

The United Church of Christ of Robesonia

301 West Penn Avenue, Robesonia, PA 19551

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



REFORMATION Sunday

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



October 30, 2022
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
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 an additional option, we have supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, located on the first floor.

Junior Worship

On the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month, following the mini message, the option of "Junior Worship" is offered downstairs for elementary age children to learn more about today's scripture lessons with fellow youth.

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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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

*{If you have not already done so,
please sign and pass the pew welcome pad
to the person next to you.}*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ^③ *(Unison)*

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BELL PRELUDE

"Lift High the Cross"

arranged by Kinyon

{Those who are able, please rise}

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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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 ^④

Leader: The Lord is in his holy temple,

People: let all the earth keep silence before him.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down;

People: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Leader: For he is our God;

People: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Leader: God is a Spirit;

People: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

Leader: You shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you;

People: and we shall be witnesses unto God both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

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[Ⓞ] (Leader)

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

*CONFESSION OF SIN[Ⓞ] (Unison)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their sins. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

*SUNG 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[Ⓞ] (Leader)

Hear now the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their way and live. For God so loved the world, that he gave us his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Unto as many of you, therefore, beloved, who truly repent of your sins, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, with full purpose of new obedience, I announce and declare, by the authority and in the Name of Christ, that our sins are forgiven, according to his promise in the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***CALL TO PRAISE** ⑩

Leader: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

People: **O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you and sing you our praise.**

***SUNG PRAISE**

“Doxology”

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, you heav’nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

(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: [Isaiah 1:10-18](#)

Second Lesson: [2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: [Luke 19:1-10](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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MINI-MESSAGE

*{Children may return to their pews and remain for the rest of worship,
or 0-8 year olds may go downstairs to nursery,
or on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month, elementary age children may go downstairs at this time
for the additional option of “Junior Worship”}*

CHILDREN’S SONG *“PRAISE HIM”*

Praise him, praise him, praise him in the morning, praise him at the noontime.

Praise him, praise him, praise him when the sun goes down.

**Serve him, serve him, serve him in the morning, serve him at the noontime.
Serve him, serve him, serve him when the sun goes down.**

SERMON

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 Preamble to the Constitution of the United Church of Christ*
adapt.

**We acknowledge as the sole Head of our Church,
Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior.**

We acknowledge as kindred in Christ all who share in this confession.

**We look to the Word of God in the Scriptures,
and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit,
to prosper our creative and redemptive work together as the Church in the
world.**

**We claim as our own the faith of the historic Church expressed in the ancient
creeds
and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers.**

**We affirm the responsibility of the Church in each generation
to make this faith its own in reality of worship,
in honesty of thought and expression,
and in purity of heart before God.**

**In accordance with the teaching of our Lord
and the practice prevailing among evangelical Christians,
we recognize two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper or Holy
Communion.**

Amen.

(Please be seated)

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray....

LITANY FOR REFORMATION

Leader: Let us give thanks for the lives and legacy of our spiritual forbearers, the
Protestant reformers.

People: They lived and died long ago but are alive with God and in the church.

Leader: We thank you, O God, for the forerunners: for Peter Waldo, John Wyckliffe,
John Huss.

**People: They fought lonely battles and died lonely deaths, but their sacrifices
were not in vain.**

Leader: We praise you for your servant, Martin Luther:

**People: for his experience of your grace, his love of music and of family, his
glorious stubbornness.**

Leader: We give thanks for Ulrich Zwingli:

People: for preaching salvation by your grace, bringing scripture to the common person, and emphasizing the importance of Christian community.

Leader: We are grateful, O God, for your servant, John Calvin:

People: for his giant intellect, his pastoral faithfulness, his concern for social justice.

Leader: We bless you for servant John Knox:

People: for his sturdy courage, his tireless striving, his hard-won success in bringing his nation under the sway of your Word.

