

# *THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER*

*Reformed Church in America*

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*We gather to worship the King of glory.*

*We welcome all who have come.*

*Your presence will help enhance the joy of our time spent with our Lord.*

*16th Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 8, 2024*

*11:00 AM*

## *Silent Preparation for Worship*

*Giver of life, may this time with you be a period of assurance  
that we belong to you.*

*Welcome*

*\* Hymn of Praise #393 - "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

*\* Call to Worship: (responsively)*

*O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.*

**LET US COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE WITH THANKSGIVING; LET US MAKE A  
JOYFUL NOISE TO GOD WITH SONGS OF PRAISE!**

*O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!*

**FOR WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE, THE FLOCK THAT GOD SHEPHERDS. WE COME  
SINGING PRAISES TO THE ROCK OF SALVATION!**

*Let us worship God!*

*\* Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

*\* Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O GOD, FORGIVE US FOR ALLOWING LIVING WATER TO BE FOULED. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE BLAME YOU FOR ALL OUR TROUBLES AND CAST UPON YOU THE WASTE IN OUR LIVES. OUR WANTS ARE INSATIABLE THROUGH MISUSE OF YOUR MERCY; WE TAP YOUR GOOD GRACES WITH UNENDING REQUESTS. WE LET THE WATERS OF OUR BAPTISM BECOME BARREN AND STAGNANT; NEW LIFE CANNOT FLOURISH WHEN WE DON'T DO YOUR WILL. CLEANSE US THROUGH CHRIST, IN WHOSE NAME WE CONFESS OUR SINS, AND BATHE US WITH MERCY TO GIVE US FRESH HOPE. AMEN

### Announcements

\* *Hymn of Preparation #340- "The Solid Rock"*

*Pentecost Theme: "The Promised Power From on High"*

*Scripture: Psalm 146:1-10 (vv.1-3,5-7,8-10)*

*James 2:1-10,14-17 (vv.1-3,4-6,8-10,14-17)*

*Sermon- "The Promised Power From on High That Reminds Us That Our Help and Hope Comes From the Lord and Faith Without Works Is Dead!"*

### Lord's Prayer

\* *Doxology (#39)*

\* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

\* *Prayer*

\* *Closing Hymn #363 - "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

\* *Choral Benediction: "Shalom to You" (congregation)*

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

\* *Benediction (Pastor)*

\* Please stand if able

### Church of the Master Ministries

<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 AM	<b>Worship Service</b> (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)
<b>Monday</b>	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	<b>Online Bible study:</b> Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 PM	<b>"Hour of Prayer Power"</b> virtual meeting The conference call-in number is 605-475-4860, code - 371231#
<b>Saturday</b>	12:00 noon	<b>Online Bible study:</b> Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”

### The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Diane \* Elena Caldera \* Anne Dowling \* Jerry Kemps \* Jane Maze \* Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Virginia \* Nora \* Esperanza \* Xiomara \* Adam-Troy \* Don \* Kara \* Chris \* Cindy \* Diane \* Terry Mahon \* Billy Castle \* Patti Zeig \* Linda \* Luz Lopez \* Victoria Nesci \* Stephanie \* Rev. Singletary \* Tommy \* MaryAnn Wolf \* Barbara Mahon \* Melanie Muzsik \* Connie \* Pat Lynam \* Carole Mahon \* Loretta Byrd & Wendy \* Diante \* Ellen McCullough \* Damon George Hayden \* Allen Ford \* Alice & Alex Rivera \* Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers \* Rosa Stewart

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Close friends of the Bungerts \* Sharon Alexander \* Damon & Alex and family \* Jay & family \* Wintress \* Byrd family \* Kiera & Avery & Martz family \* Tyler, Nicole & Jackson \* All caregivers \* everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction:

Zachariah Bungert \* Diante Stinson \* Corey Streeter \* young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Terry Mahon

Prayers for World Concerns:

An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the Middle East conflict \* An end to all the violence \* Peace and healing in our community and the nation \* COVID patients, families & all healthcare workers \* All first responders \* Our country's safety \* The future of our churches \* Our President and his administration and the upcoming elections \* Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan \* Worldwide conflicts \* Sean Buckley & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

**PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:**

**Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.**

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Take note of these upcoming events:**

Wednesday, 9/11/2023, Patriots Day

*Next Sunday* - Homecoming Sunday Celebration

Friend & Family Worship & Luncheon - October 27<sup>th</sup>

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Our long-time member, Ellen McCullough would love to hear from her church family. Please send her a card or note to let her know she's still in our hearts and prayers:

