

The United Methodist Church at Absecon

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Come and Worship the Lord

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Prelude

Faith of Our Fathers

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Welcome

Call to Worship

based on Revelation 3:14-20

Leader: We gather today, 225 years after the bonfire worship services and revival led by Francis Asbury where hearts were set ablaze by God's grace!

People: **The people who said "Yes" to Christ, and let him come into their hearts and homes were hungry for God's Word and began Bible Studies that grew into this congregation.**

Leader: We gather today, not far from the historic bog iron furnaces that provided pots and pans for early settlers and cannon balls for the American Revolution.

People: **These furnaces were HOT blast furnaces where large bellows moved air into the base of the fire to fan it to fuller flame! Come Holy Spirit with a mighty win that fans us to a red-hot realization of WHO you are!**

Leader: Today we open ourselves, like opening a damper, and ask You, Oh God, to move in us and then through us!!!

People: **There are challenges we still face as a nation and in Your world! And You call us to be a congregation on fire.**

ALL: **May we be a Church on Fire - blazing hot reaching out with Your love that melts the hardest hearts and Your Spirit which keeps fanning the flames.**

Hymn No. 710

Faith of Our Fathers

1. Faith of our fa-thers, liv - ing still, in spite of dun-geon,
 2. Faith of our fa-thers, we will strive to win all na-tions
 3. Faith of our fa-thers, we will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy
 un - to thee; and through the truth that comes from God,
 all our strife; and preach thee, too, as love knows how

Refrain

when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word!
 we all shall then be tru - ly free. Faith of our fa-thers,
 by kind-ly words and vir - tuous life.

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Opening Prayer

Magnificent, Totally Awesome God-Today we re-member! Not just looking back as what you have done in us and in this congregation over time. We literally re-member this portion of the body of Christ called the United Methodist Church at Absecon. We are coming together again in-person and online to worship you out of the ashes of the Covid pandemic. We celebrate key moments in the life of this community of faith AND realize that we must keep listening for Jesus knocking and coming in. Today as we worship we open our minds and hearts for a fresh blast from your Holy Spirit!!! Melt us, mold us, make us a Church on Fire for you so that we might be the blessing you into for your world. In Jesus name, AMEN!!!

Chorus

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning,
Great is your Faithfulness, O Lord.
Great is your Faithfulness, O Lord.
Great is your faithfulness.

Scripture Lesson

Revelation 3:14-20

“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm- neither hot nor cold-I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.”

Message

Fire Up – Having a Blast with God

Series: Fanning the Flames – Revival Absecon UMC Style
Rev. Brian C. Roberts, District Superintendent

Hymn No. 393

Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

The musical score is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with some notes in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some slurs and ties. The lyrics are: "Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me."

