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GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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*Sung response: #581

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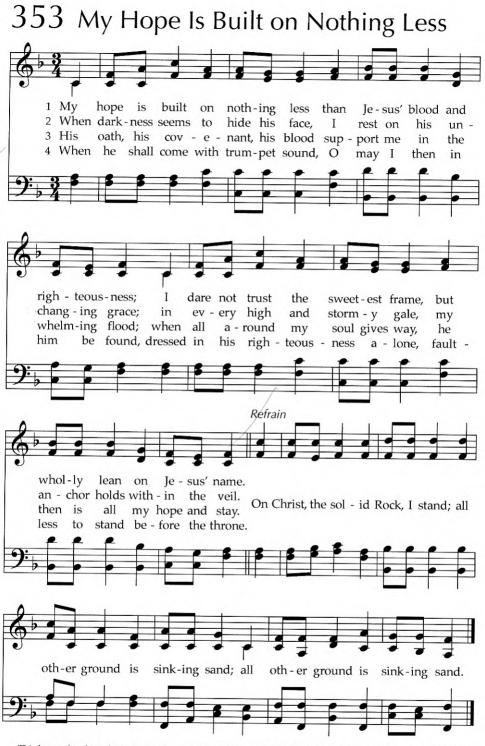
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This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

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Bible Gateway

Psalm 23 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Psalm 23

The Divine Shepherd

A Psalm of David.

1	The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2	He makes me lie down in green pastures;
	he leads me beside still waters; ^[a]
3	he restores my soul. ^[b]
	He leads me in right paths ^[]
	for his name's sake.
4	Even though I walk through the darkest valley, ^[d] I fear no evil,
	for you are with me;
	your rod and your staff,
	they comfort me.
5	You prepare a table before me
	in the presence of my enemies;
	you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely^[e] goodness and mercy^[f] shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.^[g]

Footnotes

- a. 23.2 Heb waters of rest
- b. <u>23.3</u> Or *life*
- c. 23.3 Or paths of righteousness
- d. 23.4 Or the valley of the shadow of death
- e. <u>23.6</u> Or Only
- f. 23.6 Or kindness
- g. <u>23.6</u> Heb for length of days

< <u>Psalm 22</u>

<u>Psalm 24</u> >

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVUE)

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John 10:11-18 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes^[a] it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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801 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (Psalm 23) shep-herd, I'll not want; he 1 The Lord's my makes me down to lie My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and 2 me to walk doth make Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet 3 will Ι fear none ill, 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence of my foes; Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me. pas - tures green; he lead - eth me in the qui - et wa - ters by. paths of the righ - teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake. with - in with me; and thy rod for thou art and staff me com - fort still. head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver-flows. mv God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing place shall be. and in KOREAN SPANISH

- 1 주나의목자되시니부족함없도다 푸른풀밭호숫가로날인도하시네
- 2 내영혼소생시키며그이름위하여 늘의로운길걷도록날인도하시네
- 3 나어둠골짝지나도두려움없겠네 주막대기와지팡이날안위하시네
- 4 주나의원수앞에서내상을베푸사 머리에기름부으니내잔이넘치네
- 5 선함과인자하심이내평생따르리 여호와전에영원히나거하리로다

- Es el Señor mi buen pastor y nada faltará; por verdes prados con amor Él me conducirá.
- Al lado de aguas de quietud haráme reposar; por sendas justas y de paz su mano me guiará.
- 3 Y cuando en valle de dolor o muerte deba andar, no sentiré ningún temor, pues Él me guardará.
- 4 Es sabio y fiel mi buen pastor, jamás me dejará; con su cayado, mi Señor, aliento me dará.
- 5 Hasta el final me seguirán misericordia y bien; y de mi Padre en el hogar por siempre moraré.