**Ellen McCullough**

**c/o Motif by Monarch**

**655 Main Street, Room 125**

**Southbury, Ct. 06488**

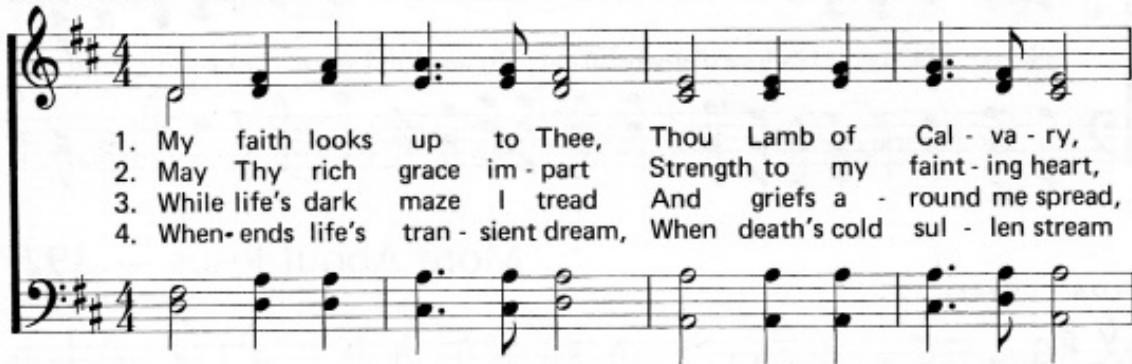
### **CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT**

*We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified, risen and coming again.*

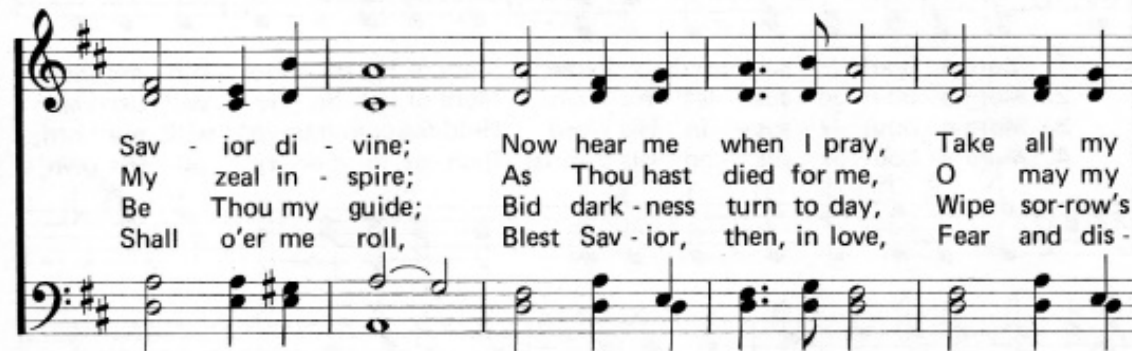
# 393 — My Faith Looks Up to Thee

RAY PALMER

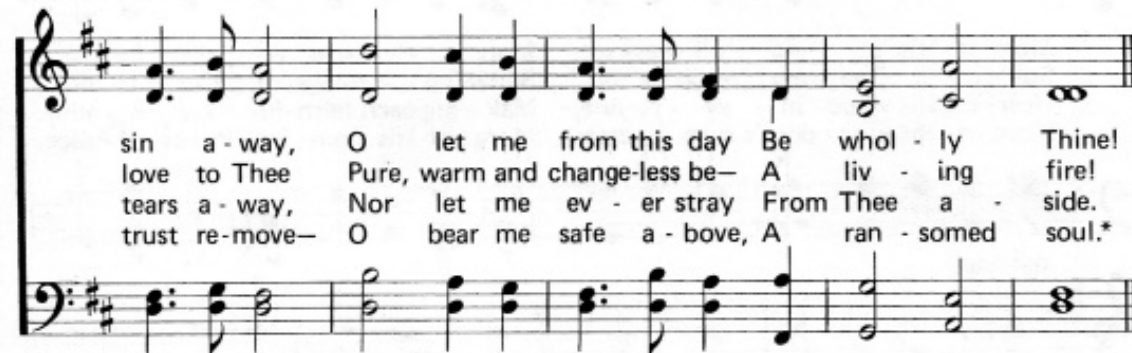
LOWELL MASON



1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3. While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
4. When - ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine; Now hear me when I pray, Take all my  
My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my  
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



sin a - way, O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
love to Thee Pure, warm and change-less be— A liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
trust re-move— O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul.\*

