

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin
October 26, 2025 – 10:00 am

Welcome to Worship Today! Please take a moment to fill out our Friendship Pads found in the pews. This is a great way to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community.	Nursery Care Supervised care is available for children birth to 5 years old in our nursery room on the 2 nd floor. Please pick up by 11:05 am or 10 minutes after service.
For our liturgy this morning, BOLD text invites all to join in the reading.	

Prelude	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i> – Arr Bish	Gary Norris, Organist
Ringling of the Bell		Leslie Sutin
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalm 46	Bob Barren

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

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Hymn	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	#260
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<u>Prayer of Confession</u>	Bob Barren
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Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us open ourselves in this time of prayer, being truthful in our confession as we humble ourselves before our God.

Lord of All, your truth is so often sharp and unsettling. We confess the ways we skirt the hard edges of your Word, turn up the volume on lesser noises, and lean into the comfort of our own certainty rather than submit to the discomfort of your challenge. You send us messengers, and we sidestep them; you challenge us, and we defend ourselves. Again and again, Holy God, we resist what we do not want to hear. And yet you keep calling. Have

mercy on us. Interrupt our evasions. Soften what pride has hardened in us. Let us hear and receive your grace as we turn to you in prayer...

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Bob Barren

As God's children, redeemed in Christ, sustained by the Holy Spirit, we open ourselves to the grace, peace, and hope offered to us through our Triune God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

Passing of the Peace

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

FPCE Sings *Let There Be Peace on Earth* #60

Prayers for our First Responders and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture 2 Timothy 4:6-48, 16-18

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem *He Will Hold Me Fast* – Matthew Merker & Ada Habershon
Directed by Lorilee Brasseur

Sermon *Finish the Race* Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

*The Apostles' Creed Page 14 in Hymnal

Hymn *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* #343

Benediction Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude *The Rejoicing* – Callahan Gary Norris, Organist

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Announcements

Doreen Solberg will be on vacation from October 27th through October 31st. If you need office assistance during this time, please contact Pastor Alan.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 2nd. Before you head to bed on Saturday night, be sure to set your clocks back one hour. Enjoy that extra hour of rest – and come to worship refreshed and on time!

Prayer Requests Update

We are updating our prayer requests for November. Please send any updates, additions, or subtractions to Doreen this week.

Welcoming All with Wisdom and Care

As a downtown church, we are often joined in worship by a diverse range of people. This is a blessing—and at times, a challenge. Please help us respond with compassion and care while maintaining safety and order.

If Someone is Disruptive:

- **Violent or threatening behavior?**
 - **Call 9-1-1 immediately.** Do not engage alone.
- **Noisy, upset, or needing to talk?**
 - Kindly guide them to Westminster Hall for conversation and care.

Never Engage Alone:

- Always have **two people present** in any conversation.
- If the person is **male** → Two **men** should engage.
- If the person is **female** → At least **one woman**, who should take the lead.

In Westminster Hall:

- Offer **coffee** and a seat at a table.
- **Listen patiently.**
- Kindly explain: **We cannot provide funds for rent, bus fare, or other needs.**

Thank you for your grace, presence, and care as we seek to be a welcoming and wise church community. For questions or concerns, please speak with a member of Session or Pastor Alan.

Called Congregational Meeting

The Session is calling a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 2nd after worship to vote on the 2026 Terms of Call for our pastor.

Hearing Assistance

A limited number of hearing devices are available to amplify the worship service. To use one, please ask a greeter or Pastor Alan.

Join the Choir!

Calling all singers, past and present, to join the choir. Rehearsal is on Sundays from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm. The choir is open to all people who want to grow in their faith and lead our

This Week...

Adult Sunday School – Today at 11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom. This is a review & discussion of a 24-lecture Great Courses course on The City of God. Join Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82666606593?pwd=y2bNwTCfCjQzY0E7Z0BFBxJkDRmfdv.1>

- Meeting ID: 826 6660 6593

Lunch with Alan – Join us for lunch with Pastor Alan tomorrow at 12 pm.

Thursday Bible Study – Thursday Bible Study is October 30th at 4:00 pm on 1 Timothy 1. Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81320649537?pwd=343k4LdmdXE0lJ18GD5xg7xc9kzoHG.1>

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Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.

- All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

congregation in glorifying God. If you have questions, please talk with Lorilee, our new Director of Music Ministry, for more information.