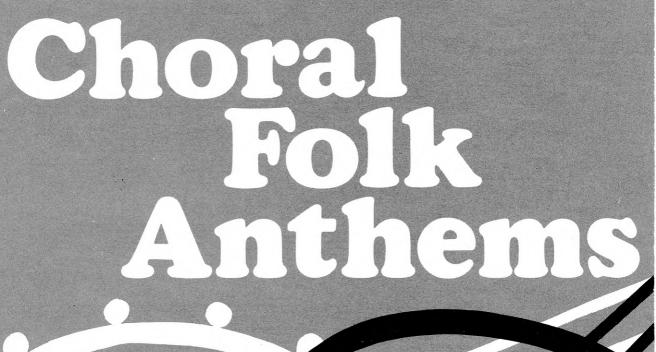
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For Unison or Two-part Choir*



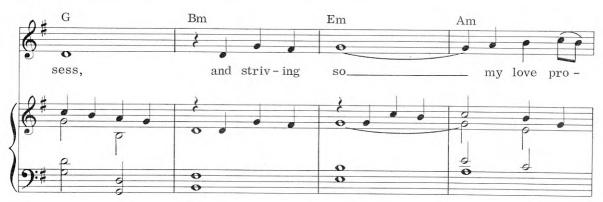
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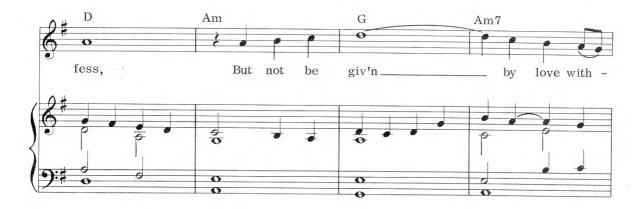
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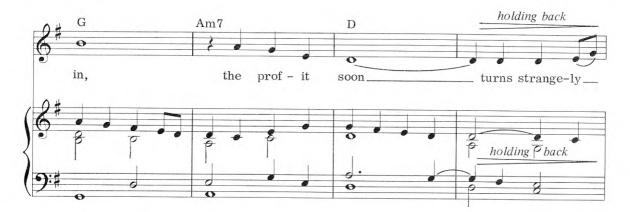
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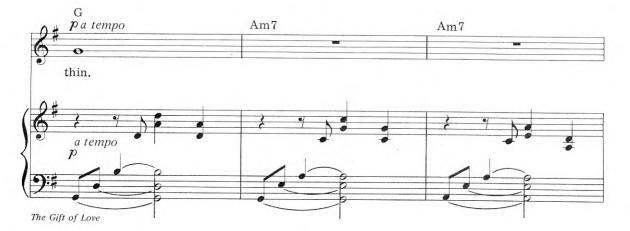


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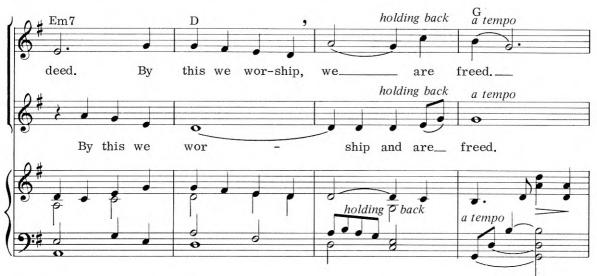


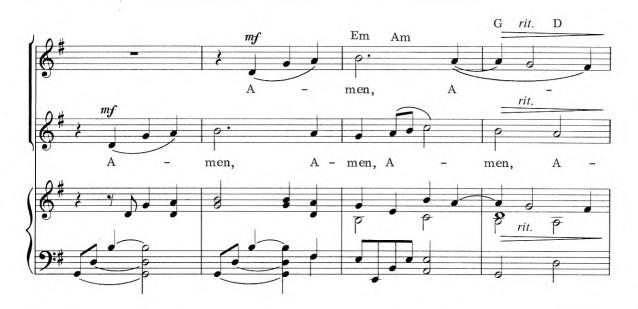


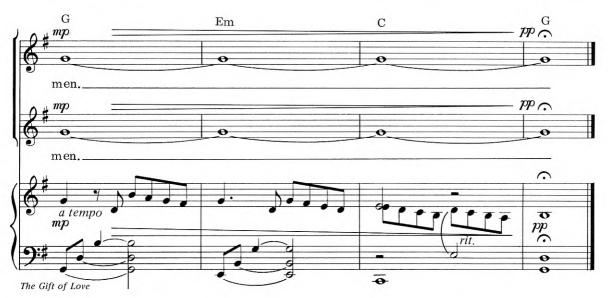




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CREATION AND PROVIDENCE



*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.



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Lay Assistant:	Deacon Tom Perry
Director of Family Ministries:	Elder Carolyn Bearlepp
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Guest Organist:	Vicki Kopacka
Ushers:	Mark and Joan Stephens
Fellowship & Refreshments	

Welcome to our In-person and virtual Worship Service. Our church members are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors or members they do not know and introduce visitors to us.

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