

**The United Church of Christ, Congregational
Burlington, MA
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Family Sunday**

"We gather for worship, study, planning and mission to celebrate the life, teachings, death and living presence of Jesus Christ which frees us to love boldly and to serve gladly as God would want us to do."

July 3rd , 2022

10:00 A.M.

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Coming...

Musical Prelude America (A Fugue in Five Voices) – tune AMERICA; music by Eugene Thayer,
from the Second Organ Sonata, Op. 2, edited by Dale K. Tucker

Meditative Thought

Confucius

"Before you embark on a journey of revenge, dig two graves."

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Send Down the Fire (refrain) – Marty Haugen
Send down the fire of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love,
Come, send down the Spirit,
Breathe life in your people,
And we shall be people of God.

Praising & Learning...

***Call to Worship**

One: In the beginning, in darkness and chaos, God spoke words of creativity,
All: **And God brought forth life in the heavens and on earth!**
One: Amidst the darkness and chaos of human sin, God brought forth salvation,
All: **And the fullness of humanity came into being in Jesus Christ!**
One: In the lingering darkness and chaos of today, God breathes new life,
All: **And our humanity is freshened, enhanced, and re-energized!**
One: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn**

"How Beautiful Our Spacious Skies", verses 1-3

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*Opening Prayer

Now tested and tired from aspects of life in our world, O God; now seeking rest and respite; still bearing dreams and hopes, we worship You. As we sing, listen, ponder, pray, & respond, let your Spirit rest upon - and whirl around within us. Lead us in ways divine. In Christ, we pray, *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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

*Praise Response

"There's a Spirit in the Air" (verse 7)

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**There's a Spirit in the air,
Calling people everywhere:
Praise the love that Christ revealed,
Living, working in our world.**

Children of God Time

Response

Rejoice in the Lord Always – words Phil. 4:4; music anonymous

**Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pentecost Season Litany

One: Flames, crackling, darting, burning...

All: Like tongues of fire,

One: Whipped by a strong breeze,

All: A highly spirited, hurricane force wind!

One: Yet nothing is destroyed...

All: Except fear and hatred, cruelty, oppression, and injustice.

One: O, this holy, Pentecost wind,

All: Blowing freely, blowing still,

One: Whipping at us, getting inside of us,

All: Gathering us in, ridding us of anxiety, fear, and reactionary violence,

One: Loosing bold compassion and courageous love.

All: O, blow, Spirit of God, blow!

One: Amen!

*Devotional Hymn

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

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Reflecting & Praying...

Scripture Readings

Revelation 9-13; 17-20

Then another angel followed them, crying with a loud voice, "Those who worship the beast and its image, and receive a mark on their foreheads or on their hands, they will also drink the wine of God's wrath, poured unmixed into the cup of his anger, and they will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image and for anyone who receives the mark of its name." ... Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, "Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe." So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and gathered the vintage of the earth, and he threw it into the great wine press of the wrath of God. And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the wine press, as high as a horse's bridle, for a distance of about two hundred miles.

Romans 12:2; 9-21

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Our Sermon

"Grapes of Wrath or Grapes of Grace?"

The Rev. Ed Koonz

Piano Solo America the Beautiful – Samuel Augustus Ward and Katherine Lee Bates, arr. Doug Hammer

Pastoral Prayer

Response "Gracious Spirit, Head Our Pleading" (refrain) – text, Wilson Niwaglia, tr., Howard S. Olson; tune: NJOO KWETU ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwaglia, arr. by C. Michael Hawn

Come, Come, Come, Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Communion

Invitation

One: Jesus said, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

All: Jesus is our grain of wheat.

One: We are Christ's precious fruit!

All: May we be ripened by this table's life-giving elements!

One: Jesus fed those who were hungry and ate with sinners!

All: Jesus invites all who hunger and thirst for righteousness to come to this table.

One: Let us nourish here our yearnings, personal and global, for salvation!

All: Paul said, "If anyone is in Christ, there is new creation!"

One: Amen.

Communion Hymn

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer", verse 1

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Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Grain of the Earth & the Fruit of the Vine

Communion Music Second Movement (*cantabile*) from Sonatina in G Major
– Friedrich Kuhlau (Op. 55, No. 2)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Interlude

Committing...

