

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin  
November 12, 2023 – 10am

\*For our liturgy this morning, **BOLD** text invites all to join in the reading.

The First Presbyterian Church of Everett welcomes you to worship. Our Friendship Pads are back in our pews. We hope you take a moment to fill them out. This is a great way for us to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community. Again, welcome!

Prelude                      *Prelude on National Airs* – Callahan                      Gary Norris, Organist

Ringing of the Bell    Steve Torrence, Director of Music Ministries

Welcome    Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Call to Worship    Psalm 84    Dottie Villevik

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

**Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.**

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!**

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

**For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.**

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

Opening Hymn    *How Lovely, Lord*    #207

## Prayer of Confession

Dottie Villevik

As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us, says the psalmist. With the assurance of God's healing mercies in our lives, we need not fear confession, but instead come with honesty, seeking wholeness in our own lives, and in the lives of those we may have injured. Let us confess to God those aspects of our lives in need of God's grace.

**Holy God, your way for us is clear: We are to live so that the manner of our lives speaks of your goodness, your generosity, your infinite mercy. Too often, though, we forget the purposes for which you made us. Too often, when we might meet inhumanity with the reflection of your goodness, we turn aside. We return unkindness for unkindness. We cling to what might be shared. We avoid those who are not like us. We fail to give grace in the measure we have received it. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that your goodness is enduring, and your mercy is everlasting, and your grace redeems us all.**

*Take a moment of silent personal confession and reflection*

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one might boast. Believe the promise of the gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ, be with you!  
**And also with you!**

Hymn                      *All Creatures of Our God and King (verse 1)*                      #455 (see screens)

Choir Anthem                      *All Good Gifts*                      Directed by Steve Torrence

Scripture                      Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon                      *Gotta Serve Somebody*                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Hymn                      *O Jesus, I Have Promised*                      #388

Benediction                      Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude                      *Postlude on National Anthem – Callahan*                      Gary Norris, Organist

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## Today's Choir Anthem

### *All Good Gifts*

On this day of days, join in grateful praise that will sound from shore to shore,  
and for blessings all, whether great or small, offer thanks forever more!

All gifts cometh from the Lord, cometh from the Lord in great array! All  
good gifts cometh from the Lord, cometh from the Lord God day by day!

Special gifts have we in variety, by the Spirit's grace inspired. But to all so  
blest shall be put the test, for of them is much required!

All good gifts cometh from the Lord, cometh from the Lord in great array!  
All good gifts cometh from the Lord, cometh from the Lord God day by  
day!

Let every heart prepare through all the world these gifts to share. In praise  
to God who reigns on high to bring the heav'nly kingdom nigh! Let those  
who will, glad anthems sing, of words of healing comfort bring; let others  
preach or prophesy, the Lord Our God to magnify!

Let your light so shine, use your gifts divine, that wherever you many go,  
you reflect the love of the Lord above in abundance here below!

All gifts cometh from the Lord, cometh from the Lord in great array! All  
good gifts cometh from the Lord, cometh from the Lord God day by day!

Many gifts are given from the time of our birth by the Lord our God who  
ruleth o'er the earth; Great joy ever after shall be our true reward if we use  
our talents to serve the Lord! If we use our talents to serve the Lord! To  
serve the Lord!

If My people which are called by My name shall humble themselves, shall  
humble themselves and pray. I will forgive their sin. I will forgive their  
sin. I will forgive their sin and heal their land.

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## Announcements

### **Deacons Contribution Drive**

During the month of November, the Deacons will be collecting donations for the many activities they provide to our congregation and community throughout the year. Some of these activities include pizza parties, blanket drives, Easter brunch, Souper Sunday, graduating high school senior gifts, and donations to local organizations during the holiday season (food bank, Cocoon House, Millenia Ministries, YWCA gifts for families). They also provide coffee hour every Sunday, are responsible for communion the first Sunday of each month, and perform outreach to church members through calls, notes, and visits. If you would like to contribute to the Deacons, please use the green envelopes in the pews and note on your check Deacons. Thank you for your support and generosity.



