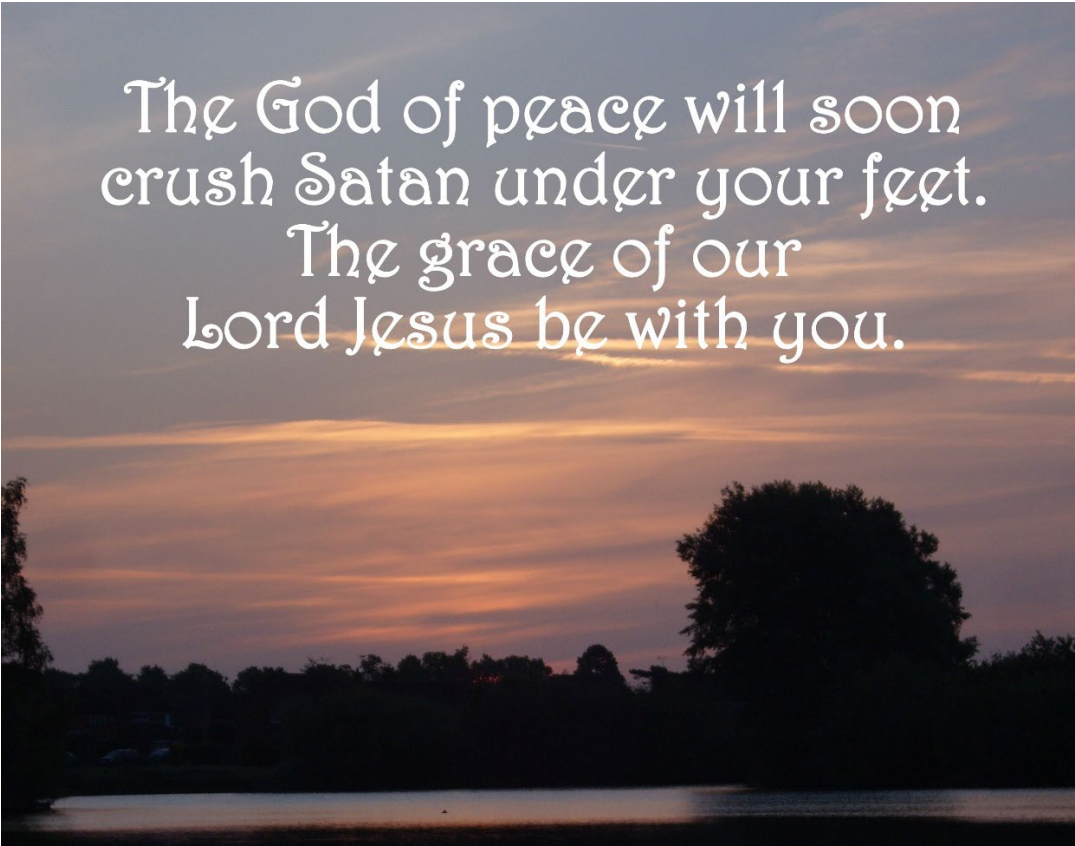




The God of peace will soon
crush Satan under your feet.
The grace of our
Lord Jesus be with you.

August 23, 2026
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Interim Pastor: Rev. Frank Yates

Liturgist: Ginny O'Neill

Psalmist: Thom Hinks

Greeter: Marie Fry & Ginger Wall

Ushers: Pat Gerlach, Victoria Flick, Steve Sproul, Joy Sternberg

Flowers: Given by Gerri & Linda Marousek, in honor of
Pastor Frank!

Early Morning Security: Pat Gerlach

August Sanctuary Stewards: Birgitta Gustafson & Karen Williams

Director of Music: Nancy Leffler

Accompanist: Nathan Secrest

Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music

Flute Piece

- by William Hine

Welcome & Announcements, including prayer concerns

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

Prelude

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

- by David Paxton

Call to Worship (from Psalm 124)

Ginny O'Neill

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to
our enemies.