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory Jesus Calls Us - Emma Lou Diemer

***Doxology** (tune: OLD HUNDRETH, hymn #780)

**God of our lives whose call comes clear; through Jesus Christ, your presence near,
By Spirit led, your will we heed; your grace to show in word and deed. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication & Consecration**

***Interlude**

Going...

***Commissioning**

One: Go, sustained by God's creative power and grace!

All: We go, following Jesus!

One: Go, nourished with Christ in your mind and on your heart!

All: We go, charged and so filled!

***Closing Hymn** "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" *Worship & Rejoice* Insert

***Benediction**

Postlude National Hymn – tune NATIONAL HYMN by George W. Warren; music by Mark Thewes

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

Rev. Ed Koonz, Interim Pastor
Joe Stoddard, Jr., Director of Music Ministry
Deb Raymond, Director of Christian Education
Bobbie Killilea, Administrative Assistant

Church Vision Statement, adopted February 2017:

*At the UCC Burlington, we cultivate a thriving environment, which empowers us to embody the beloved, diverse community that Jesus modeled for us, proclaiming that **all are welcome, all are loved**. We celebrate our colonial roots as we change, adapt and grow into who God is calling us to be. We respect the sanctity of each person's spiritual journey and we are blessed by the gifts that each person brings to the life of the church. We join together in faithful service and advocacy with the ongoing hope that we can make the world a better, more just, and peaceful place for everyone.*

Our Church Goal for 2022:

UCC Burlington recognizes that our world continues to experience challenges and is undergoing change. In this recognition, we will grow in our Christian faith by embracing the peace that can be found in Jesus' love. We will find opportunities to see the beauty in the world and the joy of living. We will focus on being grateful for all our blessings, both big and small. Inspired by the scripture from Colossians 3: 12-14, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

PRAYER CONCERNS

Lynn and Lee Tirrell, the passing of Lynn's sister Jean and husband Don
Roberta Low
Rachel McNeil-New Zealand!
Joyce Carpenter and niece Cindy Tomlin
Jean Williamson
Bill Livezey's brother Jim
Joe Stoddard's Mom Lillian and sister-in-law Joy Stoddard
Marilyn Langley
Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn Larsen
Dave McNeil
Sally Mansfield's son, Mark
Anne Stafford
Tom Killilea and his brother Jim
Claire Simas
Sue Wisniewski's Dad, Bob Reimer
Alan Wright's cousin Tim
Barbara Moran
Luella Brown
Dave Ieradi's Dad and son Dano
Kelly Sievert
Mark Flecchia's mother Vivian
Jean Bastos
Rev. Elizabeth King
Jan Blandino
Bobbie Martino
Barbara Garland
Jessy McNeil's brother Mel and sister Grace
Henry Knopp
Everett Langley's brother George
John Heald's sister Susan & Mom
Jim Mungillo

Uvalde, Texas Community
Mother Earth!
Our Nation!
Lost lives of 51 immigrants in Texas!
The people of Ukraine!

Our First Responders! Our caregivers!
Urgent Care workers!
Military here and abroad!

Ecumenical Worship Service 10:00am

Worship Participants

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| Interim Pastor: | Rev. Ed Koonz |
| Organist: | Joe Stoddard, Jr. |
| Lay Leader: | Ken Dewar |
| Head Usher: | Dave McNeil |
| Usher: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Greeter: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Flowers: | Joan Zink |
| Collector: | Marcia Rich |
| Nursery: | Rachel McNeil |
| Coffee Hour: | Anna Karwan |

Worship Service 10:00m

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| Organist: | Joe Stoddard, Jr. |
| Lay Leader: | Debbie Claar |
| Head Usher: | Deb Glancy |
| Usher: | Volunteer Needed |
| Greeter: | Volunteer Needed |
| Flowers: | |
| Collector: | Deb Raymond |
| Nursery: | Jan McSheffrey |
| Coffee Hour: | |

Summer Music Volunteers Needed!

Can you offer your talents to sing or play one piece of music during the summer? Or perhaps to lead our hymn-singing for one Sunday? Instrumentalists and singers are all welcome! We need volunteers for every Sunday in July, from August 14 to 28. Please see Joe Stoddard or email him at [**music@uccburlington.org**](mailto:music@uccburlington.org) if you would like to volunteer.