### **Advent Potluck! – December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Join the Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee and the Deacons as they host an Advent Potluck after worship on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be kicking off Advent with festive music, Advent wreaths, and the good food you bring to share! We are asking you to bring a salad/veggie, main dish, or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Booth for you to let us know you're coming and what kind of dish you will be sharing.

### **Santa is Coming to Light the Downtown! – November 24<sup>th</sup>**

We are excited to again support our community by sharing cookies, cocoa, and good cheer on Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> as Santa comes to turn on the Christmas lights downtown. This year we will be serving in front of the Everett Historic Theatre. We will gather on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm here at the church and serve until 8pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Booth to sign up to help in one of two shifts. Yet, we need cookies and fast! Homemade, store bought, or other fun candy to share, we can use. Please bring in cookies next Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> or talk with Pastor Alan about another time to drop them off. Thank you!



### **Priscilla Circle – November 13<sup>th</sup>**

Priscilla Circle will meet tomorrow, Monday, November 13, at 11:30, in Calvin Lounge. Sonya Beardsley will lead chapter three in our study book. Susan Davis will serve as hostess. All women are welcome. You may bring a lunch if you desire.

## Styrofoam Recycling – November 15<sup>th</sup>

The Students for Environmental Action Club at Everett Community College is hosting a Styrofoam recycling event on Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm in Parking Lot F (at west end of Tower Street) on the EvCC campus. This is a drive-through event; volunteers will help unload your Styrofoam. Styrofoam should be clean, with tape removed. There is no cost for recycling but a donation to the food bank (non-perishable food items or a financial donation) would be much appreciated. The Marysville Food Bank is supplying the truck to take the Styrofoam to Styro Recycle in Kent.

## SCRABBLE

Scrabble meets on November 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 3:00 pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship and fun. We invite newbies, the average “word-joe”, experts, mentors, and YOU to join us! The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm. For more information, please contact Linda Senter or Lois Tysseling. Hope to see YOU there!

## Fall Thursday Bible Study – “Canon” Ball

Join Pastor Alan for our Fall Thursday Bible Study. We will be reading scripture, studying issues on how the Bible came to be, and the struggle over who, what, and when well-meaning Christian’s claim ‘authority’. We will not solve everything, but we will endeavor to listen, share, and learn together. We gather via the Zoom platform on Thursdays at 4pm.

Nov 16 The Violence of Canon — *Galatians 5:13-26; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20*

## VOA Food Donations

We donated 410 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America Food Bank this past week. Great job! Our next drive-through collection is December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm. Pastor Alan and Ken Newman will be accepting non-perishable food in the alley. You can also bring non-perishable food any Sunday and add it to the collection boxes at each door. Your donations support those in need here in Everett. Thank you for your donations.

Port Gardner Bay  
Music Society  
Presents

# LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

FEATURING  
**PUGET SOUNDWAVES  
BRASS ENSEMBLE**

SUNDAY, NOV. 19, 2023 • 3:00 PM  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF EVERETT  
2936 ROCKEFELLER AVENUE

SUGGESTED DONATION AT THE DOOR:  
GENERAL: \$20 - SENIOR (65+) & MILITARY: \$15  
STUDENT (12+): \$5 - DONATE AS YOU WISH.

## Hymn Requests

The Worship Committee invites you to suggest a favorite song or hymn for inclusion in worship. There are request forms next to the offering box. Just fill one out and drop it in the offering box and we will try our best to include your hymn in worship in the following weeks.