**People: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the
fowlers.**

Leader: The snare is broken and we have escaped.

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made
heaven and earth.**

All: So let us praise the name of the Lord together.

***Hymn #667**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Call to Confession

Ginny O'Neill

Prayer of Confession (unison): Ginny O'Neill

All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.
By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Hear now, our silent prayers.

Silent Prayer

Response ***Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us***

*Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Assurance of Pardon Ginny O'Neill

Hymn #581 *Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri*

Prayer for Illumination Ginny O'Neill

Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20 Ginny O'Neill

(This can be found on p. 893-894 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 138 Thom Hinks

(This can be found on p. 565 of your pew Bible.)

Word Through Music

Awaken Me to Pray

Summer Choir

Reading from the New Testament: Romans 16 Rev. Frank Yates

(This can be found on p. 1036 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Greetings in Christ

Rev. Frank Yates

***Hymn #686**

God of Our Life

Call to Prayer

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline thine ear to us; and grant us thy peace.

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering

Ginny O'Neill

Offertory

The Water is Wide

- by John Purifoy

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Ginny O'Neill

***Sending Song 624:** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response *My Peace*

My peace I give unto you.

It's a peace that the world cannot give.

It's a peace that the world cannot understand.

Peace to know, peace to live. My peace I give unto you.

Postlude *Tell Me the Old, Old Story* - by Steven Scott

Thank you for worshipping with us!
God Bless, Pastor Frank!!

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667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

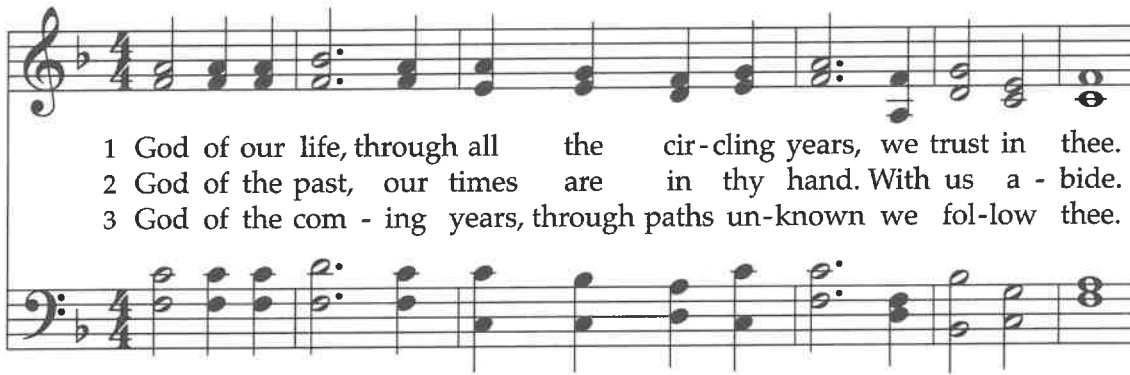
like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
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 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

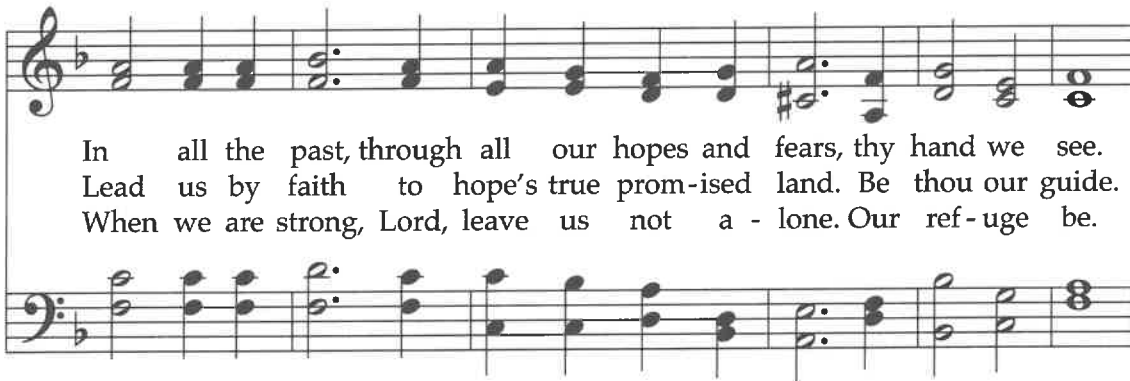
This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