BURLINGTON FOOD PANTRY

The new Burlington Food Pantry is location at 21 Murray Ave. A room with an outside entrance has been set up to receive donations. The door will be unlocked from 6am to 7pm, 7 days a week.

Some suggested needs:

Baby wipes (desperately needed)
Coffee/tea/cocoa mix
Flour
Sugar
Pancake mix

A KIDNEY FOR LAURIE

You may have seen the flyer on our poster at church. Ken and Jennifer Dewar from the Presbyterian has a daughter Laurie who has been living with Polycystic Kidney Disease for over 10 years. She now needs a kidney transplant. If you think you might be the person who would be inspired to give Laurie a better, healthier life see the information on the flyer outside the church office.

You can contact her Mom or Dad at 978-667-1358 or 508-574-0411.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM HAS CHANGED!

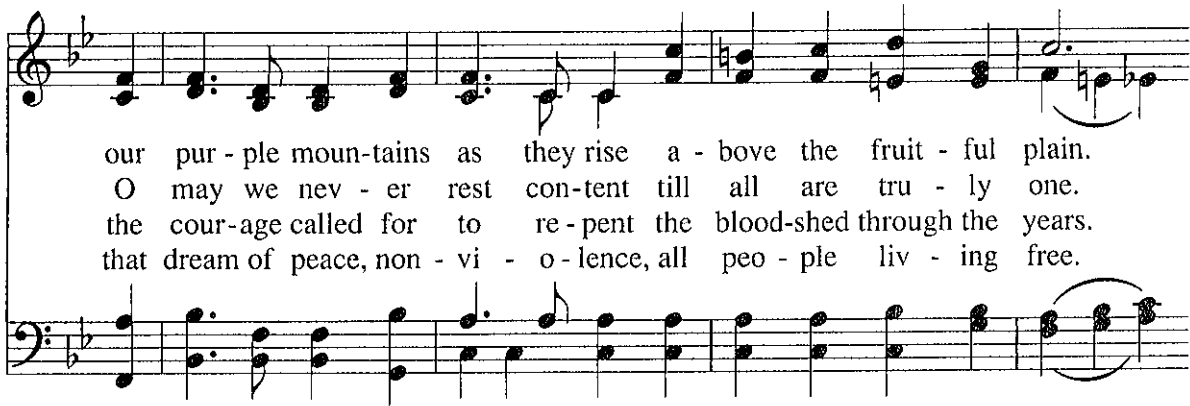
ShopwithScrip has changed its name to ***RaiseRight***, and it has become easier to order gift cards, through their mobile app or online. We have a few parishioners who order e-cards or reload plastic cards on an ongoing basis, and generate income for the church (at no cost to themselves) every time they grocery shop at Shaw's or order through Amazon.com. A huge shout out to Deana Tredeau, Marj Zamanian and Deb Glancy! Contact one of them, or Nancy Todd, for help signing up, and you can do it, too!

How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies

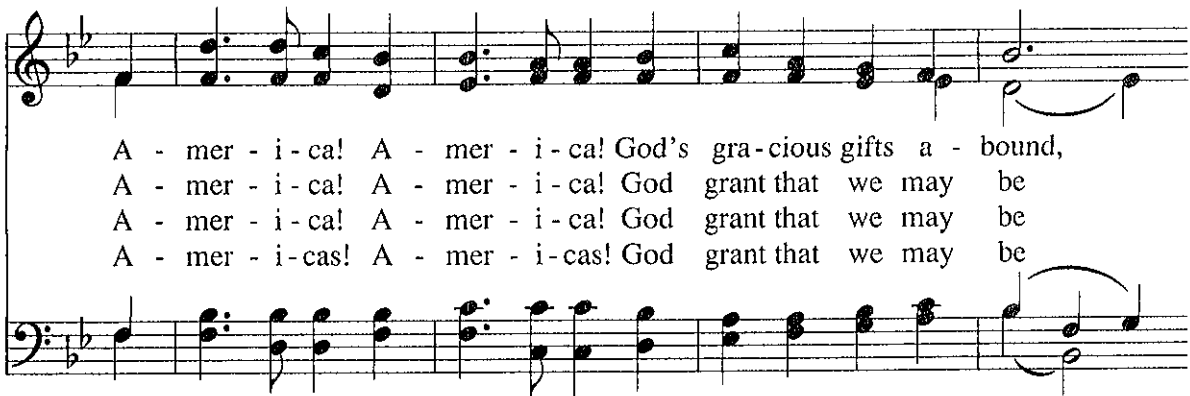
Miriam Therese Winter, 1993; Adapted from
 "America the Beautiful" by Katharine Lee Bates, 1893