Chili Cookoff – November 2nd

Our Chili Cook-Off is back on Sunday, November 2nd! We will be having our famous and award-winning chili cooks bringing their amazing creations for tasting right after worship.

There is a sign-up sheet for chili entries at the Welcome Booth. This will be a great event with free chili! If you have questions, please contact Teresa Good.

SPAM – November 7th

Join us for the next SPAM luncheon on Friday, November 7. Grab a cup of punch at 11:30 am and visit with others before lunch, which will be served at 12:00 pm. Lunch is \$7.50. Then enjoy listening to our speaker, Neil Anderson, who will be presenting a program on “Riverfront Industries” around the Everett area. Please sign up at the Welcome Booth.

Men’s Breakfast – November 8th

Don’t miss the next Men’s Breakfast on Saturday, November 8th from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. All men are invited to attend this time of fellowship and Bible study. We hope to see you!

Priscilla Circle – November 10th

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, November 10 at 11:30 am in Calvin Lounge. We will be discussing chapter 3 in our study book. You may bring a lunch if you desire. All women are welcome.

Youth Sunday School

The First Pres Youth meet after the Passing of the Peace in the youth room on the second floor. They are studying the Apostle’s Creed and will meet on October 26 and on November 9, 16, and 23. The nursery is open on the second floor for our youth under 6 years of age.

If you would like to volunteer in the nursery or in youth Sunday School, please let Pastor Alan or Teresa know.

Advent Devotional Theme Writers Needed

Our theme this year for our FPCE Advent devotional is **Presence**.

Our annual devotional consists of daily writings throughout the season of Advent from our members. This is a time to be reflective as we share thoughts on our theme of Presence. We give and receive presents at Christmas, but where is Jesus’ presence for you? Is it in the carols sung, the candles lit, the traditions, the time with family and friends, or do you find the essence, spirit, feeling of Christmas somewhere else? Our theme lends us to think about other questions like what relationship is meaningful to you at Christmas? What gift of presence was important to you at Christmas? Why? During Advent/Christmas, where is Jesus’ presence seen, found, experienced for you? What gift was more than what was in the box?

All are invited to be creative and take a moment to write thoughts down to be added to the 2025 devotional. Submissions are due on or before October 31st and devotional copies will be able to be picked up on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Alan.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble meets November 5th and 19th at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm.

The Gathering – November 19th

For our upcoming November Gathering, we're excited to welcome Braver Angels, an organization dedicated to helping people bridge divides and communicate across differences.

In a time when so many things seem to separate us, we can all benefit from learning how to disagree better. During this workshop, we'll learn essential skills for respectful communication and finding common ground – even when we don't see eye to eye.

The session will be led by a two-person Braver Angels team, who will model how people from “blue” and “red” perspectives can disagree and still stay engaged as friends. This is a free workshop, but to help us plan, please register using the Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1766792857999?discount=BRAVER&aff=oddttdtcreator>

Note: During registration, you will see a question asking whether you lean red or blue. This is simply to help the facilitators understand the group balance – your information will not be shared, and you're welcome to skip the question if you prefer. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Alan.

VOA Food Donations

We donated 257 pounds of food to the Volunteers of America this month. Great job! Our next in-person collection is on November 3rd from 10am to 12pm.

Catch a Sunday Worship Rerun

Did you know that our Sunday worship services are recorded? You can watch past worship services on our FPCE website, mobile app, YouTube channel, and Facebook page. Links to all these channels can be found on our website at: www.firstpreschurch.com.

Lay Leadership

On Sundays, we are blessed to have wonderful people guide us in worship through the leading of the call to worship, prayer of confession, and other parts of our service. If you'd like to be added to this list to lead, please talk with Pastor Alan or scan his QR code. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.

Calling New Members

Are you interested in joining the First Presbyterian Church of Everett? Want to learn more about our congregation and our organizational structure? We want membership to be accessible, fun, and a way to deepen your faith. If this seems like where you are and what you'd like to explore, then scan Pastor Alan's QR code or talk with Pastor Alan.



Pastor's QR Code

Prayer Requests October 26, 2025

- Roy Yates died. Please keep his family in your prayers during this difficult time.
- Please pray for Chris & Janet Erickson and our grandson, Nick, following the death of their son and brother. From Tom & Pat Erickson.

