



MARCH 31, 2024
9:00 and 11:00AM

OUR INVITATION

Because we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, on a journey to God, with God, we welcome ALL people, *without exception*, to participate fully in the life of this church.

OUR MISSION

First United Methodist Church exists to build a community where all people are invited to know God's love and sent to join God in transforming the world.

OUR VALUES

Justice. Working to eradicate injustice for the excluded and marginalized. *Bridge-Building.* Nurturing multigenerational friendships and community partnerships. *Storytelling.* Sharing our stories of faith and of growth. *Active Learning.* Pursuing knowledge and understanding of God. *Service.* Seeking mutually empowering service opportunities. *Constructive Disruption.* Disrupting systems of power to create positive change.

OUR FAMILIES

We love children in worship. Activity clipboards and other materials for children are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Our Family Room in the balcony offers rockers, books, toys, and a diaper change station for parents with infants and toddlers. Childcare is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in EDU Room 104.



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GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

Asterisks () indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.*



As you prepare for worship, greet your neighbors as you are able and fill out the Connections Card linked to this QR code or found in the pew in front of you. To let our pastors know about a prayer request for you or someone you love, use the QR code found at the bottom of page 12 of this bulletin or place your card in the offering basket when it is passed.

GATHERING VOLUNTARY

Te Deum

John Rutter

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin continually do cry; Holy Lord God of Sabaoth.
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee:
the Father of an infinite majesty;
thine honorable true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man;
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hast overcome the sharpness of death;
thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee; and we worship thy name ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.

Words: Attr. St. Ambrose and St. Augustine

Music: John Rutter

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La Réjouissance (HWV 351)

George Frideric Handel

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
We thought the story was finished,
but the story has just begun!
We thought that hope had ended,
but hope is born anew!
We thought that death had won,
but love has claimed the victory!
Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

UNISON 1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 PARTS 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 PARTS 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 UNISON 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 UNISON 5. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Make like him, like him we rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: *Easter Hymn*, Lyra Davidica; arr. Scott Davis

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OPENING PRAYER

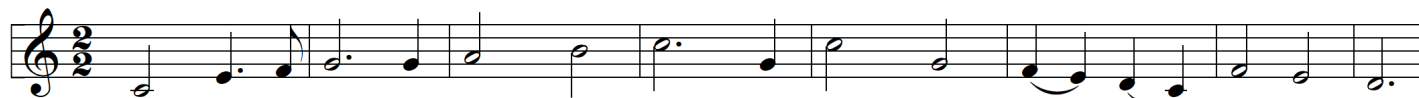
WELCOME

HEARING GOD'S WORD

HYMN

Christ Is Alive!

Sung seated as the children come forward.



1. Christ is a-live! Let Chris-tians sing. His cross stands emp-ty to the sky.
2. Christ is a-live, and comes to bring good news to this and ev-ery age,



Let streets and homes with prais-es ring. His love in death shall ne-ver die.
till earth and all cre-a-tion ring with joy, with jus-tice, love and praise.

Words: Brian Wren

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Music: *Truro*, Psalmodia Evangelica

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

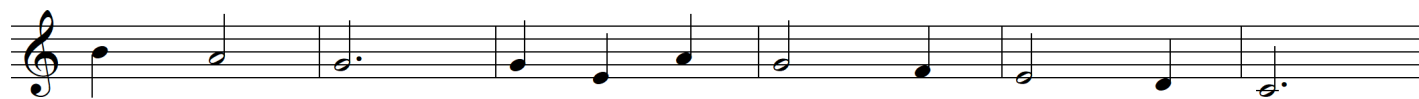
HYMN

O Risen Christ

Sung seated as the children return to their seats.



O ris-en Christ, you now are here as in your gos-pel



you draw near; o-pen our ears to hear your word.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Words: John Wright

Music: *Gelobt sei Gott*, Schönes Geistliches Gesangbuch; harm. The Pilgrim Hymnal

EASTER GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in joining First Church? Prior to joining, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about United Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. The next class is Sunday, April 14, at 12:15PM in the FLC Garrison Chapel. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering basket or go online at fumcaustin.org/firststeps.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

Alleluia

Elaine Hagenberg

Alleluia, all shall be amen and alleluia.
We shall rest and we shall see.
We shall see and we shall know.
We shall know and we shall love.
Behold our end which is no end.

