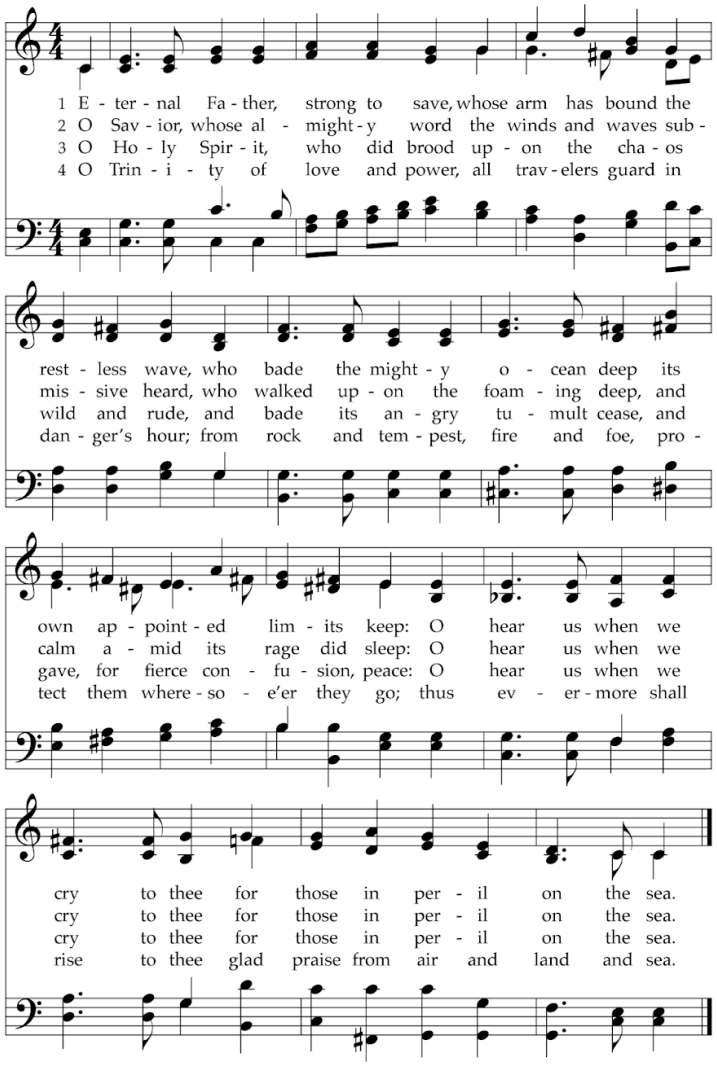
## Communion Voluntary

*It Is Well With My Soul*
arr. John Ness Beck

## Prayer After Communion

## Hymn 8

*Eternal Father, Strong To Save*
MELITA



# *Sending*

**✠Benediction** **Rev. Apple**

**Postlude** *America, the Beautiful*
arr. Chris Nemec

# *Sunday, July 13*

*Join us in worship on Sunday, July 13. The Rev. Anne H.K. Apple will preach on "Always be Ready" with scripture from 1 Peter 1:3-9 and 1 Peter 3:13-17. Music will include tenor Jacob Mohr singing Bob Burroughs' setting of "I'll Fly Away" and Alec Rowley's "O That I Knew Where I Might Find Him." Student violinist Elias Hammond will play a Gavotte by J.S. Bach.*

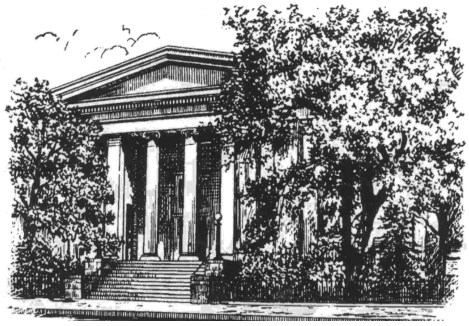
## SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE at GSPC

July 13: Tenor Jacob Mohr
and student violinist Elias Hammond
July 20: Bluegrass duo Jim Tamblyn and Jarrett Callaway
July 27: Harpist Rebekah Atkinson
August 3: Pianist Nancy Graham and vocalist/guitarist
Charlotte Naylor (with Brian Naylor)
August 10: Soprano Gabrielle Mohr

## About Government Street Presbyterian Church

Government Street Presbyterian Church, known as the mother of Presbyterianism in Southern Alabama, was founded in 1831. This vibrant congregation has a long tradition of servant leadership and urban mission work in the heart of downtown Mobile. We welcome all to join us in responding to the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Worship has continued on this site since 1836, when the sanctuary, now a National Historic landmark, was completed.



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## Flower Dedications

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for the life of Becky Baumhauer by her family.

The flowers in the Jackson Street vestibule are given to the glory of God by Linda Price and her family.

# *Calendar*

**MONDAY, JULY 7**

**Memorial Service for Rebecca James Baumhauer:** 2:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. There will be a reception after the service at the Athelstan Club.

**ADDITIONAL NEWS AND NOTES**

**Elevator Out of Order:** The elevator needs major repairs and will be out of service until further notice. We apologize for the inconvenience. If you need help when entering or exiting the sanctuary, please notify a staff member or a Sunday Assistant.

**Seeking a 12-Step Program Host:** The Mission Committee is searching for a volunteer with AA-12 step program history to host a new program at GSPC. This will be a weekly commitment. The committee will help with providing books and meeting space to get this program up and running. If you have the knowledge and interest, please contact Neal Horner or Lynn McDaniel.

**GSPC During World War II:** In honor of the 80th anniversary of World War II, Meredith Johnston and a group of volunteers are working on a display about GSPC's congregational life during wartime. Please email photos and information to Meredith at mwjohnston@crimson.ua.edu, or text them to 251-323-5954.

**McKemie Place Lunches:** Volunteers are needed to help provide a light summer lunch for about 20-24 ladies at McKemie Place, a residency ministry that provides meals, counseling and shelter for homeless women. For many years, GSPC has provided meals on the second Friday of each month. We need volunteers for August 8, September 12 and October 10. If you can volunteer, or want more information, please call Lisa deShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918.

**Seeking Water Bottle Donations:** We are collecting reusable water bottles to give out to those who need them. Please bring your donations to the church office.

**GSPC Book Club:** The GSPC Book Club will meet on Tuesday, August 26, at 5:30 p.m. in the GSPC Library and via Zoom. Our reading selection will be "Fairhope, 1894–1954: The Story of a Single Tax Colony" by Paul Alyea and Blanche Alyea. Please RSVP to Meredith Johnston at mwjohnston@crimson.ua.edu or 251-323-5954.

**Flower Dedications:** If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact Ann Adams at Adams-marion@att.net or 251-591-8586.

**Online Directory:** GSPC members are encouraged to download the Realm app and use it to connect with the congregation. Those who did not already have a Realm account should have received an email invitation to create one. If you did not receive an invitation, please call the church office at 251-432-1749.