- **Update:** Our friend, diagnosed with non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), seeking a liver transplant, has been in and out of the ICU for blood transfusions. She appreciates our prayers, and we continue to pray for a donor and for strength and healing. From Alan & Vicki.
- **Update:** We want to thank everyone for your love, concern and prayer for Alan V. over the past month when he was in the hospital after a heart attack and a mild form of pneumonia. He has been home now for about three weeks and says he is feeling pretty much back to normal. We are grateful that he was able to celebrate his 91st birthday with the family and close friends.
- Please pray for Karen, friend of Susan Klingler, who had a heart attack, has blockage in her heart, and has bronchitis. Please also pray for Karen's sister, Debbie, who is concerned about Karen and recently lost her husband. From Lisa Villevik.
- **Update:** My friend's daughter, Angela's new liver transplant went well. The biliary reconstruction to the kidney has been a difficult and slow procedure. But praises to God she finally has been more awake and alert. We trust your prayers to God and her amazing medical team will help in improvement and success. Thank you. From Annette King.
- Please pray for my sister-in-law, Sherry Johnson, who just found out she has to have dialysis every day for the rest of her life. Also, prayers for my brother, Bob, as he has to learn how to use the machines. From Pat Erickson.
- We pray for Rosemary Rheinheimer's daughter, Juliana, who has been diagnosed with Hashimoto disease. Rosemary is visiting Juliana in Brazil and they appreciate our prayers.
- **Update:** Margaret's daughter, Rita: her cancer has spread, and her doctors have said there is nothing they can do. She is home without any treatment options. Please surround Rita, Margaret, and their family with prayer as this is devastating news. From Lisa Villevik.
- **Update:** We are guardedly excited. Mike's great granddaughter, LeAnne, is being allowed to return to her traditional high school setting. She is continuing to receive treatments for her leukemia, but while not yet in remission (the cancer is still there), her chemotherapy is not at the bombardment stage any longer and her doctors say that many kids at this stage can tolerate a return to moderate social gatherings. Her cancer counts and vital sign markers are looking much more favorable. She has gained weight and her hair is growing out fast. Her final chemo treatments are scheduled for late summer 2026. While these are all "good" things, please continue to keep LeAnne in your prayers. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Please keep Addison & Ainslee, grandchildren of Mike & Martha Clemans, in your prayers. Addison is in Ohio to attend college and play baseball. Ainslee is in Austin to teach 7th grade math. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Lisa, daughter of a friend of Elizabeth Nelson, has a spider bite wound that is not healing and now threatens to require a foot or partial foot amputation. Please pray for a turnaround in her symptoms. From Elizabeth Nelson.
- Ari & Robin Kohler's sister-in-law fell and injured her knee and leg. Please pray for healing.

- Jay Kuhnhehn and his mother continue to have back issues. **Update:** Jay's fusion on his back is now scheduled for November. His mother received an injection and has had some relief. Marcia's dementia continues to progress. Thank you for your continued prayers.
- **Update:** Sandy was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation along with her battles with spinal stenosis and neuropathy. Please keep praying for less pain, more comfort, mobility and good test results. She is very grateful for your continued prayers. Thank you from Annette King.
- Alan Villevik's sister, Mary Rogers, was diagnosed with an aggressive type of cancer. She chose not to proceed with surgery or chemotherapy. Please pray for comfort and freedom from any pain and for our nephew, Bob Rogers, who is caring for her. From Dottie & Alan Villevik.
- We pray for Jean Kanter for healing, strength, peace, and happiness. Thank you.
- We pray for Carol Gresham.
- Marilee Richards' daughter, Karen, has very painful involuntary muscle contractions due to an illness. Prayers for pain relief and healing are appreciated. From Lisa Villevik.
- The father of a friend of Ari & Robin Kohler was recently diagnosed with bladder cancer. Prayers for his healing and for his daughter Meredith are appreciated. From Ari Kohler.
- Please pray for Ari Kohler's sister, Lolita, as she deals with health issues.
- Please pray for my daughter and son-in-law, Joanna & Jason and their 2½ year old daughter, Violet. Violet has been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Prayers for their ability to manage Violet's high blood glucose levels, a new baby, and Joanna's continuing recovery from a C-section. From Diane Preston.
- **Update:** Jade, our grandson, is still doing outpatient dialysis. He is being tested by UW for kidney transplant. He is still able to work for which we are all thankful. Please continue all prayers. From Mike & Martha Clemans.
- Please pray for Genny Heuer. From Jimmy Sharp.
- Our nephew, Ben, is in dire need of a new kidney. Please pray for a donor and visit and share this website with all: <https://www.kidneyforben.com/>. From John & Lisa Gebert.
- Please pray for Robin & Ari Kohler's niece, Lola, as she deals with health issues.
- We pray for Marsha Lueth who has health issues that are preventing her from doing the things she would like to. She is comfortable, but we pray for healing and peace from the Holy Spirit.
- Please pray for my father-in-law, Richard Alfnejd, who continues to battle stage four cancer. From Emily Alfnejd.
- Monica's husband, Robby, is still struggling with the effects of his stroke. Prayers are appreciated. From Mike and Martha Clemans
- Aaron, a friend of Lisa Villevik, has been very ill and has gone through dozens of tests. The cause of his illness has not been identified, and he is very discouraged. Please pray he will be restored to health and hope.