### This Week...

- **Sunday School** today is at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. Steve Hammond is leading a lecture series “Great Figures of the New Testament”.
  - Join Zoom using this new link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85803311791?pwd=RXZmczdqZjNWeWVyT2gvU1BvNEFIQT09>
  - Meeting ID: 858 0331 1791
- **Lunch with Alan** – is on Mondays at noon in the church library. The north door will be open at 11:45am. Bring your lunch or just come to talk and catch up. Coffee is provided.
- **Thursday Bible Study** – Join Pastor Alan on November 16<sup>th</sup> using the Zoom platform. We will be studying Galatians 5:13-26; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20.
  - Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4319124902>
  - Meeting ID: 431 912 4902
- **Next Sunday** we will have hybrid worship at 10am.
  - All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

### To all worshipping with us...

The First Presbyterian Church is a sanctuary open to all people. Please:

- Honor those who wish to wear masks in our facility. Ask people to be kind and welcoming to those who may need some extra space.
- Respect boundaries if one asks for alternative ways of greeting.
- Use the many hand sanitizer stations throughout our building.

If there is any confusion, concerns, or questions, please contact Pastor Alan or a greeter. Our goal is to worship together and love our neighbor. We value everyone being able to worship in safety, inclusion, and openness. All are welcome.

### Prayer Requests November 12, 2023

- We pray for peace and the cessation of war in Israel/Palestine. While there are historical and political complexities and layers to this conflict, we boldly pray for Israeli and Palestinian families who have been caught in the middle and torn apart. We pray for those grieving, for those suffering, for those confused, and for those whose only reaction is to seek revenge. We pray for comfort, relief, healing, and release. We seek your peace that defies understanding to settle on families, individuals, and leaders on all sides. We pray, fully knowing we do not have the answers, knowing we are weak and sometimes prejudiced, but trusting our Lord Jesus knows the answer, is working, and is present there.
- We pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.

- We pray for those affected by the shooting in Lewiston, Maine.
- Please pray for a speedy recovery for Pastor Alan after his appendectomy.
- Jean Kanter has COVID. Please pray for a full recovery.
- **Update:** Amber McGuire, daughter of Phil & Sonya Beardsley, is home recovering. She is still having headaches and has a tiny aneurism that will be closely watched. The family is thankful for your continued prayers.
- Please pray for Hugh Minor.
- Please pray for Carol Gresham who is suffering with a compression fracture of a vertebrae.
- Please pray for Jay Kuhnenn who has been struggling with a couple of cysts on the nerve bundle in his lower back causing sciatica in both of his legs. The first injection has not provided relief. He is now exploring the next steps.
- We pray for Arlene Mawudeku with on-going health issues.
- **Update:** Sue Hermansen appreciates our prayers and sends a huge thank you to those who have lifted her family in prayer. She is asking for prayers for her vision which has been impacted by her stroke. For the present she is staying with her daughter, Lori. From Lois Tysseling.
- Our friend Karen Jensen asks for our prayers. Her husband recently passed away and she is now living in an adult home struggling with a long history of lupus. From Alan and Dottie Villevik.
- Our friend Meredith's mother, Beverly, is hospitalized in critical condition. We appreciate your prayers for her and her family. From Ari and Robin Kohler.
- We pray for Gary Norris' health.
- We pray for healing for Elly Koffler and good test results from a heart test. From Jodi Donley.
- **Update:** Marsha Lueth – We are grateful to learn she does not have brain cancer. Marsha had a stroke but is thankful for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for Marsha for strength with her on-going health concerns.
- **New Update:** Son-in-law, Doug Schultz, is now committed to his “chemo for life” regimen (Revlimid). He's driving short distances, and we praise God daily for his improvements in his balance and strength. Thank you for your continuous prayers. From Annette King.
- **Update:** Karen, daughter of Marilee Richards, is making progress with her health challenges and the family is grateful for the prayers. Please continue to pray for ongoing improvement.
- **Update:** on prayer request for our granddaughter, Melissa Mobeck. Chris and Melissa both appreciate our prayers and ask for continued prayers for Melissa's healing. From Alan and Dottie Villevik.
- **Update:** On our friends Mike and Jeannine Schone: Mike continues to feel great and appreciates our prayers. Recent tests showed no cancer but is continuing his treatment as recommended by his doctors. From Alan and Dottie Villevik