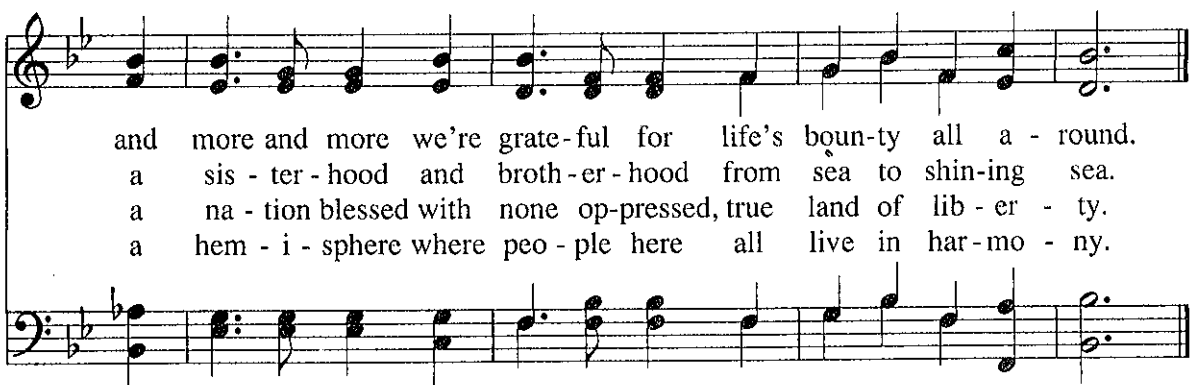
1 How beau-ti-ful, our spa-cious skies, our am-ber waves of grain;
 2 In-dig-e-nous and im-mi-grant, our daugh-ters and our sons:
 3 How beau-ti-ful, sin-cere la-ment, the wis-dom born of tears,
 4 How beau-ti-ful, two con-ti-nents, and is-lands in the sea



our pur-ple moun-tains as they rise a-bove the fruit-ful plain.
 O may we nev-er rest con-tent till all are tru-ly one.
 the cour-age called for to re-pent the blood-shed through the years.
 that dream of peace, non-vi-o-lence, all peo-ple liv-ing free.



A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God's gra-cious gifts a-bound,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God grant that we may be
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God grant that we may be
 A-mer-i-cas! A-mer-i-cas! God grant that we may be

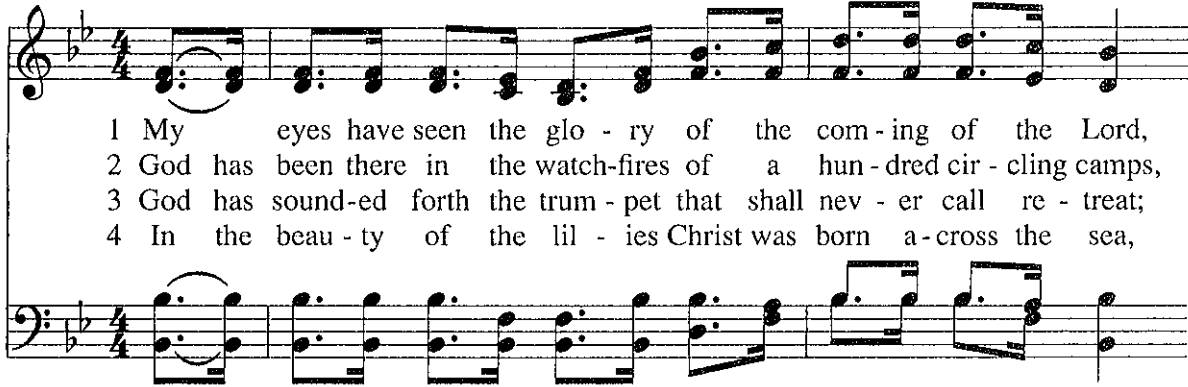


and more and more we're grate-ful for life's boun-ty all a-round.
 a sis-ter-hood and broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
 a na-tion blessed with none op-pressed, true land of lib-er-ty.
 a hem-i-sphere where peo-ple here all live in har-mo-ny.