Words: St. Augustine

Music: Elaine Hagenberg

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be -
low: Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Praise God, the source of all our
gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly
Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*, Geistliche Kirchengesänge; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In The United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. It does not matter whether you are a member of this or any church. We welcome all, regardless of age or situation in life.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

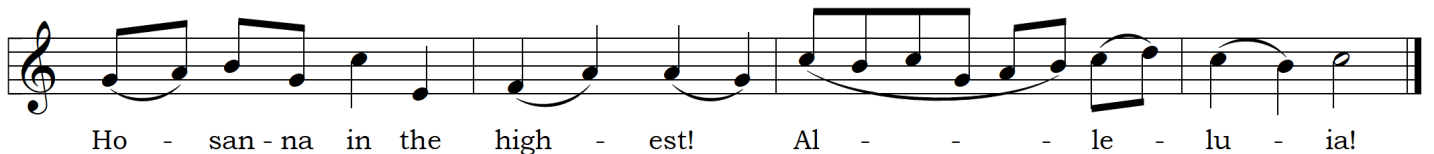
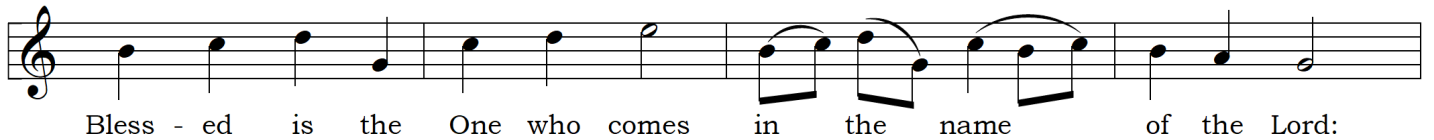
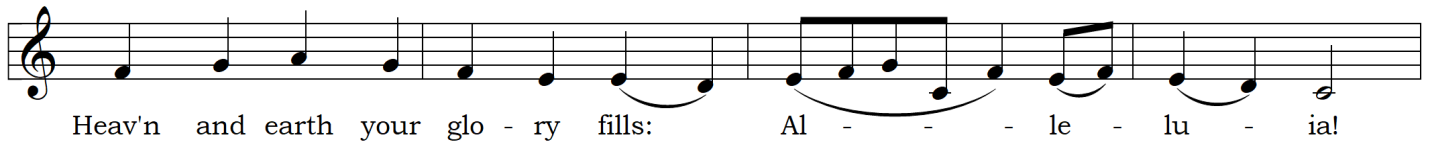
It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,
and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Please be seated.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
 By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
 you gave birth to your Church,
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
 and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
 By your great mercy we have been born anew
 to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead
 and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.
 Once we were no people, but now we are your people,
 declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
 who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
 When the Lord Jesus ascended,
 he promised to be with us always,
 in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
 he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
 gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me."
 When the supper was over he took the cup,
 gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
 poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
 On the day you raised him from the dead
 he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
 and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
 in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en: Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Christ will come in vic - to - ry: Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass 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.**

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

After you have communed, you may return directly to your seat or kneel at the rail for prayer and then return.

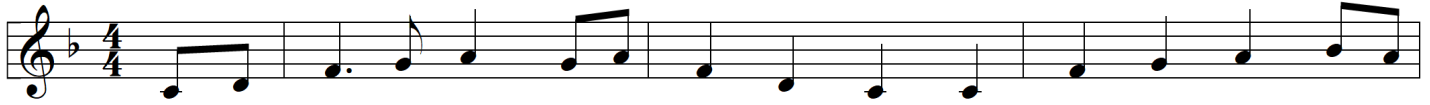
If you would like to be served in your seat, please let an usher know that or ask someone sitting near you to communicate that to the servers.

Gluten-free bread is available at the left (north) side stations. As you approach the servers, please indicate which you would like to receive.

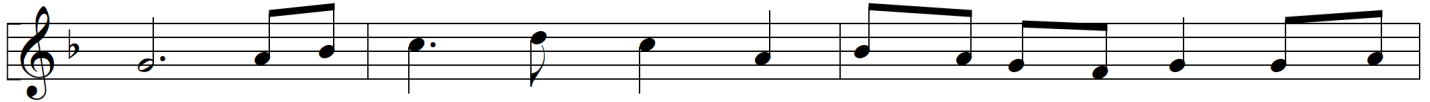
HYMNS DURING RECEIVING

Hymn

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and
3. Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground, where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and treas - ured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries of laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
veiled in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
faith and songs of grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raft - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Words: Marty Haugen