Leader: We offer words of praise for the wives of the reformers:

People: for tirelessly and relentlessly speaking up even when institutions would not listen to women, and in a time when their marriage to their husbands was seen as a sin.

Leader: We reaffirm, O God, the reformers' commitment to the supremacy of the Scriptures:

People: make us more serious and more purposeful as students of your Word.

Leader: We reaffirm their commitment to one, and only one, Mediator between you and us:

People: deepen, O God, our life in prayer.

Leader: We reaffirm the reformers' commitment to justification by faith:

People: help us to show our thankfulness for your love by showing love to others.

Leader: We reaffirm their commitment to liberty of conscience:

People: may we be responsible users of our civil and religious freedoms.

Leader: O God, make us and keep us positive Protestants,

People: as we testify for the Good News of your love.

Leader: We pray, Holy One, that ancient grudges, which have been keeping your children apart, may be buried and forgotten,

People: and that, in this new day, we may unite with all fellow-Christians in common, ongoing reformation.

Leader: This, O God, is our deepest plea:

People: that the reforming of your Son's church may continue, beginning with us. In his name we pray.

ALL: Amen.

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.

SUNG 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.

{Ushers assemble at rear of sanctuary}

OFFERTORY INVITATION ⑩④

Leader: We are called by the Spirit

People: to live and share in the love of God through joyful service and fellowship in Christ.

Leader: In gratitude for all God's mercies, and in remembrance of God's never-failing grace,

People: we offer God our gifts.

RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

CHORAL OFFERTORY "Built on the Rock" by Ludwig M. Lindeman

{Those who are able, please rise}

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

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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. Amen.**

*{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.}*

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER** ④

Leader: O God, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift,

People: praise and glory be unto you.

Leader: To the preaching of good tidings of salvation,

People: we dedicate our gifts.

Leader: To the teaching of Jesus' way of life,

People: we dedicate our gifts.

Leader: To the healing of broken bodies and the soothing of fevered brows,

People: we dedicate our gifts.

Leader: To the leading of every little child to the knowledge and love of Jesus,

People: we dedicate our gifts.

Leader: To the caring for helpless age and the relief of all who look to us for help,

People: we dedicate our gifts.

Leader: To the evangelization of the world and the building of the kingdom of God,

People: we dedicate our wealth, our efforts, and our lives.

Leader: Receive them, O God, and use them to thy glory;

People: for Jesus, our Redeemer's sake.

ALL: 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 ②

Leader: Be glad and rejoice in God's wondrous works!
Praise God whose spirit blesses and empowers us!

People: **God forgives our transgressions and answers our prayers.
God delivers us from pretense and false pride.**

Leader: Return to your homes justified, praising God.
Return to your world, proclaiming good news for all to hear.

People: **All who trust in God are strengthened and blessed;
to God be the glory forever and ever.**

ALL: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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*SENDING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God"

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*{During the hymn, today's Greeters & Ushers may return to the rear of the sanctuary,
to help greet after worship.}*

*{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

ACT OF CONSECRATION

*{For those members and youth who were not able to be with us last Sunday, we invite you to stay after the worship service,
receive a "Faith Promise to God" card and to offer it to our Lord, and to receive a consecration blessing of baptismal water.}*

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: Pentecost –which is the season of the church in mission. It is the time between the ascension of Christ and his second coming, which is the time we are presently living in today, and as such is the longest season of the church year. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church.

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

Red – the color of celebration and ordination, as we celebrate the Protestant Reformation.

Green –symbolizing the life God brings, especially through our mission work.

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, October 30, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for Reformation Sunday

Isaiah 1:10-18

Psalm 32:1-7

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

Isaiah

The book of Isaiah (OT) is attributed to three prophets. The first of whom is from where the book gets its name, and is about Isaiah's call to become a prophet and his prophecy that Jerusalem will face God's judgement regarding its immorality in order to be God's Holy City (chaps. 1-39, written 738-688 B.C.), the second is about living in exile in Babylon (chaps. 40-55, written 597-539 B.C.), and the third is about the return from exile to Judah and the rebuilding of the Temple (chaps. 56-66, written 520-515 B.C.). A prophet is one who is divinely appointed by God to lead and instruct.