## **Continued Prayers for FPCE**

- Family of Cindy Rowlands
- Family of George Newland
- Family of Wes King
- Family of Peter Boonstra
- Family of Maggie Lamus
- Family of Lin Davis
- Jan Geibel, daughter of Judy & Clyde Pitcher
- Susan Klingler
- Tom & Pat Dotson – friends of Bob & Barbara Barren
- Cody, grandson of Marilee Richards
- Florence Day
- Karen Summers
- Quinn Carpenter
- Genny Heuer and extended family
- Larry O'Donnell
- Robert Henry
- Paul & Joyce Richardson
- LaMara Halstrom and Jane McMahan – Steve and Nancy Torrence
- Pat Weakley Hein – sister-in-law of Jan Weakley
- Matt McCoy, grandson of Annette King
- Clyde Pitcher
- Robby as he continues to heal and for Monica helping every step of the way – from Martha and Mike Clemans
- Cy Paydar – nephew of Steve and Nancy Torrence

We pray for families affected by dementia and/or Alzheimer's. As with other individuals and families, we pray for successful research, perseverance, a sense of humor, and the Spirit's peace.



## How Lovely, Lord

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Hal H. Hopson, 1983

Arlo D. Duba, 1984

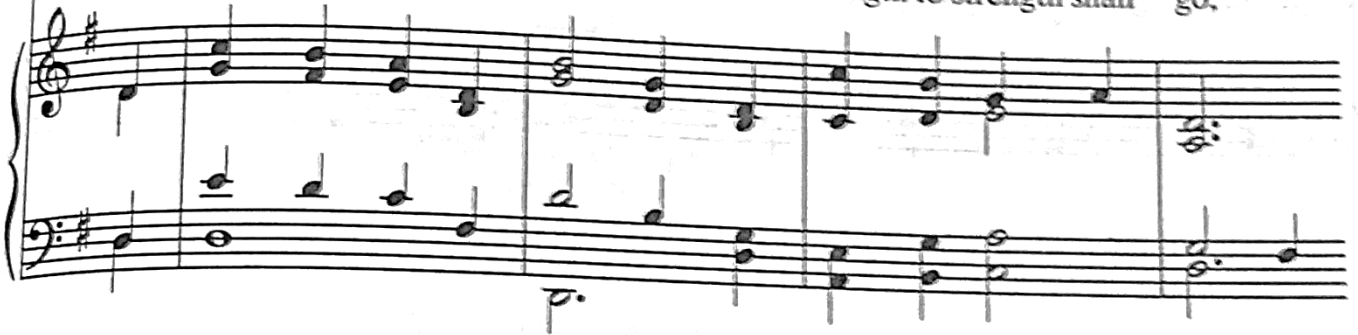
1. How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly Is Your a - bid - ing place;  
 2. In Your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day  
 3. A sun and shield for - ev - er Are You, O Lord Most High;

My soul is long - ing, faint - ing, To feast up - on Your grace.  
 Is bet - ter than a thou - sand If I from You should stray.  
 You show - er us with bless - ings; No good will You de - ny.

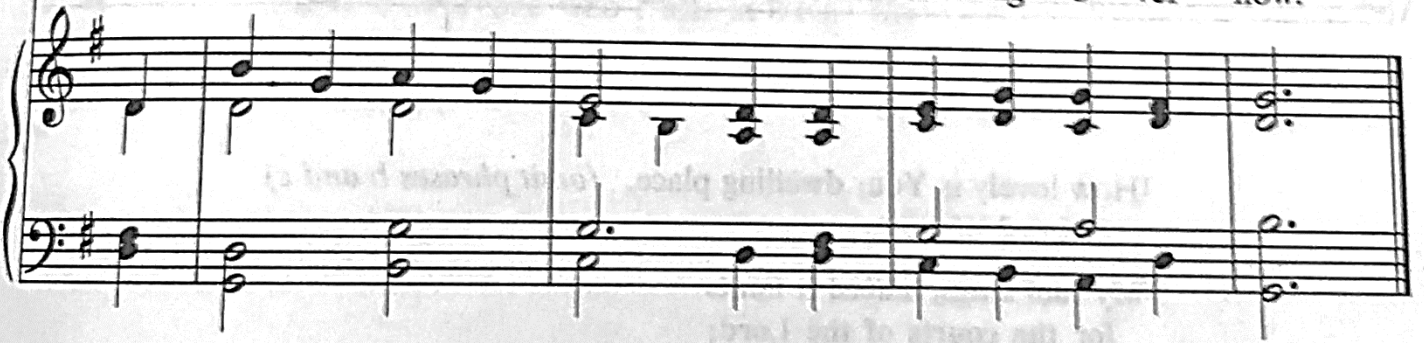
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The spar - row finds a shel - ter, A place to build her nest;  
I'd rath - er keep the en - trance And claim You as my Lord  
The saints, Your grace re - ceiv - ing, From strength to strength shall go,



And so Your tem - ple calls us With - in its walls to rest.  
Than rev - el in the rich - es The ways of sin af - ford.  
And from their life shall riv - ers Of bless - ing o - ver - flow.



# 455 All Creatures of Our God and King

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Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; alt.  
Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Francis of Assisi, 1225  
Trans. and para. William Henry Draper, c. 1910; alt.

*Unison*

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice  
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail  
3. Thou flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for  
4. Thou fer - tile earth, that day by day Un - fold - est bless -

*Harmony*

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
in heaven a - long, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!  
thy Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
ings on your way, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, Thou sil - ver moon with  
Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, Ye lights of eve - ning,  
Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, That giv - est us both  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glo - ry

*Harmony*

soft - er gleam,  
find a voice!  
warmth and light,  
al - so show!

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

*Unison*

The image shows a musical score for a unison hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The music ends with a double bar line and a final chord in the bass staff.

5. And everyone of tender heart,  
 Forgiving others, take your part.  
 O sing ye! Alleluia!  
 Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
 Praise God and cast on God your care!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. All creatures, your Creator bless,  
 And worship God in humbleness.  
 O sing ye! Alleluia!  
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

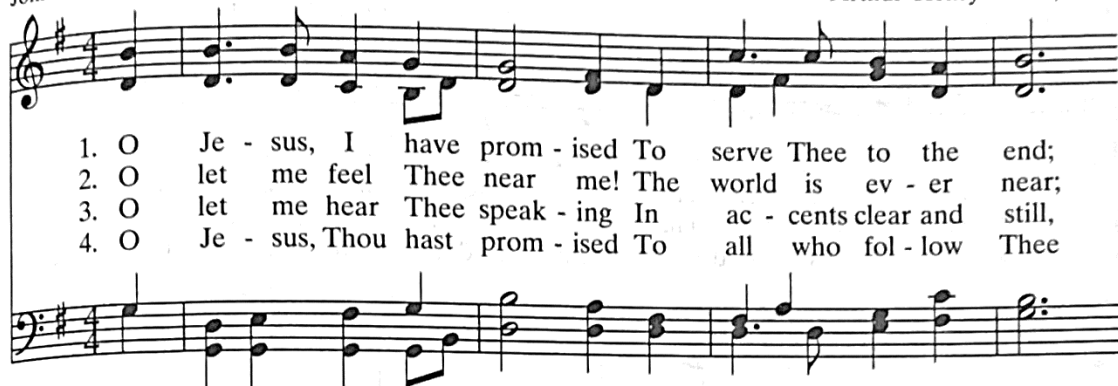
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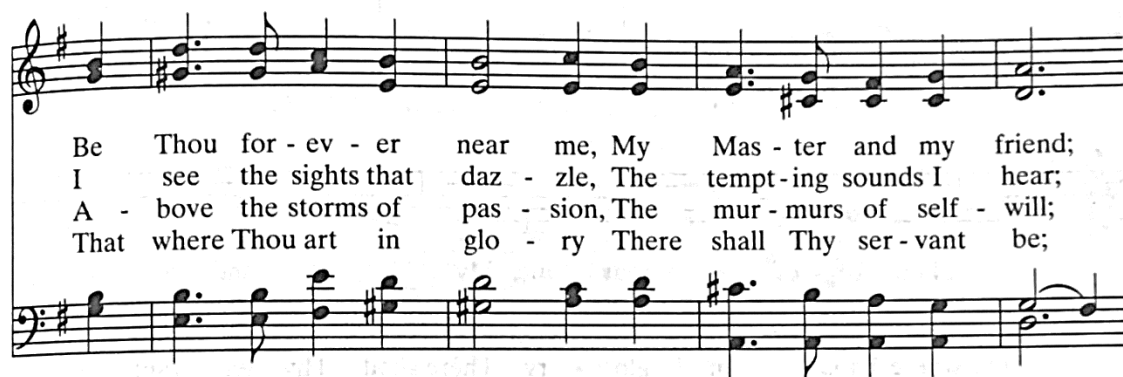
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John Ernest Bode, 1868