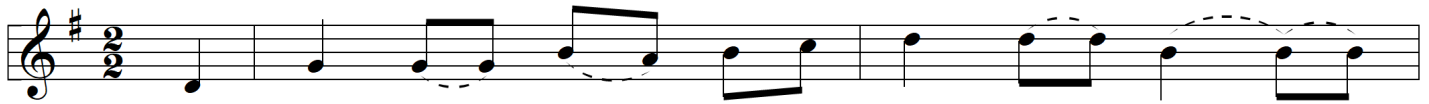
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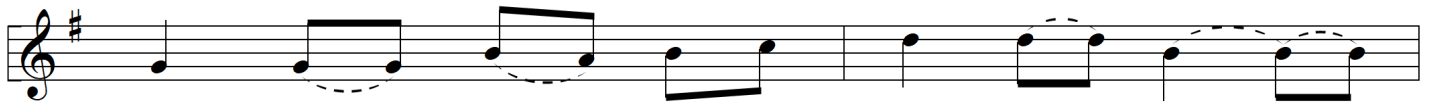
Lord of the Dance



1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, and I
 2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but they
 3. I danced on the sab - bath when I cured the lame, the
 4. I danced on a Fri - day and the sky turned black; it's
 5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 would not dance and they would not fol - low me; I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame; they
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back; they
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die; I'll



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John; they
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone; but
 live in you if you'll live in me;



Beth - le - hem I had my birth. Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be;
 came to me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher -



ev - er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Words: Sydney Carter

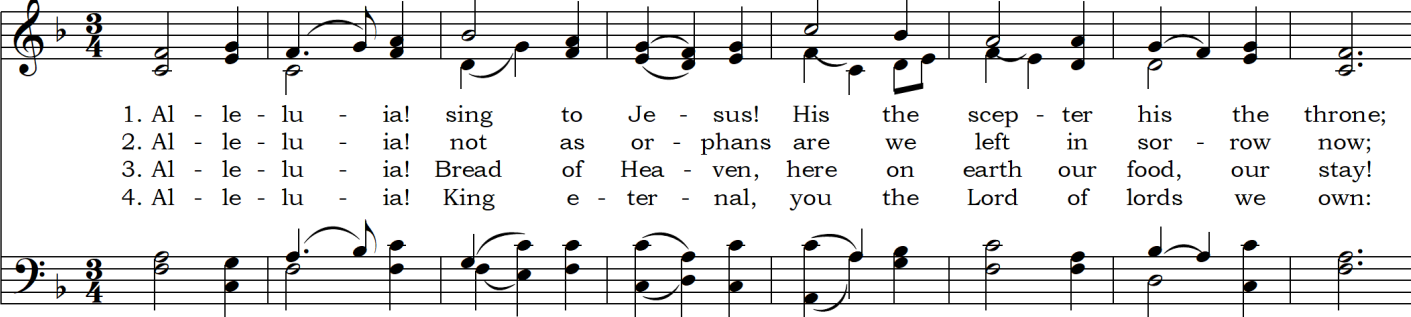
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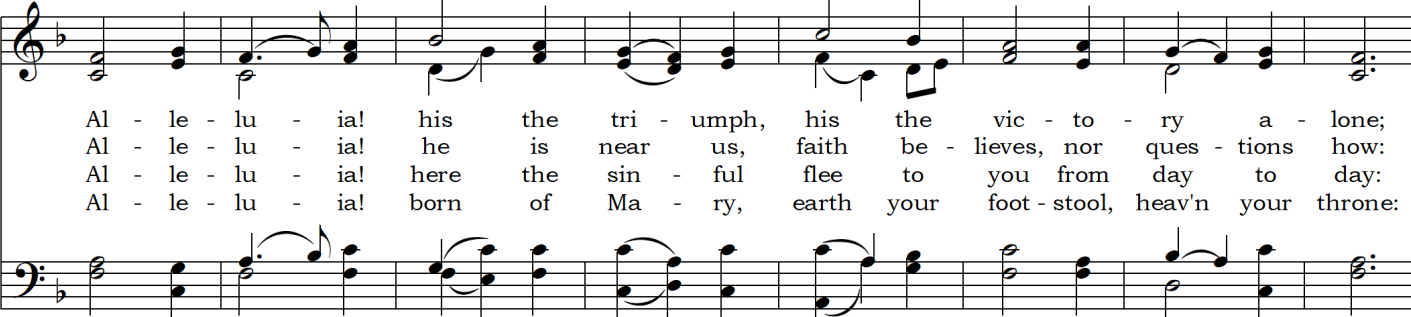
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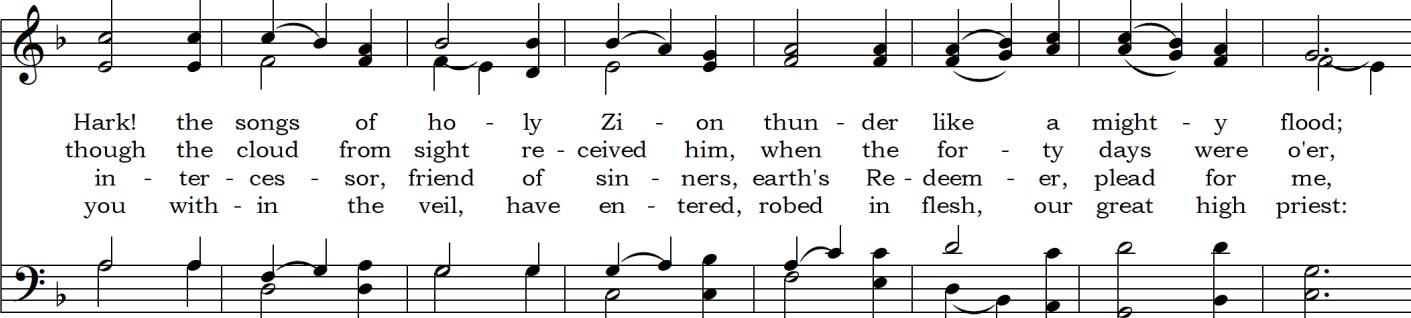
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