Psalm 32

This is an OT song expressing thanksgiving to God for forgiveness. This was written by King David, and is one of his seven penitential songs (Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143). It is called a "Maskil," which is a Hebrew musical term. The term is used here most likely in reference to the artistic nature of this psalm, or perhaps because of the didactic (teaching) components of the psalm.

The Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Although this NT epistle (letter) is attributed to the Apostle Paul, many Biblical scholars believe it to be pseudonymous, due to differences in writing styles between 1st and 2nd Thessalonians. If by Paul, it was written shortly after 51 A.D. It is written to the church in Thessalonica, which is the Roman capital of the Macedonian province, a port city on the northern shore of the Aegean Sea. The Thessalonica church was founded by Timothy, Paul, and Silvanus.

The Gospel According to Luke

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 an orderly account" of Jesus Christ, "so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed."

Next Sunday, November 6, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

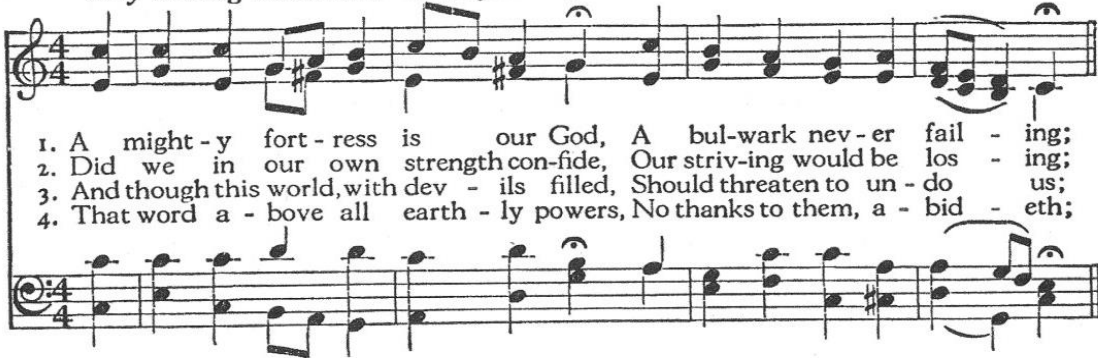
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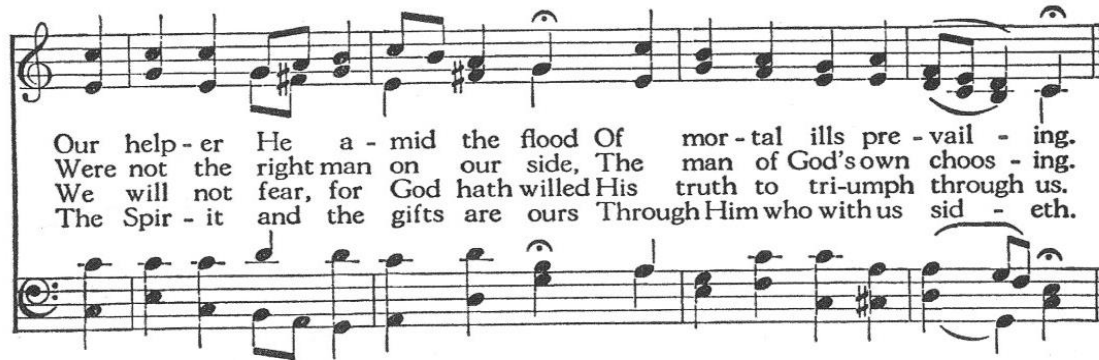
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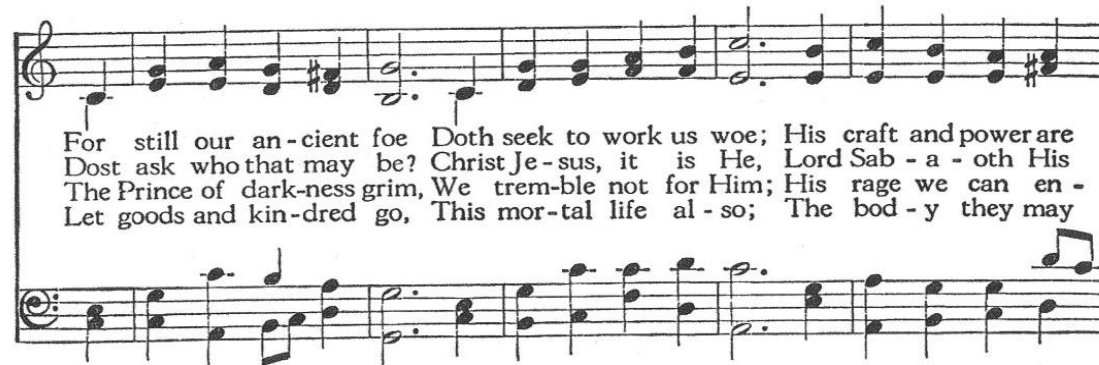
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May be sung in unison. In majestic style