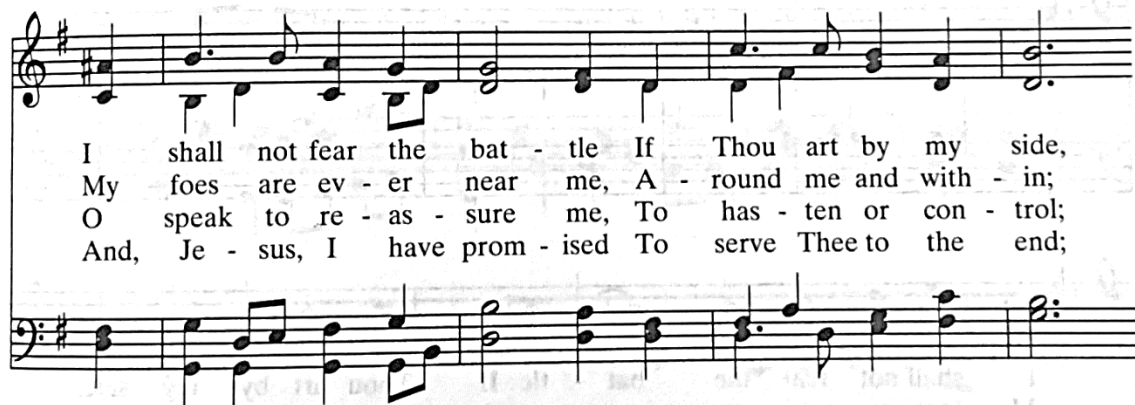
Arthur Henry Mann, 1881



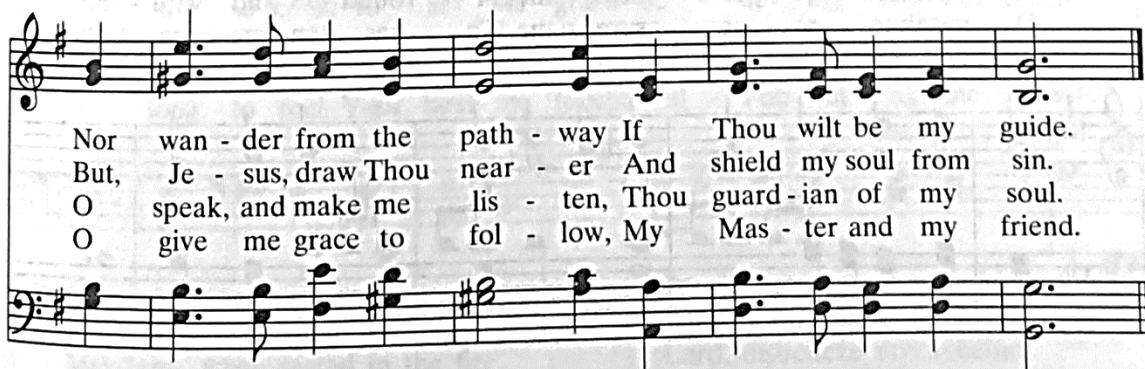
1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;  
 2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;  
 3. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,  
 4. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee



Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my friend;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;  
 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will;  
 That where Thou art in glo - ry There shall Thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;



Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my guide.  
 But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er And shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my friend.