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Offering Conversation

Special Music – Ray Glanville

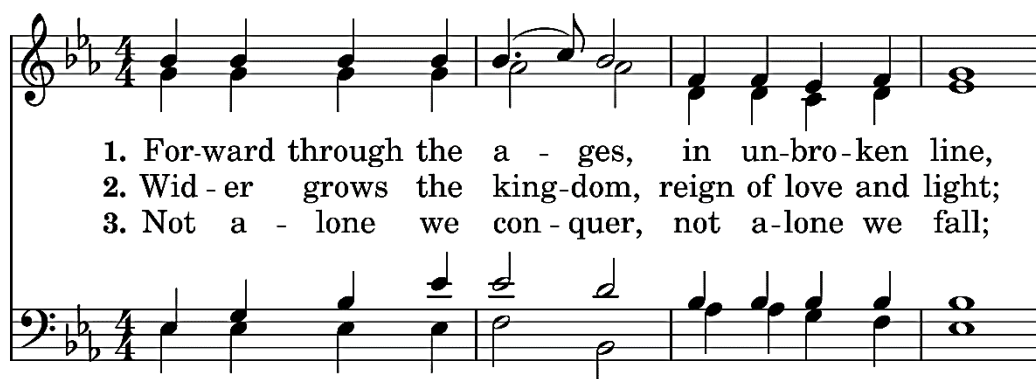
The Love of God

F. M. Lehman

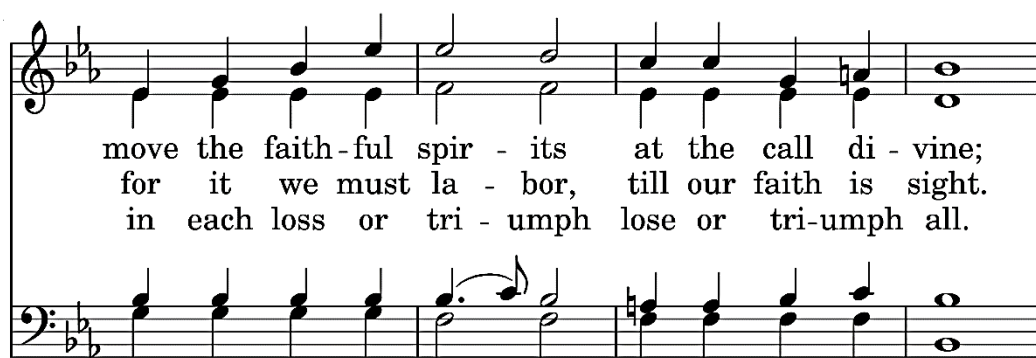
Prayers of the People

Hymn No. 555

Forward Through the Ages



1. For-ward through the a - ges, in un-bro-ken line,
 2. Wid - er grows the king-dom, reign of love and light;
 3. Not a - lone we con - quer, not a-lone we fall;

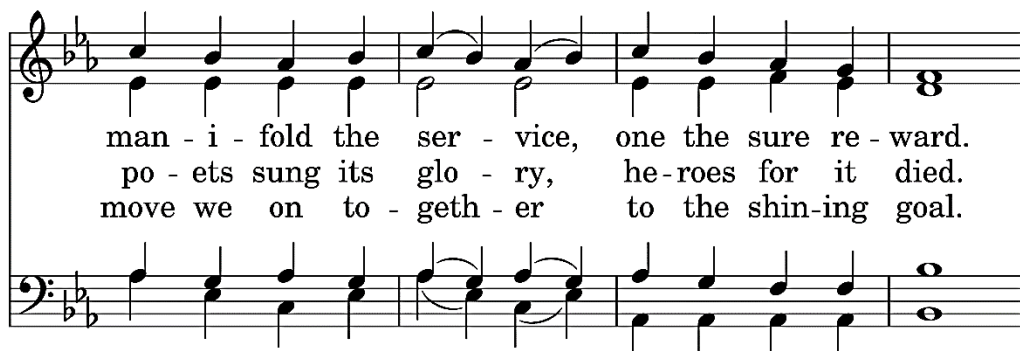


move the faith-ful spir - its at the call di - vine;
 for it we must la - bor, till our faith is sight.
 in each loss or tri - umph lose or tri-umph all.

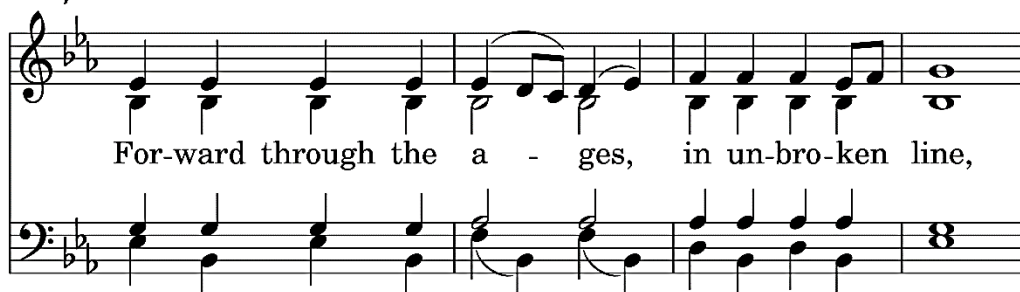


gifts in dif-fering mea - sure, hearts of one ac - cord,
 Proph-ets have pro - claimed it, mar-tyrs tes-ti - fied,
 Bound by God's far pur - pose in one liv-ing whole,

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man - i - fold the ser - vice, one the sure re - ward.
po - ets sung its glo - ry, he - roes for it died.
move we on to - geth - er to the shin - ing goal.

Refrain


For - ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,



move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine.

Benediction**Postlude**

The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello