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*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here.*

**I give you a new
commandment:
Love one another as
I have loved you.**

John 13

*Welcome to our Combined
10:15am Worship Service
In-Person & Streaming Online*



**May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:15 a.m.**

Welcome

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,
and may you receive strength and guidance today
That will enable you to handle life's challenges.*

Children's Bulletins

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex.

The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

Biblias en Español

Biblias Bilingües en Español y Inglés están disponible en el vestíbulo narthex en la mesa de visitantes azul.
(*Bilingual Bibles in Spanish & English are available in the narthex hallway on the blue visitors' table.*)

Nursery

Persons of all ages (including children) are very welcome to participate in the entire worship service. For safety, during the COVID pandemic we temporarily ceased having supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, on Sunday, September 11, 2022. In the meantime, parents who would like to do so, are welcome to watch their own children in the nursery, where a closed circuit TV is located, so that you can still see and hear the worship service.

Junior Worship

For safety, during the pandemic we temporarily ceased offering Junior Worship. We will resume Junior Worship on Sunday, September 11, 2022. The option of Junior Worship is offered downstairs, on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month, following the children's sermon, for elementary age children to learn about today's scripture lessons.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

Changing Tables

All four of our restrooms have changing tables. Each restroom has two "child care protection seats" to keep toddlers safe and secure while their parents use the restroom.

Water Fountains

For the safety of all, our water fountains are disabled during the pandemic.

Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am.

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am.

Prayer and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please call or email the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

Looking for a Church to Call Home

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider St. Paul's or Zion United Church of Christ. For more information about St. Paul's, Zion, and the UCC, we invite you to talk with our pastors, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our churches.

More Information....

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the **Blue Visitor Table** in the narthex hallway, or contact us using the contact information on the front page of this bulletin.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

*{Symbols used in this bulletin: * = if able please stand; ♪# = Red Hymnal Page; ♫# = Blue Hymnal Page}*



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Virtual Worship Service

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Facebook Live (St. Paul's) at <https://www.facebook.com/www.sprucc.org/> - Live or Watch & Listen Later
Phone Stream at 1-888-649-5770 - Live or Listen Later
Zoom: Meeting ID: 104 401 368; Passcode: 301301 (or call 1-301-715-8592) - Live Only
If you have any access problems, please let us know at 610-621-5770 or Office@sprucc.org

We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

*Please Do Not move the red ribbons or sit where they are placed.
They are there for your safety and the safety of those around you to help designate social distancing.*

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ⑩

Holy and loving God, how much love is required of us? Only with your help, only with your love poured into us, will our actions show love instead of duty. We praise you and claim your love for ourselves and each other. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *“Let the Whole Creation Cry”*

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*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP ⑩ adapted from 148

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

People: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

Leader: Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created.

Leader: who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.

People: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise God in the heights!

We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

*CALL TO CONFESSION ⑩ (Leader)

God of love and protection and forgiveness, hear now our confession of sins which separate us from you.

*CONFESSION OF SIN ⑩ (Unison)

Holy and Loving Jesus, how much shall we love you? As much as we love ourselves? As much as you love us? We have your written word in John 13: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Help us, merciful Jesus. Change our actions of duty into actions of love. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

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*PRAYER FOR MERCY

"Kyrie"

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Leader (*spoken*): Lord, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): Lord, have mercy upon us.
Leader (*spoken*): Christ, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): Christ, have mercy upon us.
Leader (*spoken*): Lord, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON ⑩ (Leader)

Jesus, we hear your voice in the evening, we hear your voice in the morning saying, "I love you" and then naming us. With this affirmation of your forgiveness, we are free to love ourselves. How cool is that?

*CALL TO PRAISE

Leader: Let us sing praise to our risen Saviour!
People: We give praise to the risen Christ our Lord!

*SUNG PRAISE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sins and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

(Please be seated)

We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings. We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God." Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

Proclamation of Scripture

First Lesson: [Acts 11:1-18](#)

Second Lesson: [Revelation 21:1-6](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: [John 13:31-35](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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HYMN

"The Gift of Love"

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *"Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children"*

1. Praise him, Praise him, all ye little children,

God is love, God is love.

Praise him, Praise him, all ye little children,

God is love, God is love.

2. Love him...

3. Thank him...

SOLO

"Jesus Loves Me"

sung by Garrett Palmer

SERMON

"As I Have Loved You: Even the Gentiles?"