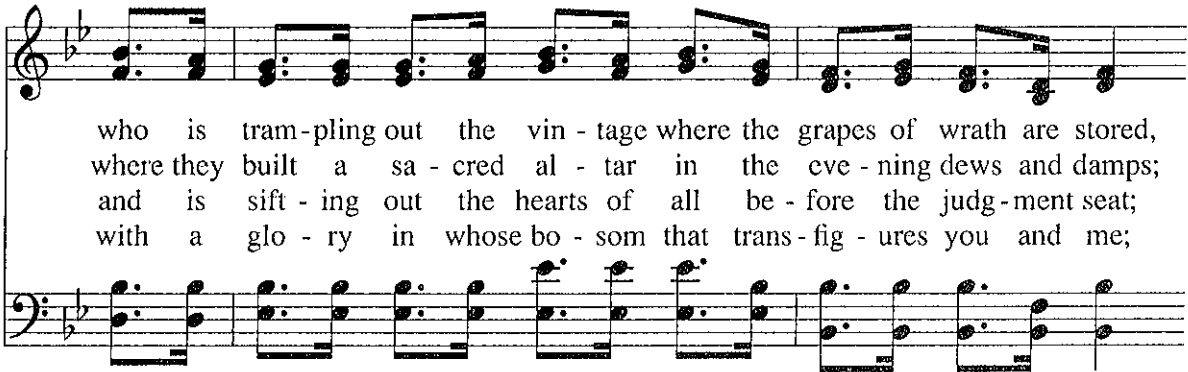
On her first trip west in the summer of 1893 the distinguished
 New England educator Katharine Lee Bates was inspired to
 write "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies." One hundred years later
 Miriam Therese Winter wrote new stanzas to clearly include all
 of the Americas.