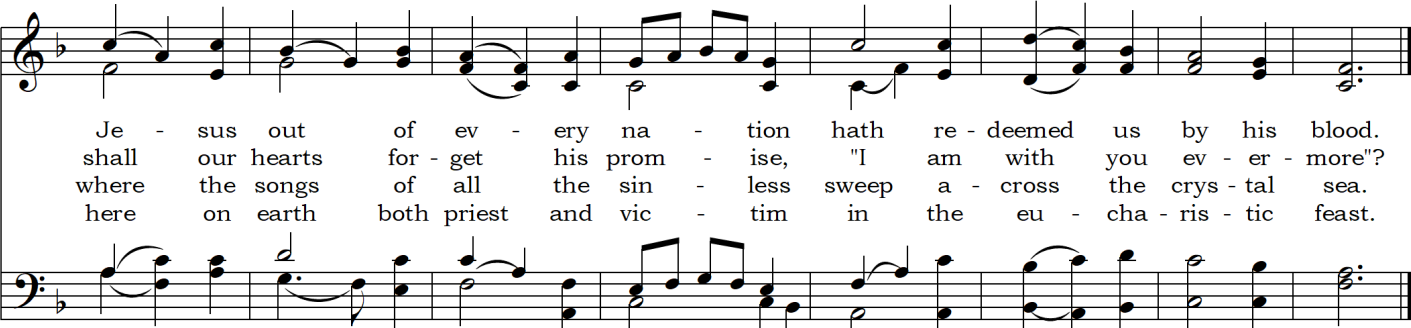
1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the scep - ter his the throne;
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, here on earth our food, our stay!
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, you the Lord of lords we own:



Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;
 Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how:
 Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from day to day:
 Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry, earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne:



Hark! the songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;
 though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty days were o'er,
 in - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,
 you with - in the veil, have en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest:



Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 here on earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Words: William Chatterton Dix

Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus,
for gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that cannot die,
for peace the world cannot give,
for joy in the company of friends,
for the splendors of creation,
for the mission of justice you have made our own.

Give us the gifts of this holy communion—
oneness of heart,
love for neighbors,
forgiveness of enemies,
the will to serve you every day,
and risen life that never ends.

In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hallelujah (*Messiah*)

George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;
and he shall reign for ever and ever.
King of kings, and Lord of lords,
for ever and ever, hallelujah!

Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16

VOLUNTARY

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists: Reverend Cathy Stone and Dr. Brad King

Music: Scott Davis, Michael De La Garza, and Lewis Worthington

Trumpets: Sam Acosta, Nate Mayfield, and Guillem Sene

GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES

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PRAYER REQUEST