Continued Prayers

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| • Family of Tracy Klingler | • Family of Mary Grosse |
| • Family of Marilyn Larsen | • Family of Michael Goza |
| • Family of Barbara Yates | • Family of Bev Brandt |

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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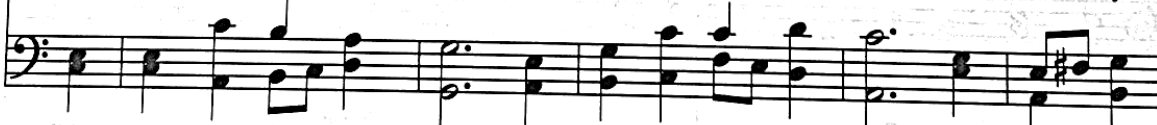
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 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



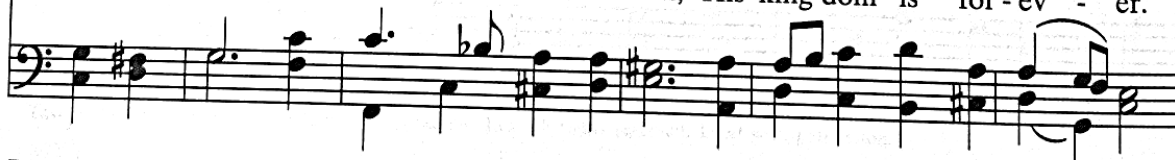
Our help - er He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth;



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a -
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y