Tune: MATERNA C.M.D.
 Samuel A. Ward, 1882

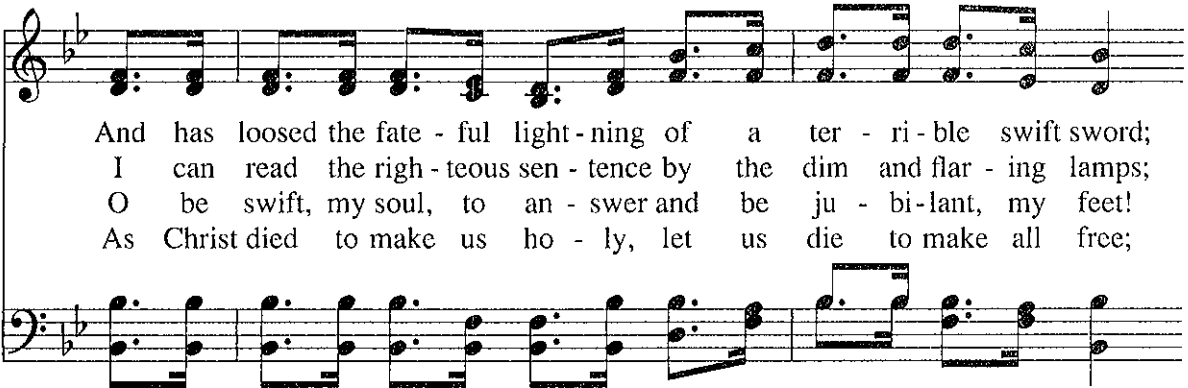
My Eyes Have Seen the Glory

*Acts 7:55-59; 2 Cor. 5:1-10**Julia Ward Howe, 1861; alt.*


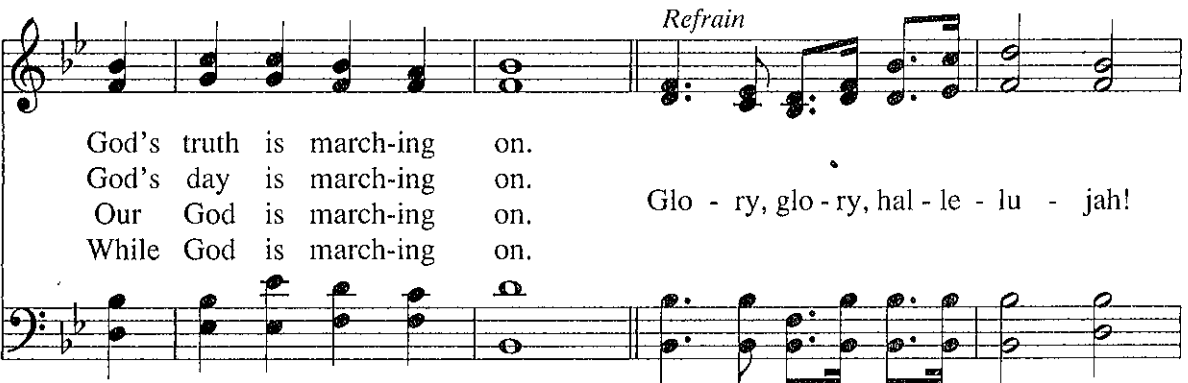
1 My eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord,
 2 God has been there in the watch-fires of a hun - dred cir - cling camps,
 3 God has sound-ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
 4 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a-cross the sea,



who is tram-pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored,
 where they built a sa - cred al - tar in the eve - ning dews and damps;
 and is sift - ing out the hearts of all be - fore the judg - ment seat;
 with a glo - ry in whose bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me;



And has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of a ter - ri - ble swift sword;
 I can read the righ - teous sen - tence by the dim and flar - ing lamps;
 O be swift, my soul, to an - swer and be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
 As Christ died to make us ho - ly, let us die to make all free;



Refrain

God's truth is march-ing on.
 God's day is march-ing on.
 Our God is march-ing on.
 While God is march-ing on.

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

Julia Ward Howe, an early leader in the movement for women's suffrage and an abolitionist, wrote this text specifically for a familiar camp-meeting tune one night after reviewing Union troops near Washington, D.C. It was published on the front page of the Atlantic Monthly, which added the title "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

*Tune: BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC Irr.
 United States camp-meeting tune, 19th century*

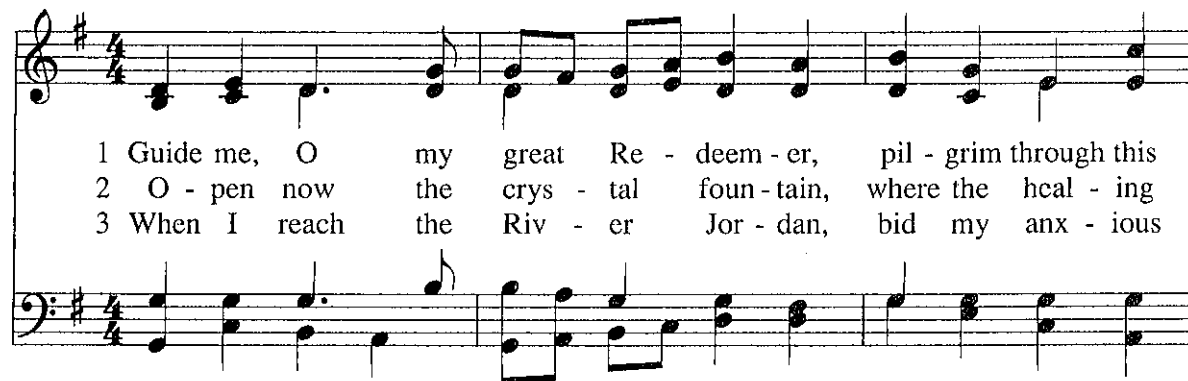
The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a series of chords and single notes, including eighth and sixteenth notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature, featuring a similar harmonic structure with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le -