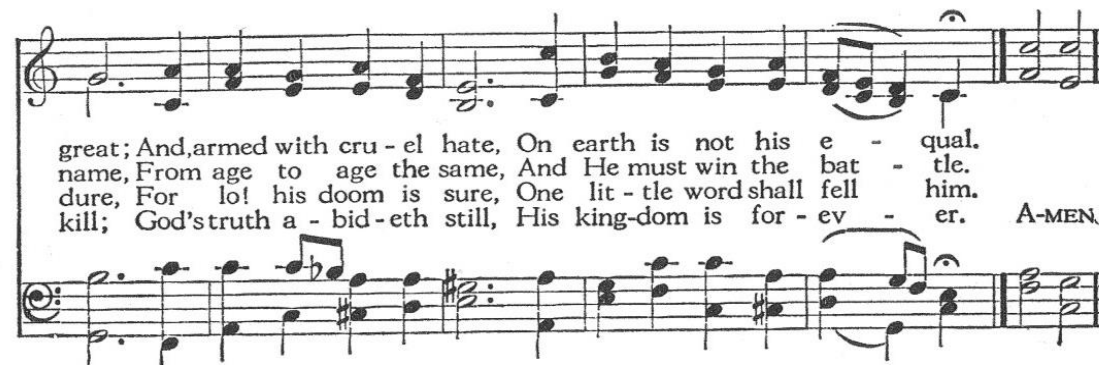
1. A might - y fort - res is our God, A bul-wark nev - er fail - ing;
2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, Our striv-ing would be los - ing;
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threaten to un - do us;
4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



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 triumph 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 power are
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a - oth His
The Prince of dark-ness grim, We trem-ble not for Him; His rage we can en -
Let goods and kin-dred go, This mor-tal life al - so; The bod - y they may



great; And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.
dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.
kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er. A-MEN.

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Miscellaneous Hymns

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JOHN WYETH, 1812

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; Hith - er by Thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing Call for songs of loud - est praise:
And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - dering heart to Thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed with pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart; O take and seal it, Seal it from Thy courts a - bove.

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God the Father

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

MARTIN RINKART, 1586-1649
Tr. CATHERINE WINKWORTH, 1858

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JOHANN CRÜGER, 1648

Majestically, but not too slowly

1. Now thank we all our God With heart, and hands, and voi - ces,
2. O may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God, The Fa - ther, now be giv - en,

Who won - drous things hath done, In whom His world re - joi - ces;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us;
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,

Who from our moth - ers' arms Hath blest us on our way
To keep us in His grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
The One E - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heaven a - dore;

With count - less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more. A - MEN.