God of Our Life

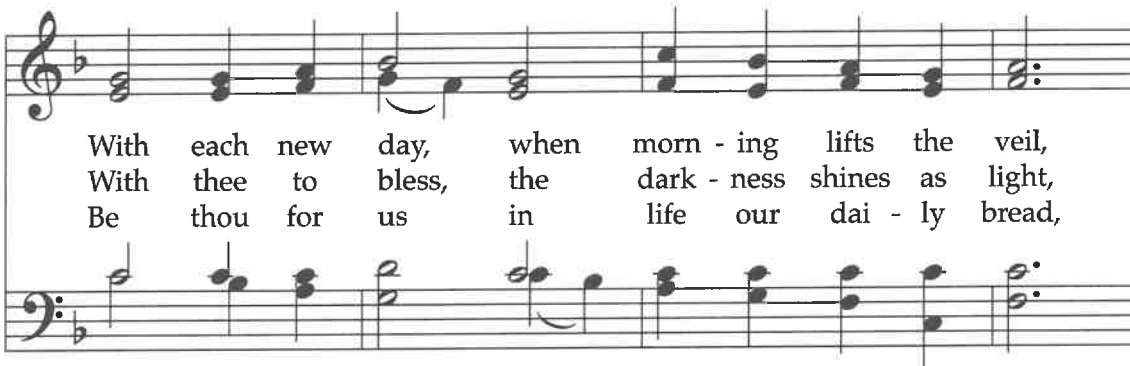
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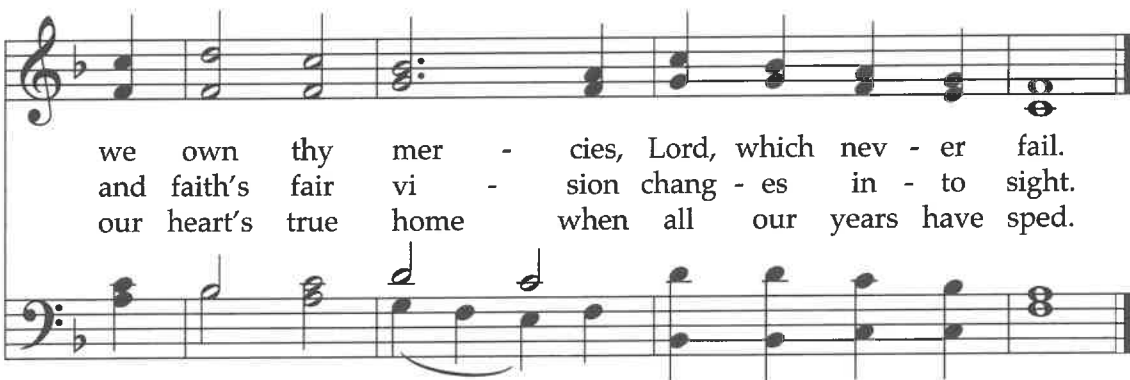
1 God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a-bide.
 3 God of the com-ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.



In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a-lone. Our ref-uge be.



With each new day, when morn-ing lifts the veil,
 With thee to bless, the dark-ness shines as light,
 Be thou for us in life our dai-ly bread,



we own thy mer-cies, Lord, which nev-er fail.
 and faith's fair vi-sion chang-es in-to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

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."

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place;
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.