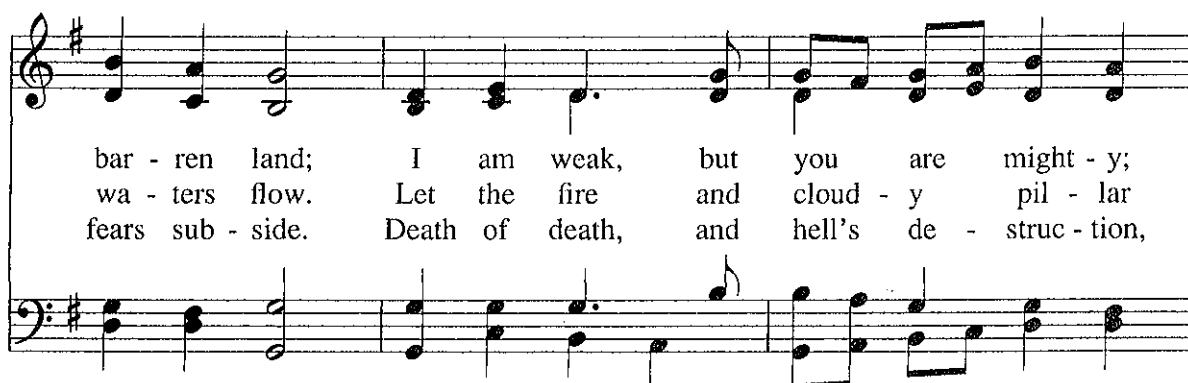
The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and clefs as the first system. The upper staff continues the melody with chords and single notes. The lower staff provides harmonic support with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.

lu - jah! God's truth is march - ing on.

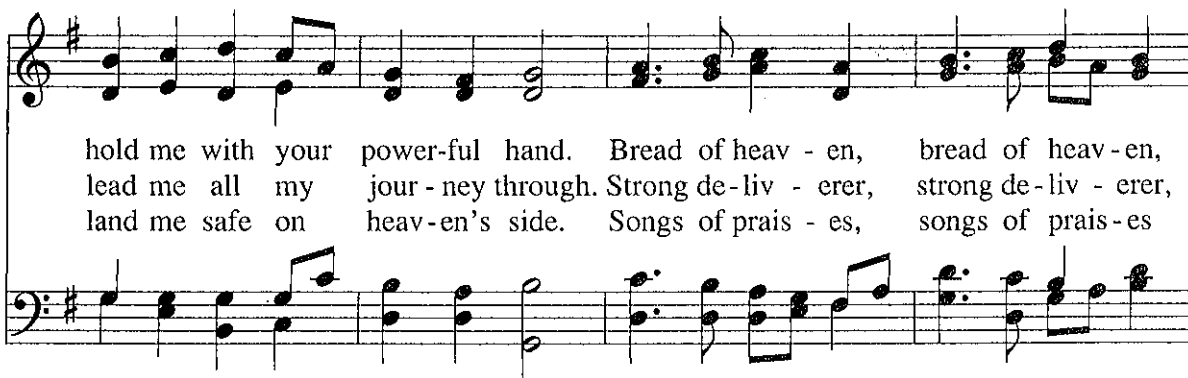
Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

*Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39-44; Rev. 22:1-2**William Williams, 1745**St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.**St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.*


1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing
 3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y;
 wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with your power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on heav - en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

John Hughes, a railroad official by trade, composed this tune for the 1907 anniversary of Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales. Cwm Rhondda refers to the "low valley" area surrounding the urban district of Rhondda in southern Wales.

Tunc: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

*John Hughes, 1907**Alternate setting: ZION*

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations. Mt. 24:14

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. 28:19-20

1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions, That shall turn their hearts to the right, A sto - ry of
2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions, That shall lift their hearts to the Lord, A song that shall
3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions, That the Lord who reigns up a - bove Has sent us His
4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions, Who the path of sor - row has trod, That all of the

truth and mer - cy, A sto - ry of peace and light, A sto - ry of peace and light.
con - quer e - vil And shat - ter the spear and sword, And shat - ter the spear and sword.
Son to save us And show us that God is love, And show us that God is love.
world's great peo - ples Might come to the truth of God, Might come to the truth of God.

Refrain

For the dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, And the dawn - ing to noon - day bright;

And Christ's great king - dom shall come on earth, The king - dom of love and light.