

Prelude

Welcoming

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord listens to us in times of trouble and joy.

People: We call to the Lord in our anxiety and fear.

Leader: God will not turn away from us.

People: God will heal us and restore us.

Leader: Let the Lord of life enter into your spirits.

People: Lord, come to us and heal our brokenness and sorrow.

Hymn: Lift Every Voice and Sing 519

Announcements (announcements and prayer requests can be called in to the church office and they will be shared from the pulpit—during the service you may text Pastor Casey at 315-858-8864 or email him at caseybradley@gmail.com)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But you, O Lord, have been merciful to us. Spare us, O God, when we come before you with contrition in our hearts. Grant us pardon, that we might live a godly and righteous life in the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 119:25-32

Second Scripture Lesson: Ezra 3:8-13

Sermon: It's OK to Not Be OK

Affirmation of Faith

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefor God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen.

Community Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand 474

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,

And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Benediction

Church Offerings may be placed in the Offering Box in the back of the Sanctuary as you exit. You can also mail offerings to Church of Christ Uniting or use our online giving platform at <https://rschurchofchristuniting.com/>

2nd Mile giving for the month of January is Church World Service

~~~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~~~

Joan Ames, The Amyotte family, Joyce Astheimer, Lindsay Barton, Raymond Bownds, Joanne & Richard Brown, Pat Walsh Cole, Jenna Desmarais, Shirley Dreis, AnnMarie Gardner, Fred Gardner, Robert Hazelton, the Helms family, Oakley Ann Iverson, Dayton Kane, Linda Klink, Jan Lalor, Lindsey Lucas, Maryanna Maniscalsco, Dawn Myers, Ray Nassar, Les and Bev Olmsted, Marty Phillips, Mort Robertson, Rowena Robertson, Peter Rossi, Melissa Santos, Barb Sluyter, Nellie Smith, Pam Smith, Tim Snyder, Dustin Testa, Linda Travers, Kathy Tumyo, Betsy & Paul Varcarolis, Holly & Patricia Walsh, Jake Wells, Jason Wilbur, Linda Winsor, Mike Wolfe

**Ezra 3:11** And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

## Lift Every Voice and Sing (2 pages here)



1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring,  
 2 Sto - ny the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod,  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of li - ber - ty;  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

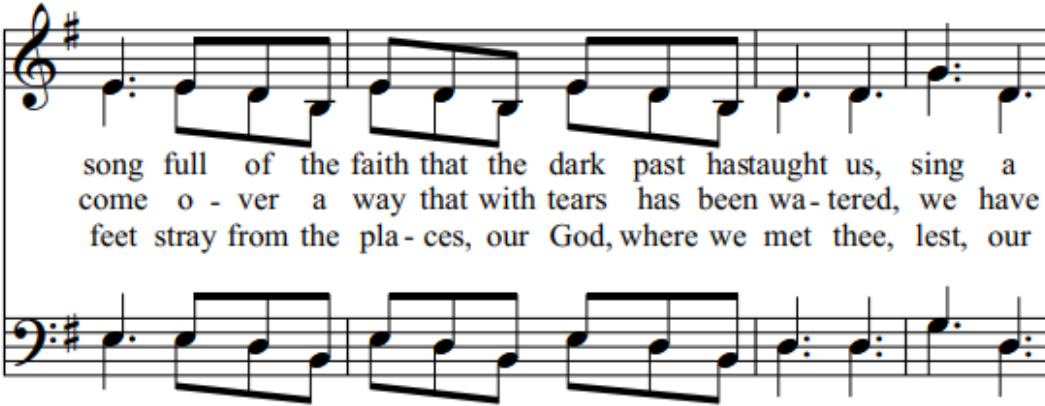


let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies,  
 yet with a stea - dy beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast, by thy might, led us in - to the light,

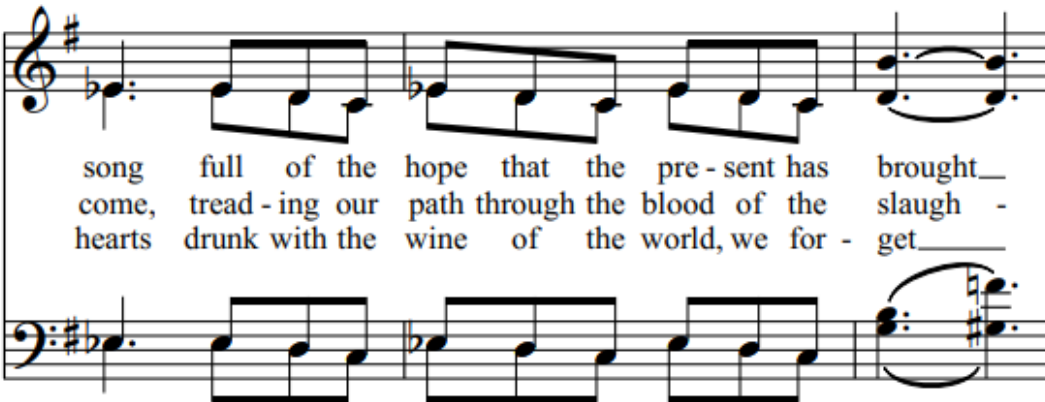


let it re-sound loud as the rol - ling sea. Sing a  
 come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed? We have  
 keep us for - e - ver in the path, we pray. Lest our





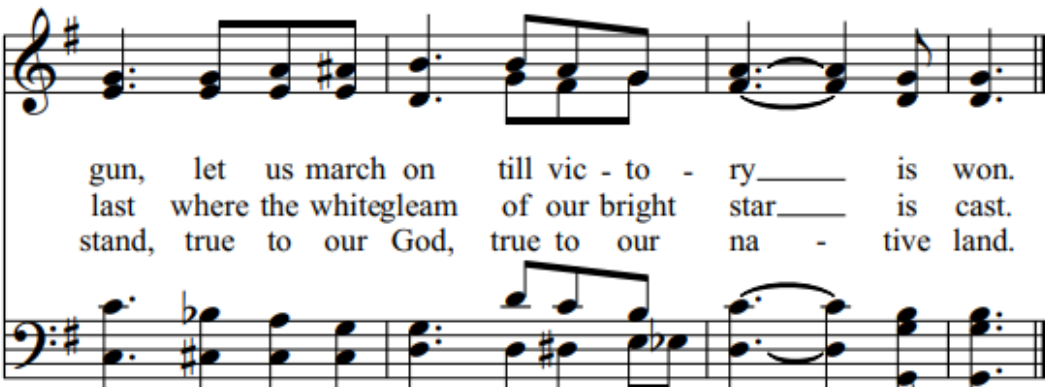
song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, sing a  
come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered, we have  
feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee, lest, our



song full of the hope that the pre - sent has brought  
come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get



us; fa - cing the ri - sing sun of our new day be -  
tered, out from the gloo - my past, till now we stand at  
thee; sha-dowed be-neath thy hand, may we for - e - ver



gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.