We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have
learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by
re-affirming our faith in God,
praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and
giving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.*

(Those who are able, please rise)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith
(Section Five: The Promise)

**You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and
power be unto you. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*

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 debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

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Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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OFFERTORY INVITATION ⑩

Leader: Lord, your kingdom cannot really operate on thin air.

People: Lord, help us to remember.

Leader: On the other hand, where should extravagance begin and end?

**People: Lord, help us to seek your divine guidance to please you and grow
your kingdom.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“”

{Those who are able, please rise}

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*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Sung by Congregation

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**We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be,
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

*{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.
A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed
when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.*

*Whether worshipping in person or online,
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church
is through St. Paul's UCC secure [Online Giving](#) option on our website at sprucc.org. [St. Paul's UCC Click Here](#)
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551
or Zion UCC; PO Box 97; Womelsdorf, PA 19567}.*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (Leader) ⑩

God of our lives, we believe that if we hold you first in our lives, you will sustain us and bless us. Help us to know what “putting you first” means. Thank you for your generous love and provision! **Amen.**

We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,
we go out into the world to share God's Good News
through our words and actions.*

*COMMISSION ⑩

Leader: Jesus, as we walk into the community from this sheltered place,

People: Inspire us.

Leader: Jesus, as we walk into the community from this loving place,

People: Propel us.

Leader: Jesus, as we walk into the community, will they know we are Christians by our love?

People: Yes, Lord, they will know we are Christians by our love!

*BENEDICTION

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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*{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,
as we now go to carry God’s light and love back into the world.}*

POSTLUDE

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP



The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God’s grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God’s call by worshiping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God’s forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God’s forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God’s will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



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About Today

Church Season: Easter – The Easter Season begins on Easter Sunday, and continues for seven weeks until Pentecost. 40 days and six Sundays before Easter; a season of penitence as we reflect upon our personal sins, which led to the need for the sacrifice of Jesus’ life for us upon the cross.

The root word of “Lent” means to “lengthen”, referring to the lengthening of days as we anticipate spring and the new life granted through the resurrection – moving from darkness to light.

Color of the Paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

White – symbolizing the defeat of death and darkness of sin with the resurrection to eternal life, and the light of the resurrected Christ.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year C**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Luke.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ’s birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church). The first four books of the NT are called the “Gospels,” which Christians consider the most central books of the Bible; the rest of the NT takes place after his ascension into heaven.

This Sunday, May 15, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

The Acts of the Apostles

The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles (NT) are attributed to Luke “the beloved physician” written around 59-90 A.D. This is essentially volume 2 of the Gospel of Luke. The Book of Acts records the ministry of the early church after the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven, and guides us how we are to live, act, work, and be the church.

Psalm 148

This OT hymn, written sometime after 538 B.C. calls upon all of creation to give praise to God.

The Revelation to John (Apocalypse)

This is the last book in the NT, which is a prophetic book written by a person named “John” who was probably born into the Jewish faith in Palestine and moved to Asia Minor between 66-73 A.D. This is probably not the same John who wrote the Gospel of John or the Letters of John. This book is believed to be written between 64-96 A.D. Some scholars believe that this book developed over a period of time, with 1:4-11 and 4:1-22:5 being written around 64 A.D., and the rest of the book being written sometime between 81-96 A.D. The genre of this book is apocalypse (revelation). Biblically, an apocalypse is usually a first-person narrative (generally written under a pen name of a noted Biblical character) where the author retells a vision about the future, heaven, or both.

The Gospel According to John

The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles is attributed to Luke “the beloved physician,” written around 59-90 A.D. (C.E.). Not having met Jesus personally, Luke undertook the task of “investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write and orderly account” of Jesus Christ, “so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.”

Next Sunday, May 22 -- Lectionary Reading for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10; & 21:22 through 22:5

John 5:1-9



May 15, 2022

From the Conference Minister:

"It's easy to lose sight of God when you're doing God's work." This was the first of many warnings from a wise mentor who sent me off to parish ministry. He was right, of course. It is easy to lose sight of God when you're doing God's work. I regain my sight in the company of trusted colleagues and friends. My sight is restored, too, during Conference worship, retreats and meetings.

We are a month away from our Annual Spring meeting. After two years of on-line meetings, I am anxious to be in-person (there is an online viewing option for worship and conferring sessions) and excited about our meeting theme, *Living the Jesus Life*—*Contemplatives in Action*. I need this gift of soulful recovery and revival amid the exhaustion created by the pandemic and everyday ministry challenges. I suspect you do too.

Living the Jesus Life is simply about joining with Jesus' teaching, healing, and solidarity with others in a life of prayer, worship, and intimate experiences of the Holy. Jesus often went away from the busyness of the crowds to be at one with God. This enabled his public witness, formed disciples, created inclusive community, exemplified self-giving love, and nonviolent resistance. His life of integrated contemplation and action is the model for our living and our Annual Meeting. Spiritual practices (prayer, meditation, scripture study) and active living (ministering to the needs of our communities) unite us for a weekend of living together the Jesus life.

I look forward to seeing you in West Chester.

Blessings,

Bill

Rev. Bill Worley, Conference Minister

PSEC ANNUAL MEETING 2022 Registration Closes MONDAY!!

Are Your Pastor(s) / Church Delegates Registered?

Register at: <https://psecspring2022.eventbrite.com>

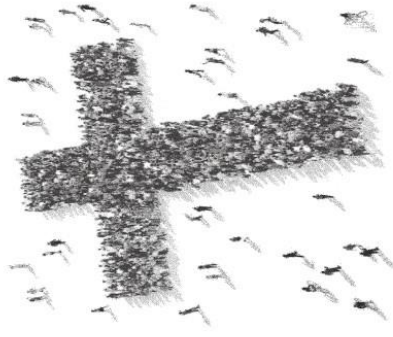
On **MONDAY**, registration closes for the Annual Spring Meeting in West Chester. Please register your clergy, church delegates, visitors and children **TODAY!** There is also a registration option to view general sessions without voice or vote.

There will be a significant penalty fee added to late registrations and we cannot guarantee your meals or housing, if you don't register by TOMORROW!

Living the Jesus Life: Contemplatives in Action

Friday, June 3—Saturday, June 4,
2022

@ West Chester University
700 S. High St., West Chester, PA



"**Living the Jesus Life** — **Contemplatives in Action**" is the theme of this year's Annual Spring Conference meeting. We intend to meet in person for a time of soulful recovery and revival amid the exhaustion created by the pandemic and the new realities to which we've had to adapt. Spiritual practices (prayer, meditation, scripture study) and active living (ministering to the needs of our communities) unite us for a weekend of living together the Jesus life.

Let the Whole Creation Cry

D Bm $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G Asus A7 D Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em7}{G}$ A D

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Chris-tians striv - ing for the Lord, proph-ets burn - ing with his Word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

D Bm $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G Asus A7 D Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em7}{G}$ A D

Heaven and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y King!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

A D F#m $\frac{Bm7}{D}$ E7 A Em Bm $\frac{Bm}{D}$ F#sus F# Bm

Praise him, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Those of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

D G A Bm7 $\frac{E7}{B}$ A G D Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em7}{G}$ A7 D

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One, glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

The Gift of Love

G Am G Am

The piano introduction consists of two systems of music. The first system has three measures with chords G, Am, and G. The second system has three measures with chords Am, G, and Am. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

G Am7 G

1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

The first system shows the vocal line with three verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The piano part includes a dynamic marking of *mf*.

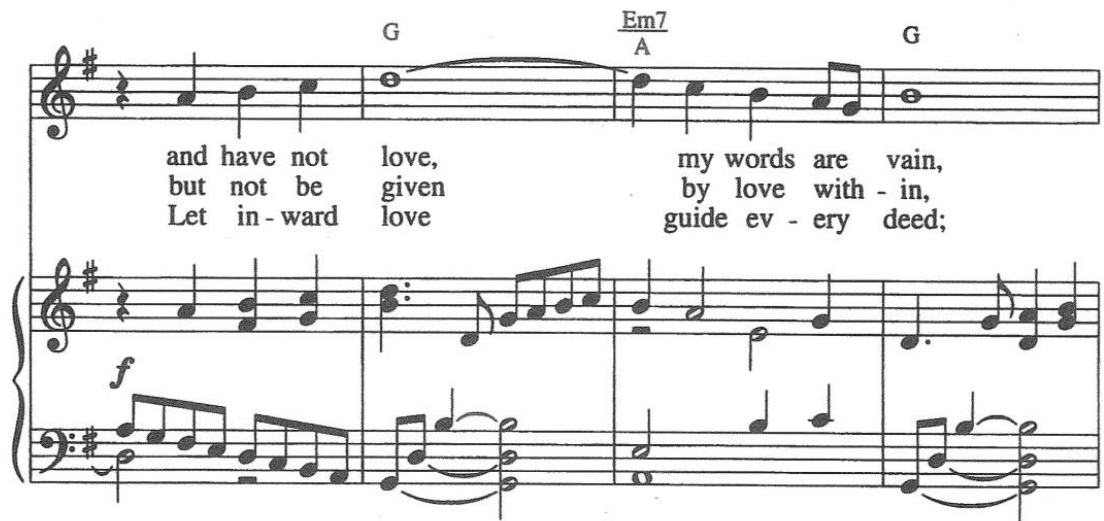
Em Am7 D

and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

The second system shows the vocal line with lyrics. The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

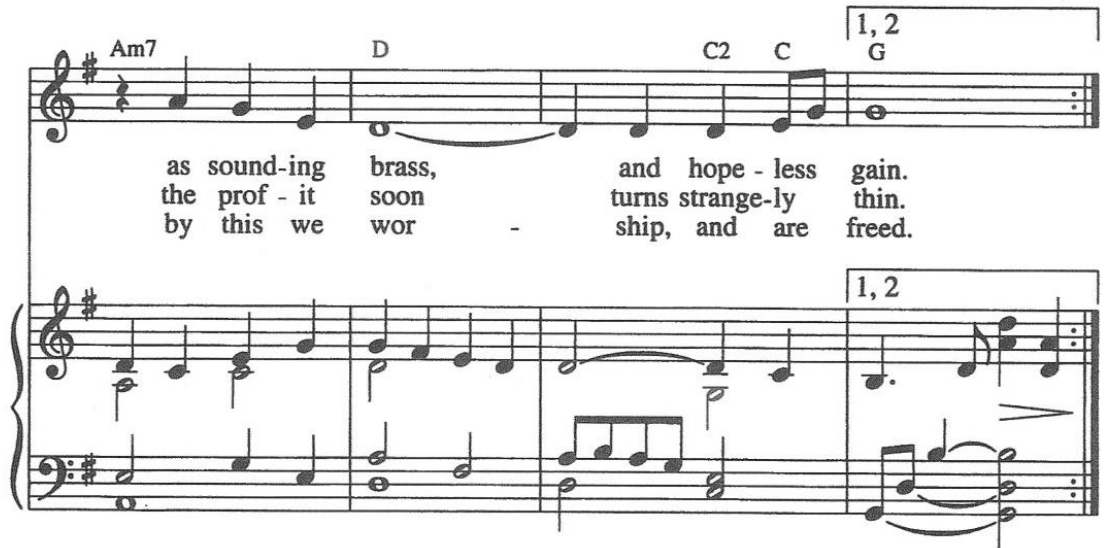
G Em7 A G

and have not love, my words are vain,
but not be given by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



Am7 D C2 C 1, 2 G

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

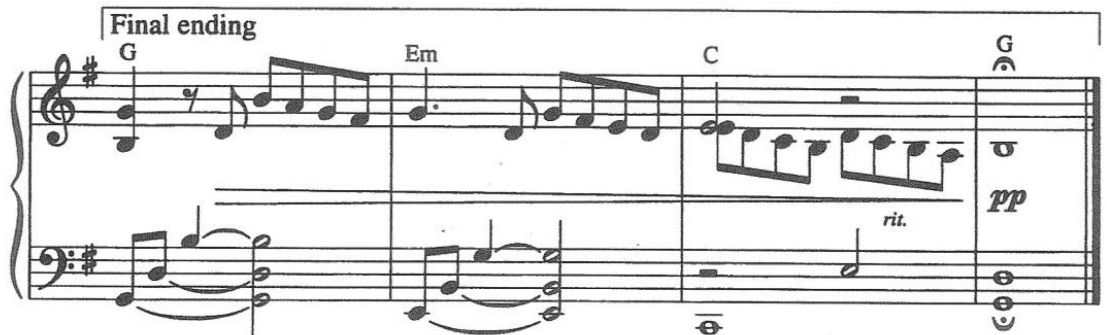


Final ending

G Em C G

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They'll Know We Are Christians 595

Unison N.C. Fm $\frac{E\flat}{F}$ Fm Cm7 Fm $\frac{E\flat}{F}$ Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

Fm Bbm $\frac{A\flat}{B\flat}$ Bbm $\frac{Gm7(b5)}{B\flat}$ Fm $\frac{E\flat}{F}$ Fm

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

Fm Bbm $\frac{A\flat}{B\flat}$ Bbm $\frac{Gm7(b5)}{B\flat}$ Fm $\frac{E\flat}{F}$ Fm

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

Refrain N.C. D \flat A \flat D \flat $\frac{Fm}{C}$ Cm Fm Bbm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.

Bbm7 $\frac{Fm}{A\flat}$ Bbm Csus Cm Fm

Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.