power are great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 oth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.
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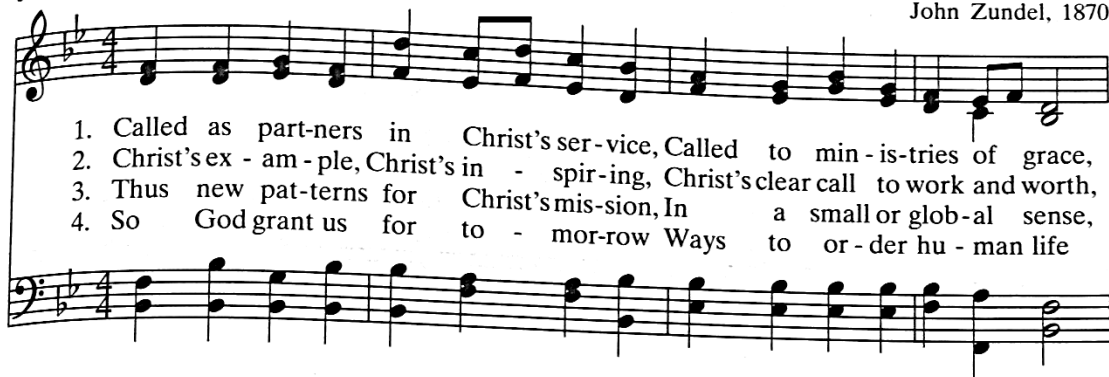
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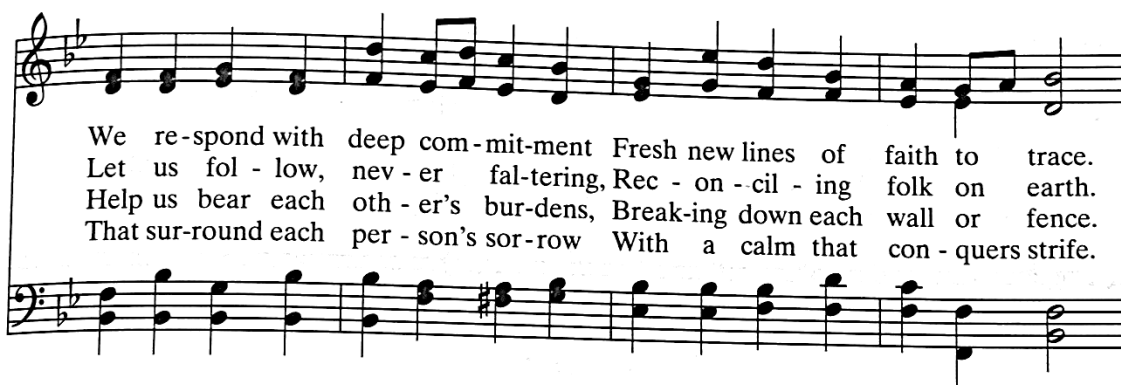
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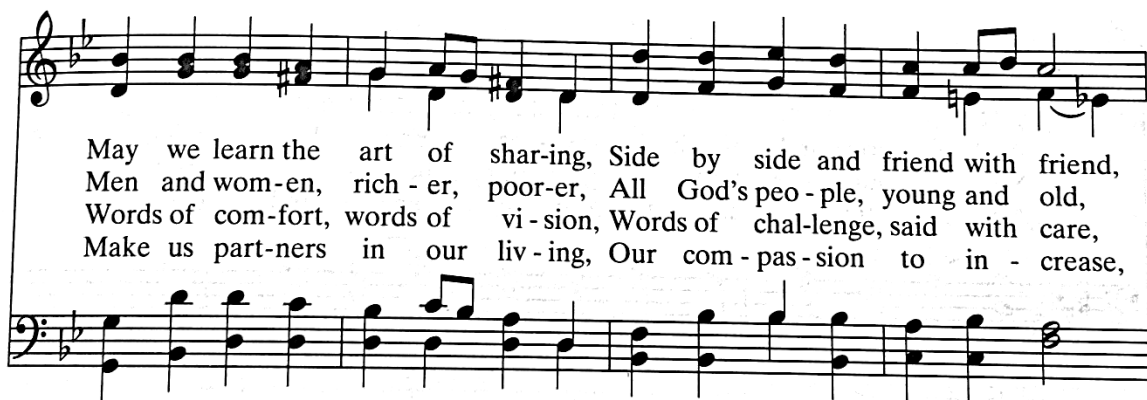
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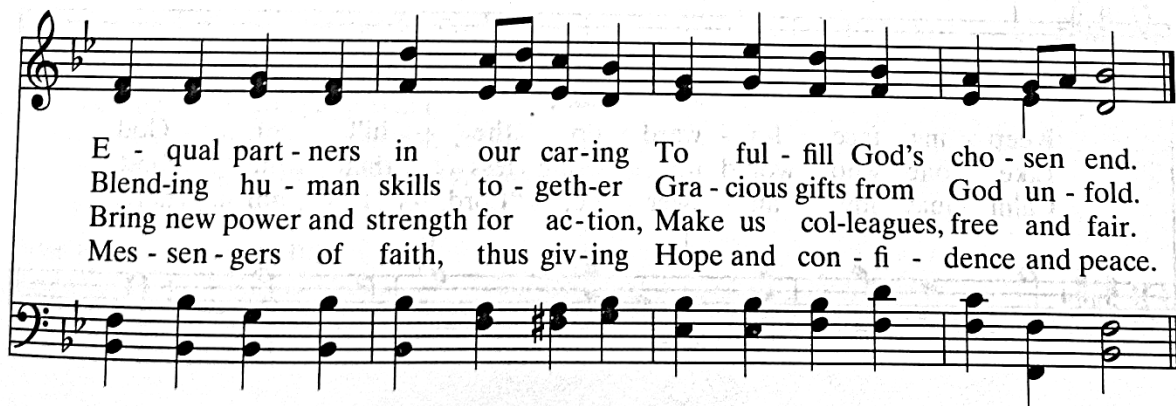
1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, Called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, In a small or glob-al sense,
 4. So God grant us for to-mor-row Ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-spond with deep com-mit-ment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, Rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, Break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row With a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, Side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, All God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, Words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, Our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E-equal part-ners in our car-ing To ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 Blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether Gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, Make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing Hope and con-fi-dence and peace.