Tune: OLIVET

# The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Solid Rock — 340

EDWARD MOTE

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je-sus' blood and right-eous-ness;  
 2. When dark-ness veils His love-ly face, I rest on His un - chang-ing grace;  
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the whelm-ing flood;  
 4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,

I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 In ev - 'ry high and storm-y gale My an-chor holds with-in the veil.  
 When all a - round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 Dressed in His right-eous-ness a - lone, Fault-less to stand be - fore the throne.

REFRAIN

On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand— All oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Tune: SOLID ROCK

ASSURANCE AND TRUST

**Psalms 146: 1-10 (vv. 1-3, 5-7, 8-10)**  
**James 2:1-10, 14-17 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 8-10, and 14-17)**

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

<sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup> When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

<sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,  
<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;  
<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets the prisoners free;

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<sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the LORD!

My brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>2</sup> For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,<sup>3</sup> and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet,"<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.<sup>[d]</sup> Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup> You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters,<sup>[e]</sup> if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup> So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

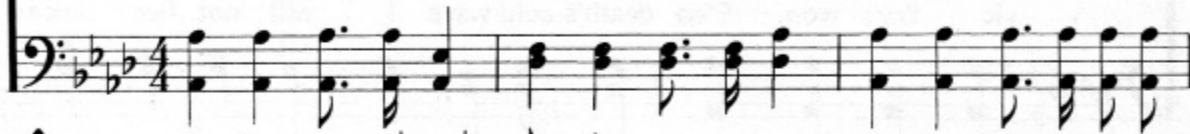
# Leaning on the Everlasting Arms — 363

ELISHA A. HOFFMAN

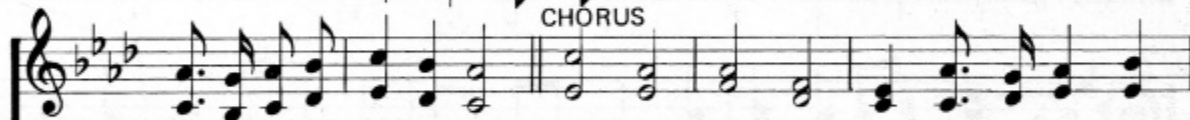
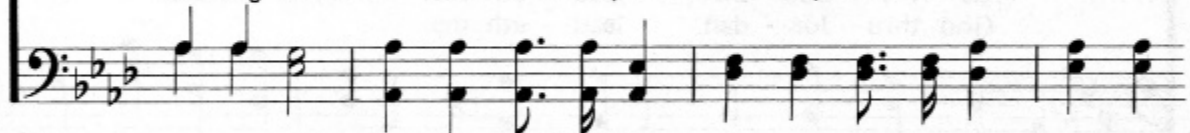
ANTHONY J. SHOWALTER



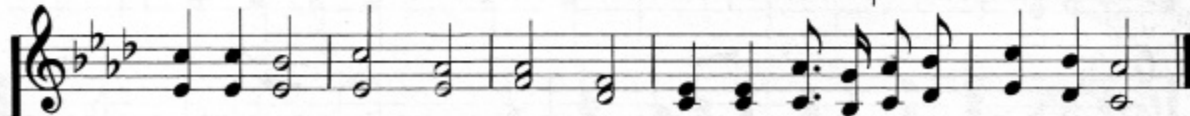
1. What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, Lean - ing on the ev - er -
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, Lean - ing on the ev - er -
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Lean - ing on the ev - er -



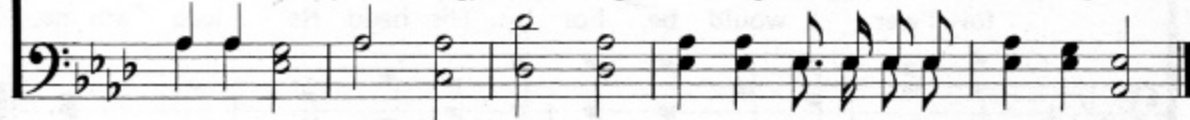
last - ing arms; What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, Lean - ing  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, Safe and se - cure from



all a - larms; Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



GUIDANCE AND CARE